

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2018,
at 7:00 p.m. in the New Fairfield Community Room, 33 Route 37, New Fairfield, CT.

MINUTES – February 15, 2018

PRESENT: Peggy Katkocin (Chairman), Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jason McKinnon, High School Principal Dr. Richard Sanzo, Middle School Principal Christine Baldelli, Meeting House Hill School Principal James Mandracchia, Pupil Personnel Director Andrea Einhorn and Business Manager Craig McClain

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Peggy Katkocin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: A moment of silence was also held after the school shooting in Florida.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. January 30, 2018 - Special Meeting - approved by consensus
- B. January 30, 2018 - Special Meeting-Budget Workshop-approved by consensus
- C. February 1, 2018 - Regular Meeting - approved by consensus

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Rick Regan made a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session after the second Public Participation for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter related to the Superintendent's search. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion.

IN FAVOR: Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pete Pomeroy spoke in support of the proposal for later start times at the high school and middle school.

Laura Consiglio spoke in support of a Human Resources Director position and asked that the Board keep this as an ongoing discussion. She spoke of money that administrators are spending on Human Resources. Douglas DeRito responded to this by noting that he thinks that this would be a very valuable position but felt that the Board did not have enough time to research it. He noted that he might like to see this position brought forth again in the future.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Chairman's Report - Chairman Peggy Katkocin had no report but deferred to Board member Kathy Baker about the CABA meeting that she attended. Ms. Baker noted that representatives from Newtown High School and Wilton High School spoke of later start times. This will be discussed further at a BOE meeting in the near future.
- B. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Alicia Roy spoke of the following:
- Middle School Pack students designed lessons regarding empathy.
 - Congratulated Corey Rauter, Anthony Golino, Jerald Lambert and Bobby Williams for being All SWC Track team champions.
 - Hoops for Hearts was held at MHHS and raised over \$11,000.
 - MHHS students Julianna Bell and Remi D'Nuci were honored for their work with the Arts.
 - There was a meeting of area Superintendents to look for regional efficiencies. Another meeting is scheduled for next month. EdAdvance is putting together a database that will help regionalization.
- C. Student Representatives' Report
Junior Representative Hannah Rigoglioso reported on the following:
- Congratulated students for winning the Tri-M Music Talent Show.
- Senior Representative Jared Przyborowski reported on the following:
- High School Senior Lily Mancini and her dog participated in the Westminster Dog Show and won.
 - 29 students participated in the American Mathematics Competition.
- D. Committee Reports
1. Business Operations/Resource Management - Ed Sbordone noted that this subcommittee met on February 15th and discussed budget vs. actual expenditures as of January 31st and everything is in line with the budget. The Business Manager will keep an eye on fuel prices.
 2. Special Education Ad Hoc - Samantha Mannion noted that they met on February 14th and discussed the transition programming for elementary students, reading assessments, and discussed an enrichment program for gifted and talented students.
- E. Liaison Reports
1. Parks and Recreation Committee - No report
 2. Safety - Met on February 14th and discussed, among other topics, security and bus service. Aramark is currently going through a state audit. Still waiting to hear about the School Security Grant. Reminded everyone to respect the crossing guards.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. New Course Approval (*Second Review*) - Will be voted on at the next BOE meeting.
1. AP Spanish Literature
 2. Introduction to Programming

3. AP Computer Science Principles
4. Perspectives: A Senior English Experience

B. BOE Policies (*Second Reading*) - Will be voted on at the next BOE meeting.

1. Bylaw 9221-Filling Vacancies
2. Policy 1212-School Volunteers
3. Policy 2414-Recruitment and Appointment of Superintendent
4. Policy 4111/4211-Recruitment and Selection
5. Policy 4112.2- Certification
6. Policy 4112.51/4212.51-Employment/Reference Checks
7. Policy 4131-Staff Development
8. Policy 5113-Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal
9. Policy 5113.2-Truancy
10. Policy 5125-Student Records; Confidentiality
11. Policy 5141.3- Health Assessments and Immunizations
12. Policy 5144.1-Physical Restraint/Seclusion
13. Policy 6111-School Calendar
14. Policy 6146-Graduation Requirements
15. Policy 6146.2-Statewide Proficiency/Mastery Examinations

C. Board of Education Presentation to the Board of Finance

There was a brief discussion on how best to present the BOE budget to the Board of Finance on Saturday, March 3rd. Chairman Peggy Katkocin will present part of the budget and encouraged other board members to get involved.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Report

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Personnel Report for February 8, 2018, as recommended by the administration. Rick Regan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

B. Approval of Grant Application

1. Primary Mental Health Grant - Special Friends

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to recommend to the full board the submission of the Special Friends Grant application to the State Department of Education in the amount of \$19,344. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

C. Acceptance of Grant

1. Cowles Charitable Trust Grant

MOTION: Kimberly LaTourette made a motion to recommend to the full Board the acceptance of the Cowles Charitable Trust Grant. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion.

IN FAVOR: Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

D. Traffic Concerns at High School/Middle School Entrance

MOTION: Kathy Baker made a motion to recommend to the full Board support for going to the Board of Selectmen to request options to address traffic at the high school/middle school entrance. Dominic Cipollone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Laura Consiglio spoke of the proposed policies on tonight's agenda and noted that many of them deal with Human Resources.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SUPERINTENDENT'S SEARCH

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's search. Dominic Cipollone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. Dominic Cipollone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Douglas DeRito referred to the Next Gen scores and asked that this be discussed at a meeting in the near future. He also spoke in support of School Safety Advocates and noted the need to define their specific roles.

Kimberly LaTourette announced that the Middle School will hold a fundraiser on February 23rd to help Veterans adjust to their return to civilian life and encouraged local businesses to make donations for this event.

Dominic Cipollone spoke in the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida and urged parents to monitor their children's social media.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Douglas DeRito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Kloos