

Board of Education Regular Meeting 2022

Thursday, March 17, 2022 7:00 PM

BOE Meeting Access: BOE (3/17/22 at 7 p.m.) Web:

<https://zoom.us/j/99476668755> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 994 7666 8755 , 3 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

III.A. February 24, 2022 - Special

III.B. March 3, 2022 - Regular

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

V. MEETING HOUSE HILL SCHOOL CHORUS PRESENTATION

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - *The Board welcomes public participation. Pursuant to our Board Policy, public participation is limited to no more than three (3) minutes per speaker and a total of no more than thirty (30) minutes total for the entire meeting. Individuals who wish to speak longer are encouraged to attend any and all related subcommittee meetings where most of the board's groundwork is done. We value your input, but due to these time limitations, we ask you to be concise and to observe the rules of common courtesy. [9320(a) of Board Bylaws]*

VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

VII.A. Chairman's Report

VII.B. Superintendent's Report - Recognition ~
March is "Connecticut Board of Education Member Appreciation" month.

VII.C. Student Representatives' Report

VII.D. Committee Reports

VII.D.1. Business Operations/Resource
Management (*Greg Flanagan*)

VII.E. Liaison Reports

VII.E.1. Board of Finance (*Ed Sbordone*)

VII.E.2. School Security and Safety
Committee (*Samantha Mannion*)

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

VIII.A. Inclusive Strategies to Promote Positive School Climate

VIII.B. Summary of Budget vs. Projected Year-End Expenditure/Encumbrances Report for FY 2021-22 at February 28, 2022

VIII.C. New Fairfield High School/Consolidated School Building Project Update

VIII.D. 2022-23 Budget

IX. ACTION ITEMS

IX.A. Personnel Report

IX.B. Retirement Incentive

IX.C. New Course Approval - Suspension of the Rules
(referring to New Course Adoption)

IX.C.1.

IX.C.2. Reading for Content

IX.D. Paraprofessional Leave of Absence Request *(To be voted on after Executive Session)*

IX.E. Superintendent Search Consulting Services *(To be voted on after Executive Session)*

IX.F. Superintendent Search Committee

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XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PARAPROFESSIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. virtual meeting via Zoom.

MINUTES – February 24, 2022

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

ABSENT: Kathy Baker

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pat Cosentino

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dominic Cipollone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE SUPERINTENDENT’S CONTRACT

MOTION: Kimberly LaTourette made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss the superintendent’s contract and to invite Dr. Pat Cosentino into the Executive Session. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Pat Cosentino

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

The New Fairfield Board of Education held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

MINUTES – March 3, 2022

PRESENT: Dominic Cipollone (Chairman), Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza (arrived approximately 8:05 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pat Cosentino, Director of Instructional Technology and Communications Dr. Karen Fildes, High School Principal James D’Amico, Middle School Principal Christine Baldelli, Middle School Assistant Principal Cheryl Milo, Meeting House Hill School Principal James Mandracchia, Meeting House Hill School Assistant Principal Allyson Story, Consolidated School Principal Rob Spino, Consolidated School Assistant Principal Karen Gruetzner, Director of Curriculum Alyce Misuraca and Special Education Supervisor Melissa Busnel

Network Administrator Paul Gouveia 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 7:01 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. February 10, 2022 - Special meeting - approved by consensus
 - B. February 15, 2022 - Regular meeting - approved by consensus
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - approve by consensus
- V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None
- VI. **BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Chairman’s Report - Dominic Cipollone asked everyone to think of the values of the district especially when considering the budget. He further noted that he values all the work done by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pat Cosentino and wished her well in her retirement that will become effective on June 30th.
 - B. Superintendent’s Report - Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pat Cosentino spoke of the following:
 - COVID tests were delivered to students in Grades K-8 today. High school students will receive them on Monday, March 7th. Extra kits are available from the school nurses if needed.
 - Professional Development Day will be held on Friday, March 4th.
 - There will be virtual “CABE on the Hill” on March 10th. The purpose of this is to review upcoming legislation that may affect the school district. Board members are encouraged to attend.

- Tickets are on sale for *Seussical the Musical* to be held at the end of March at the high school.
- The BOE will present their budget to the BOF this Saturday, March 5th at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

C. Student Representative Report

Junior Representative Grace DeMarco noted that there will be an SAT Boot Camp for Juniors on Monday, March 21st during school hours. The SAT will be given to Juniors on March 23rd. She also further announced that NFHS Players will present *Seussical the Musical* at the high school from March 25th through March 27th. This will be the first live musical at the high school since 2019.

D. Committee Reports

1. Curriculum - Kathy Baker noted that this committee met recently and discussed the following:

- A new course proposal called “Reading for Content” designed mostly for freshmen that may be struggling with reading comprehension was discussed.
- A writing center has been established by a student teacher at the high school. This will be staffed by student teachers and honor students. The role of this center is to help students with writing papers. It is hopeful that this service can be extended to next year.
- Dominic Cipollone spoke of glitches with the online Math program. It was decided that there will be some changes with the Math program for Grades 6-12. The vendor will be giving the district a refund for five years. There will be a meeting with the teachers to figure out the best course of action for this.
- The website has been updated to give parents more information about curriculum.
- There will be Professional Development Day on Friday, March 4th.

2. Policy - Samantha Mannion noted this subcommittee met on February 24th. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the possible rescinding of the policy that restricts volunteers and visitors to the school that was put in place during COVID. The subcommittee has decided to send this to the full BOE for a vote.

