

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019,  
at 9:30 a.m. in the New Fairfield Board of Education Central Office Conference Room,  
3 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT.

**MINUTES – July 18, 2019**

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

**ABSENT:** Kathy Baker

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Peggy Katkocin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

A. School Security Consulting Contract

At its most recent meeting, the School Safety and Security Committee unanimously passed a motion to recommend to the Board of Education that it enter into a contract with Altaris Consulting Group. This company will assist the district in taking the safety audit information and moving forward with emergency plans and training, with recommendations backed up by research. Altaris has worked with school districts in New York, and these districts have provided positive feedback about their experiences with this company. The one-year contract will be funded from this year's budget.

**Motion:** Peggy Katkocin made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the school security consulting contract with Altaris Consulting Group in the amount of \$20,800 as recommended by the School Safety and Security Committee. Dominic Cipollone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Peggy Katkocin, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Staff Update

The .4 psychologist resigned and because it is difficult to fill a .4 position, a 1.0 psychologist position was posted. A K-12 Special Education department head position will be created. This is a stipend position, and this department head will assist with staff evaluations, observations, PPTs and caseloads. Andrea Einhorn will return as a consultant for support and mentoring.

The building project was discussed. Erin Mannion is assisting with compiling a list of organizations to contact and visit, and Board members are encouraged to participate. A Political Action Committee (PAC) will be formed to advocate for the building project and is in need of a treasurer. A community member and a Board member expressed interest in this position. The next BOE meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on August 1, 2019, in the NFHS training room, followed by BOE, BOS & BOF joint public hearing concerning the building project scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the NFHS auditorium.

**V. ADJOURNMENT** – Peggy Katkocin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Stephanie Strazza seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Peggy Katkocin, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail DeFeo