

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Special Education Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Special Education Ad Hoc Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 11/14/18 Place of Meeting: Central Office Conf. Rm.
Members present: Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion
Member absent: Dominic Cipollone
Other attendees: Patricia Cosentino, Andrea Einhorn, Katherine Matz, Ed Sbordone
Minutes submitted by: Kimberly LaTourette

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
Ed Sbordone was elevated to voting status.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 11, 2018

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 11, 2018, meeting

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Ed Sbordone

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discontinue the Special Education Ad Hoc Subcommittee

When this ad hoc subcommittee was formed, it was hoped that parents would step up to begin a SEPTA. Parents/Community members were supposed to bring agenda items to the board, however, Samantha Mannion has been creating agenda items. There has been very little participation from community members. Going forward, if anyone has concerns, they can bring them to the Communications/Community Outreach Subcommittee or the PPS Department. If there is an issue, parents are encouraged to follow the chain - teachers, case managers, supervisors, and Director of Special Education. The formation of SEPTA was discussed. It needs to have a "board" and a parent representative at each school. Samantha Mannion is willing to help out with the process. A parent asked if an email blast can go out to special needs families. Andrea Einhorn and Katherine Matz are not allowed to start the SEPTA, but they will work with whoever decides to be the chair. A parent of two students at Consolidated School may be interested in chairing the SEPTA, but needs to find out more about the process. Dues are collected for membership for the SEPTA. There may be a waiver form for families that cannot afford it. Dr. Cosentino recommends going to the PTOs at each school to try to find a parent who may be interested. This may be able to be funded in the budget. Dr. Cosentino is supportive of the idea and trying to get it started. An informational meeting can be planned to see if there is interest.

Motion: To recommend to the full Board to discontinue the Special Education Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Made by: Kimberly LaTourette

Seconded by: Ed Sbordone

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - none

V. OTHER – Andrea Einhorn and Katherine Matz were thanked for covering for the secondary supervisor that has been out with an injury.

Motion to adjourn:

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Meeting adjourned at: 7:18 p.m.