



**BOE/CO
Friday Packet
March 18, 2022**

Upcoming Meeting Dates

3-18-2022 Review of Causes: *High School Courses with Low Enrollment*

3-23-2022 BoE Special Meeting/Town Hall Agenda



Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates **2022**

March 23	7:30 PM	Special Meeting – Town Hall CO Board Room and Virtual 501 Kings Hwy East
April 5	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
April 6	3:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
April 12	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting CO Board Room and Virtual 501 Kings Hwy East
April 26	7:30 PM	Executive Session – Self Evaluation Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
May 3	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
May 4	3:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East

Town Budget Meetings:

BOF:

Thursday 3/31/22 – 7:30 PM, Virtual Budget Vote

RTM:

Monday, 5/2/22 – 7:30 PM, Budget Vote



S u p e r i n t e n d e n t M e m o r a n d u m

To: Board of Education
From: Michael Cummings
Date: March 18, 2022
Re: High School Courses with Lower Enrollment and Review of Causes

Please see below for a review of causes regarding high school courses with lower enrollment:

1. Cumulative Courses
When it is a cumulative course (last course in a sequence), it runs (and generally with a combination course).
2. Senior Electives
If needed for graduation, the senior elective courses will run (e.g.: if there are 14 students in a class and the class does not “run,” there is no place for them to go to earn credit for graduation).
3. Aquaculture Courses
AQ (from Aquaculture) courses are not taught by FPS and are on the schedule for students to earn credits.
4. Class Space Limitations
 - Art - maximum of 18 in some courses (e.g.: number of students able to work with the potter wheel)
 - Child Development Lab - scheduled around the students’ schedules. There are 7 sections at FLHS but covered by a 0.2 FTE (teacher works around the students’ schedules; 38 students are covered by 0.2 FLHS)
 - Food Services - all meet at the same time based on student availability and covered by the same teacher (0.4 FTE FLHS and 7 courses for the year)
 - Piano - 8 students maximum
 - Vocal Studio - 10 students maximum
 - Science cap of 24
 - Tech ed classes (some have maximum of 18 due to equipment) and many are combined with other sections.
5. Overflow Classes and Ratios
 - Physics courses have 68 students in 4 sections (overflow); Biology (overflow - average class is 21 with all sections)

- Health Courses - a graduation requirement and needs to be offered every mini period so it fits alongside mini courses. Some health classes are 26/27 students and balanced by sections that are lower in enrollment. Overflow cannot be put into other classes.
 - Pre Calc - 14 students - overflow from other sections
 - PE - some individual classes (Lifetime Games with 10 students) would need to go to a regular class and would then have to open another section of PE 11/12 if they (including yoga) did not exist.
6. Contractual Limitations/Potential Impact on Overflow Classes
- WL has a maximum of 21 in a class (or 110 total students per contract)
7. Support Classes
- Algebra Workshop A (Sem I) and B (Sem II) and Geometry Workshop (mini period)
 - Algebra Workshop 1 (8 sections for the year combined = 0.4 FTE);
 - Algebra 2 Workshop has a 0.2 FTE assigned (4 sections);
 - Geometry has a 0.2 FTE assigned with 4 sections
 - Math Course (7 students) (26650) - is an IEP Direct Math Class
 - PE IEP - Small Group CLC or Learning Center and where it fits with services (rostered for 2-3 students)
 - Reading Strategies (25 sections for the school year) covered by 1.25 FTE (could be categorized as a mini course; semester; or grade level)
8. New Courses and Graduation Requirements
- Music Tech II - Arts access indicator - was run so that students in the track continue to populate the arts courses at the lower levels and see a path forward (5 students)
 - AP Physics C – New course with 12 students

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda

501 Kings Hwy East, Suite 210

Central Office Board Room

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

7:30 PM

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

- This meeting will be conducted **in-person only**. There is no call-in option for Public Comment.
- Per CDC Guidelines, masks are optional for all attendees regardless of vaccination status.
- FairTV will broadcast the meeting live (Cablevision channel 78) and the recording will be available on [FairTV's YouTube Education Channel](#).

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discussion of Facilities, Finances and Programs
Moderator: Mr. Mark McDermott
4. Adjournment

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