

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. virtual meeting via Zoom.

MINUTES – March 29, 2021

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, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Julie Luby, Director of Business and Operations Dr. Richard Sanzo, Pupil Personnel Director Katherine Matz, High School Assistant Principal Scott Rohwedder, Middle School Principal Christine Baldelli, Consolidated School Principal Rob Spino and Director of Curriculum Alyce Misuraca,

Director of Business and Operations 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Peggy Katkocin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM

A. 2021-22 Budget

Peggy Katkocin noted that the BOF has asked the BOE to come up with \$350,000 worth of cuts for their operating budget. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pat Cosentino noted any cuts made will be put back in the budget and funded through the ESSER II (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) grant.

Director of Business and Operations Dr. Richard Sanzo reviewed the grants and noted that due to a calculation error by the State, New Fairfield will be getting an extra \$225,000 for the ESSER grant. He spoke of cuts that will be made but noted that these cuts will be absorbed from either the ESSER funds or last year's surplus. After the cuts, the increase for the BOE operating budget will be 0.92%.

Members of the BOE asked questions about the specific cuts. Ed Sbordone noted that the BOE budget increase including the bonding of the school project with the proposed cuts would be 3.83%.

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to recommend to the full Board to approve the release of the administration's recommended operating budget adjustments totaling \$644,000, including an additional \$350,000 reduction as requested by the Board of Finance. 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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 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