

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the New Fairfield Community Room, 33 Route 37, New Fairfield, CT.

MINUTES – August 20, 2025

PRESENT: Dominic Cipollone (Chairman), Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone. **ABSENT:** Kathy Baker and Sue Huwer

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Craw and Town Clerk Holly Smith

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ELECTION OF A NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

Dominic Cipollone noted that the purpose of this meeting was to elect a new Board of Education member to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Tim Blair. Whoever is elected will serve until the next regular municipal election in November 2025.

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to have the Board members vote for the new candidate via paper ballot. Dominic Cipollone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone

Keith Landa and Stephanie Strazza applied to fill the vacancy. Each gave a brief description of their respective backgrounds.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ELECTION OF A NEW BOE MEMEBER

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the election of a new BOE member. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone

The members of the Board of Education voted via paper ballot with their names written on the paper ballot. Recording Secretary Suzanne Kloos counted the ballots and Stephanie Strazza was elected to fill the vacancy.

Members of the BOE welcomed Ms. Strazza to the BOE and thanked Mr. Landa for his interest in the BOE and his willingness to serve.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, and Ed Sbordone

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos