

Fairfield Board of Education
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Virtual Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education finds it necessary to meet in Executive Session (Closed to the Public) to discuss attorney/client privileged information, which is exempt from the Open Public Meetings Act.

Introduced by: **Seconded by:** **Roll Call**

II. OPEN MEETING – PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING SESSION

The Board will reconvene from Executive Session and Mr. Brian Egan, President, will preside and voice the call to order at 7:30 p.m.

The public meeting will be called to order at approximately 7:30 p.m., by Mr. Brian Egan, Board President, by reading the following announcement to those present:

The public has been duly informed of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by posting, at least 48 hours in advance, a notice on the bulletin boards in Stevenson and Churchill Schools, a notice to the Township Clerk, and a notice to The Herald and The Progress Newspaper.

Now, please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Jeffrey Didyk; Mr. Anthony DePascale; Dr. Michael Sapienza;
Mr. Pat Freda, Vice-President; Mr. Brian Egan, President;
Dr. Susan Ciccotelli, Superintendent of Schools; and
Ms. Lyanna Rios, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Guidelines in Accordance with Policy #0164:

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IV. ENROLLMENT: February 19, 2021

Grade/School	Total Students 9/8/2020	Total Students 2/19/2021
Preschool	38	37
MD: K-3 and Home Instruction	6	8
K – Stevenson	77	76
1 – Stevenson	100	92
2 – Stevenson	96	93
3 – Stevenson	86	85
Total Stevenson School	403	391
4 – Churchill	82	83
5 – Churchill	121	119
6 – Churchill	96	95
Total Churchill School	299	297
District Total	702	688

V. PERSONNEL

A. Certificated

1. New Hires

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the employment of Pamela Gaccione as a Maternity Leave of Absence Replacement Teacher from approximately March 15, 2021 through the end of the school year, salary based on B.A., Step 1 on the current teachers’ salary guide. Additionally, approves Ms. Gaccione as a substitute teacher, pending receipt of all required documentation.
- b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the employment of Megan Gallery as a Speech Therapist from approximately March 24, 2021 through the end of the school year, salary based on M.A., Step 10 on the current teachers’ salary guide, pending receipt of all required documentation.

B. Non-Certificated

1. Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the resignation of Maria Agostini, Playground/Cafeteria Aide, effective retroactively to February 3, 2021 with regrets, best wishes, and appreciation for her service to the children of the Fairfield Public Schools.

2. Leave of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves an unpaid 12-week FMLA leave of absence for employee #100027 retroactively to February 22, 2021 through May 21, 2021.

3. Contract Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the contract amendment for John Porcino effective retroactively to July 1, 2020.

C. Substitute Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the additional assignment of Teacher Substitute for Christina Cammarata, pending receipt of all required documentation.

Personnel Recommendations:

Introduced by: **Seconded by:** **Roll Call**

VI. CURRICULUM/PROGRAM

A. Semi Program Waiver

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 6A:23A-5.3(b)1 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects Fairfield will not meet the minimum number of Medicaid eligible classified students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, in the County of Essex, an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b)1 for the 2021-2022 school year.

B. Professional Development Workshops

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves attendance at the following workshops and approves the reimbursement of registration and/or mileage, to be made, pending completion of the workshops and submission of the travel reports. *Lodging will be noted separately if applicable.

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Staff	Workshop	Date	Registration*
Healy, Sue	Practical Strategies to Increase Mindfulness, Virtual	4/19/2021	\$279.00
Bowers, Lisa	Guiding Pre-K and K Students to Better Behavior and Increased Learning, Virtual	3/25, 3/26, 4/5, 4/6/2021	\$279.00 IDEA
Diaz, Adriana	ABA Teaching Strategies, Virtual	3/15-17/2021	\$250.00 IDEA
13 Teachers Churchill School	Making the Best Use of Google Classroom to Strengthen your Instruction, Virtual	2/16/2021	\$259.00 per attendee Title II
Bowers, Lisa Diaz, Adriana Healy, Sue McDermott, Taylor Salant, Lisa	BER Distance Lng. for Special Needs and Purposeful Play to Increase Social/Emotional, Virtual	2/16/2021	\$267.00 per attendee IDEA

Curriculum/Program Recommendations:

Introduced by: Secoded by: Roll Call

VII. BUSINESS/FINANCE OFFICE RESOLUTIONS

A. Minutes Approval

Attachment A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the attached minutes from the January 21, 2021 Public & Executive Sessions.

B. Bills/Claims/Payrolls

Attachment B

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the following Bills and Claims List and Payroll:

Bills and Claims List	\$784,235.96
January 29, 2021 Payroll	\$370,838.44
February 12, 2021 Payroll	\$373,983.06

C. Request for Proposal - Speech Therapy (Virtual)

WHEREAS, the Board advertised for Request for Proposals for Speech Therapy (Virtual); and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2021, the Board received the following bids:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Price/Hour</u>
AMN Allied Services, LLC	\$75-\$80/Hour
United Therapy Solutions	\$88/Hour
General Healthcare Resources, LLC	\$84/Hour
Advance Education Advisement Corp	\$82/Hour
Presence Learning	\$85/Hour
The Stepping Stones Group, LLC	\$82/Hour

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22(c), a board of education may reject all bids when the board of education abandons the project for provision or performance of the goods or services; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education wishes to abandon the project for performance of services set forth in the Request for Proposals for Speech Therapy (Virtual); and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the rejection of all bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to notify the above contractors in writing of the rejection of all bids.

D. Request for Proposal - Speech and Occupational Therapy (In-Person)

WHEREAS, the Board advertised for Request for Proposals for Speech and Occupational Therapy (In-Person); and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2021, the Board received the following bids:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Price/Hour</u>
United Therapy Solutions	\$88/Hour
General Healthcare Resources, LLC	\$84/Hour
Advance Education Advisement Corp	\$88/Hour
AMN Allied Services, LLC	\$70-75/Hour
The Stepping Stones Group, LLC	\$80-\$82/Hour

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WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education wishes to abandon the project for performance of services set forth in the Request for Proposals for Speech and Occupational Therapy (In-Person); and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the rejection of all bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to notify the above contractors in writing of the rejection of all bids.

E. Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc. Mini Grant

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the application and accepts the award in the amount of \$7,000 from the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc. to implement a Social and Emotional Learning project.

F. Referendum Resolution

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of Fairfield in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) had authorized a referendum to be conducted on January 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order of the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the January 26, 2021 date for a referendum was cancelled and, pursuant to such executive order, the next available date for such referendum is April 20, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Education of the Township of Fairfield in the County of Essex, New Jersey (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) that the Board seeks to conduct the referendum previously planned for January 26, 2021 on April 20, 2021.

Business/Finance Office Resolutions Items A-F:

Introduced by: Seconded by: Roll Call

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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XII. NEXT MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on March 16, 2021. Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Public Session at 7:30 p.m. to be held virtually until further notice.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned.

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call