

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the New Fairfield Community Room, 33 Route 37, New Fairfield, CT.

MINUTES – January 24, 2023

PRESENT: Dominic Cipollone (Chairman), Kathy Baker, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

ABSENT: Tim Blair and Greg Flanagan

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, High School Assistant Principal Scott Rohwedder, High School Assistant Principal Michael Chapleau, New Fairfield Middle School Principal Karen Gruetzner, New Fairfield Middle School Assistant Principal Cheryl Milo, Elementary Principal Allyson Story, Elementary Assistant Principal Rob Spino, Elementary Assistant Principal Steven Groccia, Elementary Assistant Principal Jennifer Hilderbrand, Director of Curriculum Alyce Misuraca, and Supervisor of Special Education Melissa Busnel

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dominic Cipollone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. REVIEW OF THE 2023-2024 BUDGET

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ken Craw spoke of the upcoming budget for 2023-2024. He thanked the district administrators for their help in compiling answers to questions sent to the district.

Dr. Craw spoke of enrollment projections for each school. He noted that percentage increase of the budget is higher than previous years and explained that it is due to inflation, extra needs due to the pandemic and the expiration of many ESSER and ARPA funds. He noted that the requested budget increase is similar to increases of surrounding towns. Dr. Craw spoke of projected enrollment and the staffing plan for each school which includes teachers, coaches and interventionists. It was noted that the secretarial staff for the Athletic Director was reduced.

Pupil Personnel Director Katherine Matz spoke of possible grants for the district and gave a brief description of the application process.

The next Budget meeting of the BOE will be held on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 via Zoom. Main topics that will be discussed include the budget for Curriculum, Technology, and Central Office.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos