

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2018,
at 7:00 p.m. in the New Fairfield Community Room, 33 Route 37, New Fairfield, CT.

MINUTES – May 31, 2018

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

ABSENT: Kathy Baker and Kimberly LaTourette

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy, Middle School Principal Christine Baldelli, Middle School Assistant Principal Cheryl Milo, Business Manager Craig McClain, First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, Selectman Khris Hall, Board of Finance Chairman Wes Marsh, Board of Finance member Anthony Yorio.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. NSC (Nationwide Security Corporation) School Security Audit and Appropriation

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Nationwide Security Corporation (NSC) School Security Audit to appropriate the \$9,680 fee as recommended by the Town's School Safety and Security Committee. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

It was noted that these funds will come out of the Board of Education budget. Samantha Mannion spoke of NSC and reasons why this firm was picked over the others interviewed.

B. Free CIRMA School Security Audit, Fall 2018

MOTION: Greg Flanagan made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the free CIRMA School Security Audit for the Fall of 2018 as recommended by the Town's School Safety and Security Committee. Ed Sbordone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

Dr. Roy spoke of a free school security audit from CIRMA (Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency) and noted that this would be in addition to the NSC audit and

noted that the district's insurance will not be affected in any way if it doesn't follow the guidelines noted after the audit.

C. SAY SOMETHING Free Anonymous Reporting System

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the SAY SOMETHING Free Anonymous Reporting System as recommended by the Town's School Safety and Security Committee and to be implemented for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

Samantha Mannion spoke of the features of this reporting system and there was a discussion among the board members regarding the details. She noted that this was discussed at the School Safety and Security Committee and that the committee recommends this system. There is no cost for this system. In order for this to be available at the high school, there must be a Student against Violence Everywhere initiative.

D. Waiver Request to the State

Chairman Peggy Katkocin spoke of the storm that occurred on May 15th. As a result of this storm, schools were closed five days. In order to get the state required 180 school days, these five days must be made up thus extending the school year until Friday, June 29th. It was noted that the State Board of Education has the authority to waive the required days under extraordinary circumstances. A letter that was sent from the Superintendent of Schools requesting a waiver was denied. Mrs. Katkocin spoke of the possibility of going before the State Board of Education to plead the case for a waiver. There was a discussion of the logistics of making up these days.

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to recommend to the full Board of Education the approval of submitting the waiver of the 180 school day requirement and request to the state as updated in a letter on May 31, 2018. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Samantha Mannion and Ed Sbordone **OPPOSED:** Rick Regan

E. School Days during Last Week of June

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to recommend to the full Board of Education the approval of early dismissal for the school days during the last week in June, the 25th-29th, as recommended by the administration. Douglas DeRito seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

It was noted that Middle School graduation will be held on Friday, June 22nd and High School graduation will be held on Saturday, June 23rd.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Douglas DeRito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan and Ed Sbordone

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos