

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Virtual meeting via Zoom

MINUTES – April 8, 2020

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pat Cosentino and Director of Business and Operations Dr. Richard Sanzo

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Rich Sanzo explained the procedure for the virtual meeting and noted that this virtual meeting is available to everyone, including members of the public.

Chairman Peggy Katkocin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ACTION ITEM

A. Purchase of Property at 78 Gillotti Road

BOE Chairman Peggy Katkocin spoke of the high school building project and specifically, a proposal to build the school using the property at 78 Gillotti Road. She spoke of how this property became available and noted that this was not known at the time of the referendum. It was noted that this option has the potential for substantial savings and would solve some challenges associated with the current site. It was noted that BOE does not have the authority to authorize the purchase of the property, but was asked to endorse the recommendation to the BOS. The cost of this property cannot be included in the bonding, but it was suggested that the cost of this project plus the state reimbursement amount be removed from the amount of the bonding. Finance Director and Town Treasurer Ed Sbordone noted that bonds were sold at a rate of 2.107%.

Greg Flanagan made a suggestion that the heads of the major boards compile a letter to be sent to residents and possibly published in the Town Tribune to explain the thought process of the purchase of the property and the potential cost savings.

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion that the BOE endorse the recommendation of the Permanent Building Committee to have the BOS purchase the property at 78 Gillotti Road. Kathy Baker seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Dominic Cipollone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos