

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**  
**School Start Time Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting**

Name of Subcommittee: School Start Time Ad Hoc      Meeting type: Regular  
Date of Meeting: 2/13/19      Place of Meeting: NFHS Training Room  
Members present: Kathy Baker, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone  
Member absent: Dominic Cipollone  
Other attendees: Rich Sanzo, Christine Baldelli, Samantha Kennedy, Peter Pomeroy  
Minutes submitted by: Rick Regan

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. December 11, 2018 – Special

**Motion:** To approve minutes of the December 11, 2018, special meeting as presented

Made by: Rick Regan

Seconded by: Ed Sbordone

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

B. January 9, 2019 – Special

**Motion:** To approve minutes of the January 9, 2019, special meeting as presented

Made by: Rick Regan

Seconded by: Ed Sbordone

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. High School Educational Specifications Support for Start Time Change**

**Motion:** To recommend to the full board that the educational specification for New Fairfield High School include considerations for site development that would allow for the middle school and high school to have the same start and end time

Made by Ed Sbordone

Seconded by Kathy Baker.

**Motion:** To amend to add "thus supporting the high school in having a later start time"

Made by Ed Sbordone

Seconded by Kathy Baker.

**Recording of vote:** All in favor of the amendment. All in favor of the amended motion.

**Amended motion:** To recommend to the full board that the educational specification for New Fairfield High School include considerations for site development that would allow for the middle school and high school to have the same start and end time, thus supporting the high school in having a later start time.

Discussion: Having this in our education specification shows we will accommodate a combined high school/middle school start time, and thus later high school start time, as part of our facilities improvement plan.

**B. Timeline for Start Time Change Study and Implementation** - Discussion: Briefly discussed timeline and agreed there is no need to change anything at this point. No action taken.

**C. Schedule and Assignments for Start Time Public Education Plan** - Discussion: Briefly reviewed tasks and made some assignments to volunteers. Committee decided to complete the task list after the full board sees the start time education presentation, and when we have better attendance. No action taken.

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. School Start Time Bills in the State Legislature** - Discussion: Briefly went over the school start time related bills proposed by the state legislature. It was noted that these bills will probably not be considered for this session.

**B. Start Time Education Presentation** - (Note: this became an action at the meeting).

**Motion:** To recommend to the full board the approval of a school start time presentation to be shown to the community

Made by Rick Regan

Seconded by Ed Sbordone.

**Recording of vote:** All in favor.

Discussion: We reviewed a presentation made by Pete Pomeroy that shows why we want to delay the high school start time. We made suggestions for improvement. We will tentatively present the updated presentation to the board at their March 7, 2019, regular meeting, and ask for the board's approval to present this to various community groups.

**C. HS/MS Campus Traffic Study** - Discussion: The committee discussed whether we need a separate traffic study other than what QA+M will be doing. It was noted that QA+M will not be doing a study of the current parking lot. The committee asked whether we should have a contingency plan if the capital referendum fails, whether that means coming up with a plan to make the current lot handle the combined traffic, or getting capital funds in the 2020-2021 budget for a reconfigured lot.

**V. OTHER** - none

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Kathy Baker

Seconded by: Rick Regan

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 6:36 p.m.