

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**  
**Special Education Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting**

Name of Subcommittee: Special Education Ad Hoc      Meeting type: Regular  
Date of Meeting: 2/14/18      Place of Meeting: Central Office Conf. Rm.  
Members present: Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion  
Member absent: Dominic Cipollone  
Other attendees: Alicia Roy, Andrea Einhorn, Katherine Matz, Ed Sbordone  
Minutes submitted by: Kimberly LaTourette

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.  
Ed Sbordone was elevated to voting status.

**II. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Kimberly LaTourette nominated Samantha Mannion. Ed Sbordone seconded the nomination.

**Motion:** To close nominations

Made by: Ed Sbordone

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

**Recording of Vote:** All in favor

All in favor of Samantha Mannion for chair of the Special Education Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. September 13, 2017

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the September 13, 2017, meeting

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

**Recording of Vote:** All in favor

**III. ACTION ITEMS - none**

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Transition Programming for Elementary Students – The procedures for transition programming were presented. Special Education staff, classroom teachers, building principals and parents participate in the decision-making process of the placement of students with specific classroom teachers. Students visit their new school at the end of the school year. The length of the school visit is tailored around the needs of the individual student, and special needs student are given the opportunity for orientation separate from the entire grade. Transition PPTs and summer school in the new building to which the student is transitioning are also part of the process as applicable.

B. Overview of Co-Taught Classes – The model types of co-taught classes by one general education teacher and one special education teacher are: one teaches and one observes/assists, parallel, station, alternative, and team. Different models may be used each day, depending on the students' needs. Special Education supervisors observe and coach teachers, and department monthly meetings are held to assess student outcomes.

C. Update on K-3 Universal Reading Screening and Teacher Training – Dibbles will be used as the universal screener beginning the 2018-19 school year. Special Education teacher and reading specialists have been trained. Screening will occur three times a year, and student progress will be monitored. EdAdvance will offer Wilson training, Wilson II training, Visualizing and Verbalizing (Lindamood Bell). F & P for comprehension, and STAR assessments are both currently given universally in these grades.

D. Enrichment Programs – Students cannot be denied access to enrichment programs based on their IEP or 504. This item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**V. OTHER** – Programming for Special Education Students: Unified Theater, Unified Sports, Parent Workshop (planned for March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.), Buddies Club at HS/MS. BCBA – Two candidates were interviewed. A person has been hired for the remainder of the school year.

**Motion to adjourn:**

Made by: Samantha Mannion

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

Meeting adjourned at: 7:53 p.m.