

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building

MR. ANTHONY DEPASCALE, BOARD PRESIDENT, CALLED THE ROLL AT **7:00** PM:

TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE	TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE
Ms. Andrea Bellise-Jandoli	ABSENT	Ms. Angela Altaai	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph Fede	PRESENT	Mr. Anthony DePascale	PRESENT
Ms. Melinda Street	PRESENT		

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Mr. Ryan Gupta	Superintendent of Schools	PRESENT
Mr. Wally Lindsley	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	PRESENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education meeting 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.

RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby convenes to Executive Session for discussion of the following subjects: **1, 3, 7 and 8.**

It is anticipated that the Executive Session will take approximately **30 minutes**; the Board may take action when it reconvenes to Public Session; and the minutes of the Executive Session shall be released to the public when the reason for the Executive Session no longer exists.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters or other exceptions to the sunshine laws as follows:

1. Any matter considered confidential by federal law, state statute, or court rule;
2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair the receipt of federal funds;
3. Any material that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy if disclosed;
4. Any collective bargaining agreements;

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5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds;
6. Any tactics and techniques used in protecting the safety and property of the public;
7. Any pending or anticipated litigation;
8. Personnel matters related to the employment, appointment, or termination of current or prospective employees;
9. Attorney/Client privilege.

Motion by: **Joseph Fede** Seconded by: **Melinda Street** Time: **7:00 PM**

Motion to return to open session (to be moved in Public Session):

Motion by: **Joseph Fede** Seconded by: **Melinda Street** Time: **7:29 PM**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion by: **Melinda Street** Seconded by: **Joseph Fede** Time: **7:29 PM**

ROLL CALL

Mr. Fede, Ms. Street, Mr. DePascale - All Ayes

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli, Ms. Altaai - Absent

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(Access livestream at www.fpsk6.org at 7:30 PM. Also available on Channel 34)

The Board will reconvene from Executive Session, and Mr. Anthony DePascale, Board President, will preside and call the public meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

MR. ANTHONY DEPASCALE, BOARD PRESIDENT, CALLED THE ROLL AT **7:31 PM**:

TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE	TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE
Ms. Andrea Bellise-Jandoli	ABSENT	Ms. Angela Altaai	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph Fede	PRESENT	Mr. Anthony DePascale	PRESENT
Ms. Melinda Street	PRESENT		

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Mr. Ryan Gupta	Superintendent of Schools	PRESENT
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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 News and The Progress.

Now, please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT: NONE

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- The Stevenson teachers recognized the “Best in the Nest” recipients from January to May and presented them with certificates.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

- Mr. Lindsley reported that the roof repairs at Stevenson School have been completed. He also expressed his appreciation to the HSA for its generous contributions and continued support of the school district.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS: (any new or old business) NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON: AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NONE

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FINANCE - MAY 20, 2026**

The following finance motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-5**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Melinda Street** Seconded by **Joseph Fede** to approve the following motions:

- 1F. To approve the Minutes from the Public & Executive Sessions of April 30, 2026.
- 2F. To approve the Bills and Claims List and Payroll as follows:

Ratify and Affirm Bills & Claims List - 5/14/2026	\$290,638.45
Ratify and Affirm Bills & Claims List - 5/20/2026	\$94,744.21
Ratify and Affirm May 15, 2026 Payroll	\$449,291.18

- 3F. To approve the transfer of funds for the month of April 2026 as certified by the Business Administrator and authorized by the Superintendent of Schools.
- 4F. To approve the report of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the period of April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 and certify that as of April 2026 the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriation balances reflected on these reports and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports for the months be accepted and shall become a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

- 5F. To approve the schedule of tax payments from the municipality for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:13-23 and Policy 6141, per the following schedule and on file with the Board Secretary:

July 10, 2026	\$1,363,431.66	January 10, 2027	\$1,363,431.66
August 10, 2026	\$1,363,431.66	February 10, 2027	\$1,363,431.66
September 10, 2026	\$1,363,431.66	March 10, 2027	\$1,363,431.66
October 10, 2026	\$1,363,431.66	April 10, 2027	\$1,363,431.66
November 10, 2026	\$1,363,431.66	May 10, 2027	\$1,363,431.66
December 10, 2026	\$1,363,431.66	June 10, 2027	\$1,363,431.74

Total Tax Levy 2026-2027: \$16,361,180.00
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ROLL CALL

Mr. Fede, Ms. Street, Mr. DePascale - All Ayes
Ms. Bellise-Jandoli, Ms. Altaai - Absent

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ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS - MAY 20, 2026**

The following organizational resolutions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-14**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Melinda Street** Seconded by **Joseph Fede** to approve the following motions:

1OR. **ARCHITECT OF RECORD**

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it continues to require these professional services and desires that ***Solutions Architecture*** serves as the Architect of Record.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints ***Solutions Architecture*** as Architect of Record to the Fairfield Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that publication of notice of this contract shall be made in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

2OR. **AUDITING FIRM**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education reappoints the auditing firm of ***Nisivoccia LLP*** of Mt. Arlington, NJ as the Auditor of Record to the Fairfield Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that publication of notice of this contract award shall be made in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

3OR. **LEGAL COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education, pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et. seq., previously adopted a resolution appointing ***Machado Law Group, LLC*** of Springfield, NJ to serve as Board Attorney to the Fairfield Board of Education.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it continues to require these professional services and desires that ***Machado Law Group, LLC*** continues to serve as the Board Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby reappoints ***Machado Law Group, LLC*** as Board Attorney to the Fairfield Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that publication of notice of this contract shall be made in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A.

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4OR. SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et. seq., previously adopted a resolution appointing *The Doctors’ Office Urgent Care of West Caldwell NJ*, 556 Passaic Ave, West Caldwell, NJ 07006, to serve as School Physician to the Fairfield Board of Education.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it continues to require these professional services and desires that *The Doctors’ Office Urgent Care of West Caldwell, NJ* continues to serve as School Physician.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that publication of notice of this contract award shall be made in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairfield Board of Education that *The Doctors’ Office Urgent Care of West Caldwell, NJ* is hereby reappointed as the School Physician to the Fairfield School District Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year at the following rates:

Description of Service	Rates
In Person Physician Consultation	\$155/visit
Phone/Email Physician Consultation	\$180/hour or \$45/15 minutes
Physician Review	\$45/15 minutes
Prescriptions	\$45
Hepatitis B Vaccine (Series of 3)	\$100 each
Hepatitis B Titers	\$280
Drug Screen	\$175 with exam/\$75 without exam
Breath Alcohol Test	\$50
New Hire Physical/Physical required by district	\$85
TB/Mantoux Testing Reading	\$85
Chest X-Ray (PA/Lateral)	\$85
Student Physical (without medical homes)	\$50

5OR. PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve the payment of bills and claims between Board Meetings on an “as needed” basis for the 2026-2027 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to adhere to Public Law 2007, Chapter 42, which changes N.J.S.A. 18A:19-3 that allows the payment of bills and claims below the 15% of the Bid Threshold (any claims under \$7,950) without the vendor signing a declaration for receipt of payment.

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6OR. TRANSFER BETWEEN MEETINGS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education appoints the Business Administrator to make budget transfers as needed to maintain account balances between meetings for the 2026-2027 school year. Such transfers will be submitted to the Board at the next regular Board meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator and Payroll/Benefits Coordinator be authorized to perform wire transfers.

7OR. BANK

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education reaffirms the designation of *Columbia Bank and/or its successors* as its official depositories of school monies and other funds of this District for the 2026-2027 school year for the following accounts:

Certificates of Deposit (2)
General Fund
Holding Account
Payroll Account
Payroll Agency Account
Churchill Student Activity Account
Stevenson Student Activity Account
MECCA & Mark Ibrahim Scholarship Accounts

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bank be authorized to honor warrants drawn upon the funds of the Fairfield Board of Education:

Account Name	Signatures Required
Certificates of Deposit	Board President, Board Secretary, and Superintendent
General Fund	Board President, Board Secretary, and Superintendent
Payroll Account	Board Secretary and Superintendent
Holding Account	Board President, Board Secretary, and Superintendent
Payroll Agency Account	Board President, Board Secretary, and Superintendent
Churchill Student Activity Account	Principal and Board Secretary or Superintendent
Stevenson Student Activity Account	Board Secretary and Superintendent
MECCA & Mark Ibrahim Scholarship Accounts	Board President, Board Secretary and Superintendent

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8OR. STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES & INTERNAL CONTROL MANUAL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education adopts the current District Standards Operations Procedures and Internal Controls Manual for the 2026-2027 school year on file in the Office of the Business Administrator.

9OR. DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C., the State of New Jersey Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity requires that each public agency annually designate an officer or employee to serve as its public agency compliance officer; and

WHEREAS, the public agency compliance officer is responsible for administering contracting procedures pertaining to equal employment opportunity regarding both the public agency and the service providers. The service providers shall include, but shall not be limited to, goods and services vendors, professional service vendors, and construction contractors; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education has determined that the Board Secretary can effectively and appropriately perform the duties of the public agency compliance officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby designates the Board Secretary as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2.

10OR. QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. permits local contracting units to increase their bid threshold up to \$53,000; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a permits an increase in the bid threshold of a Qualified Purchasing Agent as appointed, as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5, et seq., established the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Wally A. Lindsley possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education wishes to increase the bid threshold and to appoint Wally A. Lindsley as Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Fairfield Board of Education that the bid threshold be increased to \$53,000; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Fairfield Board of Education, hereby appoints Wally A. Lindsley as the Qualified Purchasing Agent authorized to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the contracting unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent and/or the School Business Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to take such ministerial actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

11OR. RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE BROKER

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education (the “Board”) is authorized to insure, contract or provide for any insurable interest of the school district or Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary, prudent, and advisable to employ the services of a risk management consultant for purposes of consulting with and advising the Board on the myriad of insurable risks and coverages available to the Board so as to offset certain liabilities which the Board may incur from time to time; and

WHEREAS, such services are not subject to public bidding per N.J.S.A.18A:18A-5(a)(10) provided that the Board adheres to the requirements for the award of a contract in the nature of an extraordinary unspecifiable service; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined after an appropriate review process that *Treadstone Risk Management LLC* is qualified to provide such services to the Board, and that said appointment is in the best interest of the district and will result in the provision of the highest quality services to the district; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the School Business Administrator, the Board hereby appoints *Treadstone Risk Management LLC*, 60 Speedwell Avenue, Unit B, Morristown, NJ 07960, as its Risk Management Consultant.

12OR. HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education (the “Board”) has determined that it is necessary to retain the services of a health insurance broker to assist with the procurement, analysis, and management of the Board’s medical, prescription, dental, vision, and health insurance provider; and

WHEREAS, such services are not subject to public bidding per N.J.S.A.18A:18A-5(a)(10) provided that the Board adheres to the requirements for the award of a contract in the nature of an extraordinary unspecifiable service; and

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WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the firm of IMAC Insurance Agency (Producer) is qualified to provide such services to the Board and that the appointment of the firm is in the best interest of the district and will result in the provision of the highest quality services at a fair and competitive price; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the School Business Administrator, the Board hereby approves a Producer Agreement between the Board and IMAC Insurance Agency located at 540 Mill Street Belleville, NJ 07109 for the provision of consultancy services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board's School Business Administrator is authorized to execute the Producer's Agreement with IMAC Insurance Agency on behalf of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and the requisite summary of the contract award shall be published once in an official newspaper of record for the district in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1).

13OR. **JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education adopts the existing Board-approved Job Descriptions.

14OR. **ADOPTION OF PURCHASING MANUAL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education adopts the current Purchasing Manual for the 2026-2027 school year on file in the Office of the Business Administrator.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Fede, Ms. Street, Mr. DePascale - All Ayes

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli, Ms. Altaai - Absent

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
CONTRACTS - MAY 20, 2026**

The following contract motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-6**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Melinda Street** Seconded by **Joseph Fede** to approve the following motions:

1CO. WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education advertised for bids for the painting project at Winston S. Churchill School; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2026 the Business Administrator/Board Secretary opened one (1) Bid as follows:

CONTRACTOR’S NAME	Base Bid	Alternate 1	TOTAL BID
GPC, Inc.	\$54,700	\$112,000	\$166,700

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the award of the bid for the painting project at Winston S. Churchill School to GPC, Inc. in the total amount of \$166,700.

2CO. To approve Solutions Architecture services for the Pre-Referendum Phase in an amount not to exceed \$79,300.

3CO. To approve Solutions Architecture services for conducting a facilities assessment and capacity analysis for the Fairfield Public Schools in an amount not to exceed \$33,700.

4CO. To approve Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC) to provide the District with Child Study Team, Speech/Language, and Home Instruction Services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at the rates listed below:

Child Study Team Services	Fees - 2026/27
Social Assessment, Educational Evaluation, Psychological Evaluation, Speech Evaluation	\$510.51 per student
Bilingual Evaluation	\$638.14 per student
Physical Therapy Evaluation, Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$574.33 per student
LDTC, Social Worker, School Psychologist	\$159.53 per meeting
Speech/Language Services	\$121.25 per hour
Home Instruction Services	\$70.21 per hour

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- 5CO. To approve the agreement with Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP to provide policy update services for the district in the amount of \$5,015 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- 6CO. To approve Delta-T Group as a qualified staffing agency on an as-needed basis for the 2026-2027 school year.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Fede, Ms. Street, Mr. DePascale - All Ayes
Ms. Bellise-Jandoli, Ms. Altaai - Absent

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
ADMINISTRATIVE - MAY 20, 2026**

The following administrative motion is made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Item **1**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Melinda Street** Seconded by **Joseph Fede** to approve the following motion:

- 1A. To approve the costs associated with the events held at the Fairfield Public Schools as follows:
1. Fun Day on June 5, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Adlai E. Stevenson School.
 2. Fun Day and BBQ on June 18, 2026 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Winston S. Churchill School.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Fede, Ms. Street, Mr. DePascale - All Ayes

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli, Ms. Altaai - Absent

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - MAY 20, 2026**

The following buildings and grounds motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-2**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Melinda Street** Seconded by **Joseph Fede** to approve the following motions:

1B. To approve the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills for the Fairfield Schools held in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6a:27-11.2.

- Adlai E. Stevenson School held its drill for routes 1-2 and SE-GR on May 14, 2026. All routes were evacuated and supervised by Ryan Gupta.
- Winston S. Churchill School held its drill for routes 8-9 and SE-GR on May 15, 2026. All routes were evacuated and supervised by Paul Casarico.

2B. To approve the following Building Use Applications:

ORGANIZATION GROUP/LOCATION/PURPOSE	DATE AND TIME SLOT
HSA/American BBQ Company Fun Day and BBQ Churchill Fields	June 18, 2026 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Mr. Fede, Ms. Street, Mr. DePascale - All Ayes

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli, Ms. Altaai - Absent

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
PERSONNEL - MAY 20, 2026**

The following personnel motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-13**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Melinda Street** Seconded by Joseph Fede to approve the following motions:

1P. To approve the following appointments for the Extended School Year 2026 Program. Rates and positions were approved at the March 19, 2026 Board meeting:

Position	Name of Staff	Per IEP Requirements	Total Hours	Hourly Rate
Occupational Therapist	Carissa Martinez	20 days @ 4.5 hours per day	90	\$61.85
Speech Therapist	Rebecca Merzlyakov	20 days @ 4.5 hours per day	90	\$61.85
Primary MD Teachers (4)	Lisa Downey (Salant) Anna Gumpel Samira Hadi Alexandra Ohl	20 days @ 4.5 hours per day	180	\$61.85
Primary MD Teacher Substitutes	Ceyla Martone Jonalyn Tulanowski	On an as-needed basis	Unknown	\$61.85
School Nurse	Krystina Millstein Alexandra Della Terza	20 days @ 4.5 hours per day	90 (to be split)	\$61.85
District Instructional Aides (MD) (5)	Melissa Fiore Damla Secilmis Tracey Suhey	20 days @ 4.0 hours per day	400 (to be split)	\$20.50
*Non-District	*Micaela Healy *Isabella Rodrigues			*Non-District \$16.00
District Instructional Aides (MD) Substitutes	Rose Helm Jonalyn Tulanowski	On an as-needed basis	Unknown	\$20.50
Child Study Team: LDTC, Psychologist, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist	Darlene Sardinsky, Jennifer Singh, Lisa Giuffre, Carissa Martinez	For completing evaluations and meetings		\$61.85 Not to exceed \$8,000

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2P. To approve the following 4 employees for the 2026 Summer Skills Program for 3 weeks (12 days), 4 hours per day at \$61.85 per hour. This program is funded by Title I.

Julia Beim (Booth)	Vanessa Mayer	Heather Prinzo	Ashley Thomas
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3P. To approve the appointment(s) of the following staff member(s) for the 2026-2027 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation:

Name	Location/ Position	Tenure Track or Leave Replacement	Replacing or New Position	Step	Prorated Salary/Hourly Rate	Effective Date(s) on or about:
Carly Conti	AES	Leave Replacement	Melisa Locantore	BA, 1	\$63,000	08/31/2026

4P. To approve the following revised Job Descriptions for the 2026-2027 school year:

Principal
School Secretary
Social Worker
Technology Support Specialist

5P. To approve the amendment to the FEA contract (Sidebar Agreement for Instructional Aides) for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028.

6P. To approve the Sick Leave Agreement for prorated sick and personal days.

7P. To approve the resignation of the following staff member:

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Last Day of Employment
Gianna DeMassi	WSC	Teacher	Resignation	06/30/2026

8P. To approve the contracts for the following tenured secretaries for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Salary
Petinakis, Maria	\$51,218
Serpico, Jane	\$65,256

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9P. To approve the contracts for the following non-tenured paraprofessionals for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Hourly Rate	Name	Hourly Rate
Blum, Sharyn	\$27.70	Lozito, Patricia	\$21.20
Carroll, Lisa	\$32.50	Matos, Rosa	\$28.20
Contaldi, Kathleen	\$26.70	Ortizzo, Kristin	\$22.20
Convertino, Daniele	\$27.70	Perna, AnnMarie	\$21.00
Derrig, Kayla	\$21.00	Secilmis, Damla	\$21.00
Elie, Crystal	\$21.00	Spano, Jeanney	\$21.00
Fiore, Melissa	\$21.20	Suhey, Tracey	\$21.20

10P. To approve the contracts for the following non-tenured custodians for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Salary	Name	Salary
Colon, Gladys	\$48,203	Mucka, Ervis	\$49,515
Colon, Jenelee	\$48,203	Zuk, Robert	\$65,211
Fedna, Carlos	\$51,910		

11P. To approve the contracts for the following part-time custodians for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Hourly Rate
Toscano, Michael	\$26.00
Vargas, Jorge	\$26.00

12P. To approve the contracts for the following certificated, non-tenured staff for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Degree	Step	Salary	Name	Degree	Step	Salary
Andruska, Kaylee	MA	8	\$72,036	Ohl, Alexandra	BA	3	\$63,500
Chomyszak, Theodor	BA	11	\$74,780	Onove, Hana	BA	9	\$68,836
Giuffre, Lisa	MA+30	8	\$75,036	Osterman, Laurel	BA	10	\$71,780
Gumpel, Anna	MA	4	\$68,234	Pekarsky, Eileen	MA+30	10	\$79,080
Hadi, Samira	MA	13	\$85,780	Perez, Cynthia	MA	6	\$69,836
Kelly, Andrea	BA	15	\$90,157	Rubino, Alexa	MA	10	\$76,080
Kubie, Elizabeth	MA	19	\$106,134	Sardinsky, Darlene	MA+30	15	\$97,457
Lagasi, Samantha	BA	14	\$85,807	Staudinger, Amy	BA	2	\$63,250
Lay, Emily	BA	3	\$63,500	Thomas, Ashley	MA	2	\$67,550
Locantore, Melisa	BA	3	\$63,500	Tulanowski, Jonalyn	MA	3	\$67,800
Martone, Ceyla	BA+30	15	\$92,457	Vagell, Kathryn	MA+15	16	\$100,807
Merzlyakov, Rebecca	MA	11	\$79,080	Van Natten, Jaclyn	BA+15	3	\$64,377
Montwaid, Olivia	MA	3	\$67,800				

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13P. To approve the contracts for the following certificated, tenured staff for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	Degree	Step	Salary	Name	Degree	Step	Salary
Alonso, Daphne	BA	18	\$99,934	Malinowski, Danielle	MA	9	\$73,136
Annese, Giana	MA	5	\$68,736	Malinski, Cherylann	BA+15	19	\$102,634
Bargiel, Dina	BA	19	\$101,834	Manna, Michelle	BA	6	\$65,536
Barra, Laura	BA+15	8	\$68,613	Marchetta, Carolina	BA	19	\$101,834
Beim, Julia	BA	6	\$65,536	Mayer, Vanessa	BA+15	11	\$75,657
Bowers, Lisa	MA	19	\$106,134	Nazarian, Dorian	MA	19	\$106,134
Breznak, Colleen	BA	17	\$98,857	Panzarino, Gabriella	BA	4	\$63,934
Chavkin, Jaime	MA+15	18	\$106,234	Perrone, Jennifer	BA	19	\$101,834
Colon, Daniela	BA+15	9	\$69,713	Prall, Catherine	MA+15	18	\$106,234
Crisafi, Kristin	MA	19	\$106,134	Prinzo, Heather	MA	5	\$68,736
D'Elia, Jennifer	BA	7	\$66,636	Puglisi, Gina	BA	9	\$68,836
Dearani, Cristina	BA	8	\$67,736	Salter, Laurie	MA	10	\$76,080
DeMarco, Matthew	MA	14	\$90,107	Salvemini, Brianna	MA	5	\$68,736
Dewland, Megan	BA	10	\$71,780	Sarna, Jennifer	BA	5	\$64,436
Downey, Lisa	MA	11	\$79,080	Silvestri, Kyle	MA	7	\$70,936
Goldsmith, Andrea	BA	11	\$74,780	Singh, Jennifer	MA+30	17	\$106,157
Goodman, Sara	MA	8	\$72,036	Smith, Rebecca	MA+30	19	\$109,134
Gualtieri, Donna	BA	19	\$101,834	Spanarelli, Donna	MA	18	\$104,234
Horvath, Peter	MA	19	\$106,134	Suppa, Maria	BA	19	\$101,834
Kirk, Sarah	MA	18	\$104,234	Tabatneck, Donna	MA	16	\$98,807
Kohlberg, Jodie	MA	19	\$106,134	Verrengia, James	MA+15	16	\$100,807
Lazaro, Justin	BA	4	\$63,934	Vince-Cruz, Caroline	BA+15	19	\$102,634
Lizza, Donna	MA+15	12	\$84,430	Zinconne, Megan	BA+15	8	\$68,613
Major, Marya	BA+15	19	\$102,634				

