

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

MINUTES – January 25, 2023

PRESENT: Dominic Cipollone (Chairman), Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Julie Luby, Director of Business and Operations Carrie DePuy, Pupil Personnel Director Katherine Matz, Elementary Assistant Principal Steven Groccia, Elementary Assistant Principal Jennifer Hilderbrand, Director of Curriculum Alyce Misuraca, and Director of Technology Paul Gouveia

Quintin Flower 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 Dominic Cipollone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. REVIEW OF THE 2023-2024 BUDGET

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ken Craw spoke of the upcoming budget for 2023-2024. He gave a brief review of the January 24th budget workshop and noted that recordings of all meetings held to date are available on the Town's website. He briefly noted the schedule for upcoming budget meetings. The amount of the Superintendent's requested budget is \$45,551,674 which is an increase of \$2,573,922 from the 2022-2023 budget.

Dr. Craw spoke of factors that contributed to the budget increase which include a slight increase in enrollment, inflation and the addition of staff positions that were previously funded by pandemic relief funds. He showed a pie chart which gives a breakdown of the types of positions in the district.

There was a presentation of non-payroll Curriculum and Instructional expenses. Assistant Superintendent of Schools Julie Luby spoke of programs of instruction and curriculum. Members of the BOE asked questions regarding curriculum expenses. Dr. Craw showed an organizational chart which provides the number of administrators and spoke of the reduction for the number of certified administrators mostly due to the restructuring of the Technology Department.

The presentation included a budgeted item of \$10,000 to research the Healthier Start Time initiative at the High school. Other non-payroll increases that affect the budget are transportation, oil and electricity.

The next Budget meeting of the BOE will be held on Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at 33 Route 37.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Ed Sbordone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos