

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a regular meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the New Fairfield High School Training Room, 54 Gillotti Road, New Fairfield, CT.

MINUTES – August 1, 2019

PRESENT: Peggy Katkocin (Chairman), Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

ABSENT: Kathy Baker, Stephanie Strazza, Kimberly LaTourette and Samantha Mannion

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pat Cosentino, Assistant Superintendent Julie Luby, Director of Business and Operations Dr. Richard Sanzo, Director of Instructional Technology and Communications Dr. Karen Fildes, Director of Curriculum Lori Ferreira and Pupil Personnel Director Katherine Matz

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Peggy Katkocin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. June 20, 2019 - Regular Meeting - approved by consensus
- B. July 18, 2019 - Special Meeting - approved by consensus

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - approved by consensus

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Chairman's Report - Peggy Katkocin noted that there will be a Public Hearing immediately following this meeting about the proposed school building projects.
- B. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Pat Cosentino spoke of the following:
 - Welcomed Julie Luby on her first day as Assistant Superintendent.
 - Thanked Dr. Karen Fildes and her team for all their work this summer with rebuilding the network and installing Power School.
 - Spoke of a committee being formed to work on marketing for the proposed school projects. Eric Alviti will be heading this committee. The slogan for the school projects will be "Building New Fairfield's Future."
 - There are a lot of events going on preparing for the opening of schools.

C. Liaison Reports

1. Board of Finance - Ed Sbordone noted that the BOF met on July 17th and discussed the proposed schools projects and gave an update on the School Safety and Security Committee. The August BOF meeting has been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be held on September 18th and they will discuss the budget surplus.
2. Parks and Recreation -The July Parks and Rec meeting was cancelled. The next regular meeting will be held on August 12th.
3. Permanent Building Committee - The PBC met on July 23rd and discussed the proposed school projects. Their next meeting will be on August 13th.
4. School Security and Safety Committee - The contract with Alteris has been approved.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Staffing Update - Dr. Cosentino noted that many qualified staff members have been hired for the school year. There are still some open positions. There will be a stipend position of a teacher for K-12 to help with the Special Education Department. Shipman & Goodman will still be the attorneys for the district. There will be a 1.0 Technology position open. Some athletic coaches are still needed.

B. 2019 CAFE/CAPSS Convention - Dr. Cosentino noted that there is money in the budget for Board members to attend the CAFE/CAPSS Convention in Mystic on November 15-16.

C. Superintendent's Goals (Draft) - Dr. Cosentino spoke of her goals that will be reviewed by the Board. These goals will be presented to the staff at Convocation on August 23rd.

D. Superintendent Evaluation Timeline - The goals will be voted on at the Sept. 5 BOE meeting. Dr. Cosentino will present a mid-year update to the public in January. Feedback will be given to the Superintendent in Executive Session. End of the year progress will be discussed in June.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Report

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Personnel Report for July 26, 2019, as recommended by the administration. Dominic Cipollone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

B. Non-tuition Student Request - Executive Session

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - Members of the Board discussed the following:

Greg Flanagan:

- Spoke of the proposed building projects and suggested that the plan for the upkeep of the new buildings be discussed when marketing the project.

Peggy Katkocin:

- Spoke of the upcoming political season and reminded everyone that all three boards are currently working well together and the proposed building projects were voted unanimously by all three boards.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NON-TUITION STUDENT REQUEST

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss the non-tuition student request and to invite Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pat Cosentino into the Executive Session. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. Dominic Cipollone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to recommend to the full board the approval of the students' request to attend New Fairfield High School and New Fairfield Middle School without tuition and with transportation provided by the family for no longer than 90 calendar days from today. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos