

NEW FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION NEW FAIRFIELD, CT

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 7:00 pm via zoom.

MINUTES – June 29, 2026

PRESENT: Dominic Cipollone (Chairman), Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Craw and Elementary School Assistant Principal Jennifer Hilderbrand

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Report

MOTION: Kathy Baker made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Personnel Report for June 24, 2026, as recommended by the administration. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone.

B. Acceptance of Donation

Superintendent of School Dr. Ken Craw thanked the Elementary School PTO for the generous donation and described the additions that will be done to the playground with these funds.

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to recommend to the full Board to accept with gratitude the New Fairfield Elementary School PTO donation of not to exceed \$20,000 for Elementary School playground upgrades. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone.

C. Election of New Board of Education Member - Executive Session

Joanne Tolles and Frank Ruddy each gave a brief description of their qualification and gave reasons for wanting to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education. Members of the BOE asked questions of both candidates.

IV. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the election of a new BOE member. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion.

IN FAVOR: Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone.

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone.

The BOE voted with a tie of 4-4, so each candidate briefly spoke further of their desire to fill the vacancy.

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. for the purpose of further discussing the election of a new BOE member. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion.

IN FAVOR: Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone.

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone.

After further deliberation, the vote remained a tie, so the decision to fill the vacancy will be made by the First Selectman.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson,, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos