

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

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

MINUTES – June 7, 2018

PRESENT: Peggy Katkocin (Chairman), Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

ABSENT: Ed Sbordone

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jason McKinnon, High School Principal Dr. Richard Sanzo, Middle School Principal Christine Baldelli, Consolidated School Principal Rob Spino, Business Manager Craig McClain, Pupil Personnel Director Andrea Einhorn, Middle School ELA teachers Susan McNamara and Emre Akter, and High School Science teacher Kimberly Salta

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. May 3, 2018 - Regular Meeting - approved by consensus
- B. May 31, 2018 - Special Meeting - approved by consensus

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - approved by consensus

V. RECOGNITION ~ CABE STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Middle School teacher Susan McNamara presented 8th grade student Patrick Gibbons with the CABE Student Leadership Award.

Middle School teacher Emre Akter presented 8th grade student Giuliana Carretta with the CABE Student Leadership Award.

High School Principal Dr. Richard Sanzo presented the CABE Student Leadership Award to Juniors Ryan Grimaldi and Hannah Rigoglioso.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Mr. John McCartney and Selectman Khris Hall thanked the BOE and many others that helped at the shelter and in the aftermath of the May 15th storm.

VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Chairman's Report - Chairman Peggy Katkocin spoke of the request made by the BOE to the State Board of Education for a waiver to not meet the required 180 days of school for the 2017-2018 school year due to the missed days immediately

following the May 15th storm. The State Board discussed this issue at their meeting on June 6th for surrounding towns but did not put New Fairfield's request on the agenda. As a result, school will be in session until Friday, June 29th. It was noted that the week of June 25th to June 29th will be early dismissal days.

B. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Alicia Roy spoke of the following:

- Thanked the PTOs for the various schools for all their help in organizing the end of the year activities.
- Meeting House Hill School held their PBIS celebration for earning 300 Eagles.
- The Senior Prom was held on May 21st.
- The high school held their Art Show.
- Robin Welton was named "Teacher of the Year."
- Matt Opdahl was named "Paraprofessional of the Year."
- A Math Award was given by the State Department of Education to MHHS for having the highest participation in the State for the Math Challenge.
- Over \$1,000 was raised on Red Nose Day to end childhood poverty.
- The Annual Singamajig was held on June 6th.
- 136 students were celebrated at the Shining Stars Ceremony on June 7th.
- Over \$80,000 worth of scholarships were given to high school seniors on June 5th.
- The Boys and Girls Lacrosse teams will both play in the State Championships this Saturday, June 9th.

C. Student Representatives' Report

Junior Representative Hannah Rigoglioso reported on the following:

- The SEE Fair will be held on Monday, June 18th. Underclassmen will be able to view it during the school day and it is open to the public at 6:30 p.m.
- The High School Unified Theatre production will be held in the high school auditorium on Saturday, June 9th. Admission is free with donations accepted.

D. Committee Reports

1. Curriculum Subcommittee - Kathy Baker noted that they met on May 30th. Two textbooks were presented. Dr. McKinnon presented an overview of the curriculum for the Health program to the subcommittee. Ms. Baker thanked Dr. McKinnon and his staff for his hard work.

2. Field Fees - None

E. Liaison Reports

1. Board of Finance - None

2. Parks and Recreation Committee - Greg Flanagan noted that the Parks and Rec committee met on May 7th. Kathy Baker spoke of the proposal to change the start times at the high school. Greg Flanagan inquired about the possibility of putting a bench on the softball fields. The Parks and Rec Commission discussed the upkeep of the bathrooms at Rebel Field. Mulch will be put down at the playground and the basketball courts will be repaved.

3. Safety - None

4. School Start Time Committee - The May 17th meeting was cancelled due to the storm. Kathy Baker and Dr. McKinnon will meet to discuss the timeline going forward.

5. School Security and Safety Committee - Samantha Mannion noted that this committee met on June 5th and discussed the timeline for the NSC audit. They will be in the district the third week of June. Samantha Mannion had a conference call with the “Say Something” initiative and saw a slide presentation. This was sent to administrators in the district.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Costa Rica 2018 Trip - High School Science teacher Kimberly Salta spoke of the recent trip where she chaperoned 11 students to Costa Rica over Spring Break. She thanked the BOE, administration and everyone that made this trip possible. The students that attended the trip presented a slide show with the highlights of the trip and thanked the Board of Education for this wonderful opportunity.

B. New Textbook Adoption- Will be on the agenda as an action item on June 21st.

1. *Bien Dit!*

2. *Une Fois Pour Toutes*

3. *Exploremos!*

4. *Precalculus with Limits: A Graphing Approach*

C. Board of Education Policies-Will be on the agenda as an action item on June 21st.

1. Policy 1330, Appendix B - Use of School Facilities

2. Policy 1321.2 - Public Videotaping of Educational Activity

3. Policy 5131.81 - Electronic Devices

4. Policy 6141.321 - Computer: Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy

5. Policy 6141.328 - Bring Your Own Device and Protocol for the Use of Technology in the New Fairfield Public Schools.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Report

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Personnel Report for May 31, 2018, as recommended by the administration. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

B. International Travel to Costa Rica 2019 - Dr. Sanzo gave a brief description of this trip that will be held during Spring Break 2019.

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the international field trip to Costa Rica as presented by the administration. Rick Regan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

C. Social Studies K-5 Resources

1. *Discover Kids* (Grades K-2)
2. *My World Interactive* (Grades 3-5)

MOTION: Kathy Baker made a motion to recommend to the full Board the adoption of the following resources: *Discover Kids* (Grades K-2) and *My World Interactive* (Grades 3-5). Dominic Cipollone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

D. Field Policy Agreement

MOTION: Kimberly LaTourette made a motion to recommend to the full Board approval to update the Board of Education and the Parks and Recreation Commission Field Policy Agreement to include on page 1 under Definitions, first bullet - John John Pendergast Turf Field- as a field, and to page 2 under Fees, Expenses, and Income, add sixth bullet – The box turf field that was constructed in 2017 (John John Pendergast Field) from funds that were acquired through donations required creating a separate field fees account. The football, lacrosse, and soccer clubs will be assessed an additional charge per user per season for eventual replacement of the field as defined in Board of Education Policy 1330, Appendix B. This charge will be set by the Field Fees Committee (FFC) and is in addition to the per user fee that all users pay. The monies paid as part of the additional charge will be placed in the separate John John Pendergast reserve field account. If the John John Pendergast Field is not able to be replaced through the dollars residing in the reserve account, it is understood that the field will not be replaced with Board of Education budget funds. Additional funds will not be sought by the Board of Education or Parks and Recreation Commission. Lines will not be applied to and/or painted on the field, and the field will not be plowed without the agreement of the Field Fee Committee. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

E. SEED: Teacher and Administrator Evaluation

MOTION: Rick Regan made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the updated SEED (System for Educator Evaluation and Development) document recommended by the Professional Development and Evaluation Committee (PDEC) and as presented by the administration. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

F. Non-Union Salaries and Benefits (Executive Session)

G. Leave of Absence Request (Executive Session)

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to postpone indefinitely Action Item G “Leave of Absence Request.” Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Greg Flanagan thanked the Board of Selectmen for all their hard work in the aftermath of the storm, thanked BOE Chairman Peggy Katkocin and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy for going to Hartford to plead the case for a waiver of school days and thanked everyone involved with the School Security Committee.

- Douglas DeRito spoke of the wonderful presentation by the students that went on the Costa Rica trip.

- Dominic Cipollone spoke of the celebration of student achievement.

- Rick Regan thanked Dr. Roy and everyone that helped in the aftermath of the May 15th storm. He spoke of the improved turnout for the budget vote and asked about whether or not an evaluation of the Superintendent is necessary this year. There was a brief discussion among the Board members about the legality of not doing an evaluation for outgoing Superintendents. It was decided to check with CABA about this.

- Kim LaTourette spoke of the end of the year and a great time to celebrate staff and students.

- Samantha Mannion noted that she contacted a few other schools regarding the Say Something program and received nothing but positive comments regarding this program.

- Peggy Katkocin thanked First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Roy for all their hard work in the aftermath of the May 15th storm.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NON-UNION SALARIES AND BENEFITS

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss non-union salaries and benefits and to invite Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy into the Executive Session. Douglas DeRito seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

Peggy Katkocin made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

MOTION: Peggy Katkocin made a motion to that the Board accept the recommendations of the Superintendent on employees A & B and that employee C's request be held by the Superintendent as per the direction of the Board of Education and to approve the non-union salary increases for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Douglas DeRito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Douglas DeRito, Greg Flanagan, Peggy Katkocin, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Rick Regan

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos