

**NEW FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Community Room at 33 Route 37.

MINUTES – September 1, 2022

PRESENT: Dominic Cipollone (Chairman), Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

ABSENT: Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Samantha Mannion

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Julie Luby, Director of Business and Operations Carrie DePuy, Pupil Personnel Director Katherine Matz, New Fairfield High School Principal James D’Amico, New Fairfield Middle School Principal Karen Gruetzner, Elementary Assistant Principal Steven Groccia

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dominic Cipollone called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 18, 2022 - Regular meeting - approved by consensus

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - approved by consensus

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. Chairman’s Report - Dominic Cipollone spoke of the following:

- Convocation was held on August 31st and was very successful. Spoke of a letter that he received from the Commissioner of Education confirming Dr. Craw’s qualifications as the new Superintendent of Schools.

B. Superintendent’s Report - Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Craw spoke of the following:

- He is very excited for this school year and noted that the theme for this year is “Building Together.” He spoke of the successful convocation held on August 31st and praised the Major Minors from MHHS for performing at the convocation.
- The Professional Development Days held this week have been successful.
- Approximately 25 new teachers have been hired this year and all positions have been filled.
- Meet and Greet sessions will be held tomorrow for K-5 students.
- School will start on Tuesday, September 6th. All students are encouraged to take the bus to school to ease traffic congestion.

C. Committee Reports

1. Curriculum - Stephanie Strazza noted that this committee met on August 22nd and discussed Math curriculum for both K-5 and 6-12. Julie Luby spoke of the specifics of the Math curriculum. She noted that growth in Math scores this past year has been more than any prior year.

2. Policy - Stephanie Strazza spoke of policies that are up for first reading.
 3. Communications/Community Outreach - This meeting was cancelled.
- D. Liaison Reports - None

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. New Fairfield High School/Consolidated School Building Project Update
Superintendent of School Dr. Craw noted that a temporary certificate of use and occupancy for Consolidated/MHHS was received, and the building is ready for opening next week.

- B. Board of Education Policies (*First Reading*)
1. Policy 5113.2 - Truancy
 2. Policy 5141.4 - Reporting Child Abuse/Neglect or Sexual Assault
 3. Policy 5144.4 - Discipline-Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Report

MOTION: Kimberly LaTourette made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Personnel Report for August 25, 2022, as recommended by the administration. Ed Sbordone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Greg Flanagan noted that he really enjoyed Convocation and thought the Consolidated/MHHS project looked great.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTER RELATED TO THE TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR POSITION

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion go into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter related to the Technology Director Position and to invite Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Craw and Director of Business and Operations Carrie DePuy into the Executive Session. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

MOTION: Greg Flanagan made a motion to come out of Executive session at 7:57 p.m. Kim LaTourette seconded it. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:57 p.m. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos