

Existing policy with modification based on P.A. 19-1, July Special Session.

Construction

Planning

The Board of Education has the authority under state law to determine on a continuing basis the need for new school facilities and to make recommendation of the construction or acquisition of school facilities to the Town.

Requests for new school facilities and additions or changes to existing school facilities shall be referred to the appropriate Board subcommittee(s) for study, cost estimates, and recommendation for implementation.

Special attention shall be given in planning for school facilities regarding the manner in which the District will provide opportunities for students to interact with those from other backgrounds in order to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation, to provide a safe school setting, and to secure an equitable allocation of resources among schools.

The Board may, from time to time, form sub-committees to study certain aspects of the need for new or additional construction in specific areas and to report their findings and recommendations to the Board.

Building Committees

Whenever it is deemed necessary by the Board of Education to provide for additional and/or major facility alterations for the educational system, the Board of Education shall comply with Division of Building Committees section 2-171 of the New Fairfield Codes of Ordinances. In support of the Board of Education's request, that Board shall, through its Superintendent and administrative staff, provide the necessary educational specification which should be a part of an encompassing long range educational plan. Other particulars in prescribing the action should include enrollment data, an outline of the general nature of the program for the particular facility which would include support facilities such as health, food, custodial, as well as communal uses and the basic equipment and site placement and requirements thought necessary. (See 7100.1)

Approval of the request by the Town's legislative body/town meeting shall signify acceptance of the need by that body.

Appointments and Terms

The School Building Committee shall **be the Permanent Building Committee** ~~contain representatives from the Boards of Selectmen, Finance and Education. Additional community representatives may be chosen.~~ At least one member of the School Building Committee shall be an individual with experience in the construction industry. These members shall serve through the completion of the project.

Construction

Planning

Appointments and Terms (continued)

Community representatives may include:

- Citizen taxpayers from the school area to be served; and a
- Citizen taxpayer from the school district community as a whole; outside the school area to be served.
- In addition, a Representative from the certified educational staff;
- One person from the commercial and/or professional community of the town; and/or
- One person from the industrial community of the town may be chosen.

A School Building Committee shall be appointed for the express purpose of one particular project. Each School Building Committee shall be designated by project name.

The duly authorized School Building Committee will continue as a complete committee regardless of changes in town government, the Board of Education, or the Board of Finance during the course of the project, except where such Board representative is not reelected or reappointed to the Board the person represents, in which case replacement will be made according to provisions pertaining to vacancies.

The School Building Committee shall cease and desist once the assigned project has been turned over to the Board of Education.

(cf. 7000 – Concept and Roles in Planning for Educational Facilities)
(cf. 7000.1 – Process)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-220 Duties of Boards of Education (as amended by P.A. 97-290, AN Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities)

10-283 Application for grants for school building projects. (as amended by P.A. 19-1, July Special Session)

P.A. 19-1, July Special Session, An Act Concerning Authorization of State Grant Commitments for School Building Projects.

Policy adopted:	May 1, 2003	NEW FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Policy revised:	June 21, 2007	New Fairfield, Connecticut
Policy revised:	June 19, 2008	
Policy revised:	December 4, 2008	
Policy revised:	June 6, 2019	
Policy revised:		