

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 7:00 pm via zoom.

**MINUTES – April 23, 2026**

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

**ABSENT:** Samantha Mannion

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Kristine Woleck, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Monika Krepsztul, Director of Business and Operations Carrie DePuy, and BOF member Rick Regan

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ACTION ITEM**

A. Request for Supplemental Appropriation for Special Education Expenditures Necessary to Balance the Budget of the New Fairfield Board of Education for Fiscal Year 2026

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Craw spoke of a shortfall of \$455,678 for Special Education tuition and transportation for this fiscal year and the need to submit a supplemental appropriation. He noted that these costs are driven by unanticipated special education costs which were unforeseen during the budget process. It was noted that there has been a 50% increase of students requiring outplacement. These costs are legally mandated.

Dr. Craw spoke of the strategies that the district used to address the shortfall and the process for the supplemental appropriation. There was a discussion among the members of the Board of Education regarding the process and the multiple reasons for outplacement of students.

**MOTION:** Ed Sbordone made a motion that in accordance with Section 10-222 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the New Fairfield Board of Education requests a supplemental appropriation from the appropriating authority for the Town of New Fairfield in an amount not to exceed \$455,678.00 for fiscal year 2026; and FURTHER MOVE, that the Board Chairperson be authorized to submit such request to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance on behalf of the Board. Kim LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Sue Huwer, Amy Johnson, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, and Ed Sbordone

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Dominic Cipollone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Sue Huwer, Amy Johnson, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, and Ed Sbordone

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos