

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2018,
at 6:00 p.m. in the New Fairfield Board of Education Central Office Conference Room,
3 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT.

MINUTES – November 29, 2018

PRESENT: Peggy Katkocin (Chairman), Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

ABSENT: Dominic Cipollone

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Cosentino and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jason McKinnon

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Peggy Katkocin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Special Education Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Samantha Mannion gave an overview of the subcommittee. There has been decreasing attendance and the community was not bringing agenda items to the committee. If there are concerns in the future, it is suggested that these concerns be brought to the Communications/Community Outreach Subcommittee or the entire board.

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to discontinue the Special Education Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Peggy Katkocin, Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

B. Board of Education 2019 Regular Meeting Dates

The Board of Education 2019 meeting calendar was presented for review.

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to recommend to the full board the approval of the proposed schedule of regular and subcommittee meetings for the 2019 year. Rick Regan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Peggy Katkocin, Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

C. Feasibility Study Bid Proposal

A committee comprised of town officials and administrators reviewed the Feasibility Study bid proposals, and Quisenberry Arcari Malik Architecture submitted the lowest bid. If the Board takes action this evening, the work can get started quickly. Once the scope of work to be done and the approximate cost are determined, the project can be

brought to referendum prior to June 30th, otherwise it will have to wait another year. This firm has worked on the Culinary Arts project.

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to recommend to the full board the approval of the feasibility study bid proposal from Quisenberry Arcari Mailk Architecture with an expenditure not to exceed \$22,500. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Peggy Katkocin, Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

IV. DINNER

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS AND THE SUPERINTENDENT

The process of attaining the CABA Board Recognition Awards was presented, and this topic will be discussed at a later date. The preparation of the 2019-20 budget was discussed. Discussion centered around doing things in the district more efficiently and effectively, declining enrollment, class size, transition program, meeting all students' needs, providing the proper support for students and staff, the Gifted and Talented program, and technology needs and upgrades.

VI. COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

Communication with local boards, town residents and PTO groups via social media, live videos, etc. to get the word out and get support for the district was discussed.

VII. UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

District staff members are working to prepare the 2019-20 budget.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS POSITION

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to enter executive session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Director of Business and Operations position and to invite Dr. Patricia Cosentino. Ed Sbordone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Peggy Katkocin, Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

The Board exited Executive Session at 7 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Greg Flanagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Peggy Katkocin, Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly LaTourette