

Suffield Board of Education
Finance, Facilities, Negotiations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2019– 7:30 a.m.
Central Office Conference Room

Present: Board members Michael Sepko, Sue Davis, and James Mol (via phone); Superintendent Timothy Van Tassel, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi, and Business Manager Bill Hoff; and Board Attorney Jessica Ritter (via phone)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

II. Review of Stipend Committee Proposal

Superintendent Van Tassel communicated that the option presented to Mark Janick (as discussed in the August 8 subcommittee meeting) of \$2,500, \$2,750, and \$3,000 was likely not going to be accepted by the union and that they would more likely settle on a \$3,000 flat stipend as "informally counter proposed" by Mark Janick.

After much discussion with Board members, administrators, and the Board's attorney, Board members proposed an option to Superintendent Van Tassel to relay to the teachers' union. The Board could perhaps consider accepting (subject to full Board vote) the \$3,000 flat stipend with the understanding that the first year would be a pilot with review at the end of the year, job descriptions would have to be confirmed, and that the total number of stipends would be reduced. Mr. Van Tassel agreed to follow up with the teachers' union on this counter proposal and get back to the subcommittee.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.