ROLL CALL

Mr. Fede, Ms. Street, Mr. DePascale - All Ayes

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli, Ms. Altaai - Absent

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
CURRICULUM/PROGRAM - MAY 20, 2026**

The following curriculum/program motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-3**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Melinda Street** Seconded by **Joseph Fede** to approve the following motions:

1C. To approve the following requests for Professional Development:

Employee Name	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Expenses*
Zayra Garcia	Annual School Business Administrator Seminar: Preparing for your Audit	Randolph, NJ	6/18/2026	Registration Fee: \$0 Cost of Mileage: \$16.73
AnnaMaria Karch	Annual School Business Administrator Seminar: Preparing for your Audit	Randolph, NJ	6/18/2026	Registration Fee: \$0 Cost of Mileage: \$16.73
Wally Lindsley	Annual School Business Administrator Seminar: Preparing for your Audit	Randolph, NJ	6/18/2026	Registration Fee: \$0 Cost of Mileage: \$16.73

*Estimated reimbursement of mileage, meals, and incidentals (according to NJ per diem rates) to be paid pending completion of the workshop and submission of the travel report.

2C. To approve the 2026-2027 Nursing Service Plan updated/revised by the school nursing staff and school physician.

3C. To approve the 2024-2025 District and School (HIB) Grade Report shared at this public meeting and to be posted on the district website.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Fede, Ms. Street, Mr. DePascale - All Ayes

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli, Ms. Altaai - Absent

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
POLICY - MAY 20, 2026**

The following policy motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-8**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Melinda Street** Seconded by **Joseph Fede** to approve the following motions:

- 1PO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation WSCS #6 2025-2026 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board. A copy of the Board’s decision will be sent to the affected students’ parents.
- 2PO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation WSCS #7 2025-2026 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board. A copy of the Board’s decision will be sent to the affected students’ parents.
- 3PO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation WSCS #8 2025-2026 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board. A copy of the Board’s decision will be sent to the affected students’ parents.
- 4PO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation WSCS #9 2025-2026 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board. A copy of the Board’s decision will be sent to the affected students’ parents.
- 5PO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation WSCS #10 2025-2026 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board. A copy of the Board’s decision will be sent to the affected students’ parents.
- 6PO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation WSCS #11 2025-2026 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board. A copy of the Board’s decision will be sent to the affected students’ parents.
- 7PO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation WSCS #12 2025-2026 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board. A copy of the Board’s decision will be sent to the affected students’ parents.
- 8PO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation WSCS #13 2025-2026 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board. A copy of the Board’s decision will be sent to the affected students’ parents.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Fede, Ms. Street, Mr. DePascale - All Ayes
Ms. Bellise-Jandoli, Ms. Altaai - Absent

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
ENROLLMENT - MAY 20, 2026**

Grade	Students 6/30/2025	Students 5/15/2026
Preschool Inclusive	27	17
Preschool Disabilities	10	17
Kindergarten	99	97
First	93	100
Second	94	87
Third	104	98
Fourth	84	106
Fifth	108	89
Sixth	110	107
Out-of-District	2	2
Charter School	3	3
Total	734	723

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
MAY 20, 2026**

The Board President will open the floor to public comments on non-agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NONE

NEXT MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held, in person, on June 11, 2026, Public Work Session beginning at 6:00 PM followed by Executive Session with Public Session resuming at approximately 7:30 PM, at the Fairfield Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion by: **Melinda Street**

Seconded by: **Joseph Fede**

Time: **7:52 PM**

ROLL CALL

Mr. Fede, Ms. Street, Mr. DePascale - All Ayes

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli, Ms. Altaai - Absent