3. Communications/Community Outreach Subcommittee - Kathy Baker noted that this subcommittee met on March 3rd and discussed the following:

- Some students are interested in getting more clarity to the dress code.
- There will be committee to put together for the search for a new Superintendent.
- High School graduation will be on June 17th and Middle School graduation will be on June 16th. The last day of school will be Monday, June 20th.

4. Field Fees - Ed Sbordone noted that the March 1st meeting was cancelled and rescheduled to March 22nd at 6 p.m. The main topic of this meeting will be the resurfacing/replacement of the turf field and track.

E. Liaison Reports

1. Board of Finance - Ed Sbordone noted that the BOF met on February 16th and discussed:

- The Medical Plan for 2022-2023;
- The town bonded another \$35,000,000 at a rate of 2.51% for 20 years for the school projects.
- There was a discussion of Elected Officials salaries. It was decided to table any action regarding this for now.
- The Pension Committee met and discussed pensions for both the Town and the BOE.
- The BOF discussed both the BOE and BOS budgets and it was noted that the both budgets needed to be cut in order to reach an increase closer to 0%.

- The BOF members encouraged taxpayers to attend the budget presentations that will be held on Saturday, March 5th at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

The BOF also met on March 1st. There was a presentation by Finance Director Olga Melnikov regarding the components of the budget and how these components affect the Mil Rate. BOE members were encouraged to watch this presentation online.

2. Safety Committee - Ed Sbordone noted that this committee met on February 16th and discussed the following:

- The Director of Emergency Management discussed COVID test kits for students. There was a discussion about mandating masks on the bus but that has since been solved. There was a discussion of buildings and grounds and there are currently no issues. The committee discussed having increased security at sporting events. There was an update of concussions and it was noted that there have been no more than two concussions per sport and that most concussions occur outside of sports. There was a discussion of the possibility of identifying students at the front door instead of the parking lot.

There was a COVID update. Vaccine vans are still available.

3. School Security and Safety Committee - Samantha Mannion noted that this committee will meet on March 7th.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. CELA/MHHS - Dr. Cosentino gave a brief update of the transition plan for CELA and MHHS:

- There have been listening sessions with teachers, administrators and parents. Each session asked for feedback about the benefits of having both schools on one campus, concerns of having both schools together and what can be done in order to have a successful transition.
- Dr. Cosentino spoke of possible new positions and changes in job descriptions for administrators with the combined schools. Dr. Cosentino noted that plans may be altered depending on changes to the budget.

B. Schedule for Board of Education In-person Meetings - Director of Technology Dr. Karen Fildes spoke of equipment issues that caused the BOE to have to continue meetings via Zoom. She stressed that BOE meetings are currently held remotely due to technology issues and not COVID. She noted that the equipment has just arrived but still needs to be installed.

Dr. Fildes noted that once meetings return to in-person, they will be streamed to allow residents to watch the meetings live but they will not be able to participate. Paul Gouveia noted that the average attendance for remote meetings is much higher than when meetings were in person. There was a discussion of the advantage of Zoom meetings and the likelihood of the legislature allowing this to continue in the future.

C. New Fairfield High School/Consolidated School Building Project Update
Dr. Cosentino noted that both projects are on budget and on schedule.

D. Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation - Executive Session

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Report

MOTION: Kathy Baker made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Personnel Report for February 24, 2022, as recommended by the administration. Ed Sbordone seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion and Ed Sbordone. (Stephanie Strazza arrived late and did not vote on this motion.)

B. Board of Education Policies

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the following policies as presented. Kathy Baker seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

1. Policy 3517.1 - Identification Badges
2. Policy 4111.3 - Minority Recruitment Plan
3. Policy 5131.6 - Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco
4. Policy 6140 - Curriculum
5. Policy 6142 - Basic Instructional Program

C. Board of Education Policies - Suspension of the Rules (referring to Policies C-19-1250, 1250, 1250.1, 3517.3 & 6162.4)

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to suspend the rules referring to Policy C-19-1250 - Visitors, Volunteers and Access to Campus, Policy 1250 - Visits to the Schools, Policy 1250.1 - Classroom Observations, Policy 3517.3 - Site Access/Closed Campus, and Policy 6162.4 - School Volunteers. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to recommend to the full board the approval to terminate the following temporary policy Policy C-19-1250 - Visitors, Volunteers and Access to Campus. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

MOTION: Samantha Mannion made a motion to recommend to the full board approval to reinstate the following policies as presented. Kathy Baker seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

1. Policy 1250 - Visits to the Schools
2. Policy 1250.1 - Classroom Observations
3. Policy 3517.3 - Site Access/Closed Campus
4. Policy 6162.4 - School Volunteers

D. Continuation of Health Benefits

MOTION: Kimberly LaTourette made a motion to recommend to the full Board approval to authorize the Superintendent to offer continuation of health insurance benefits for teachers who notify the intent to resign by Friday, April 29, 2022. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza **OPPOSED:** Amy Johnson

It was noted that the policy to offer the retirement bonus will be discussed at the next regular BOE meeting.

E. Custodial Leave of Absence Requests - *(It is anticipated the Board will enter into Executive Session.)*

1. Request #1
2. Request #2

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- There may be a need to discuss the budget at a future meeting.
- Establishment of a Superintendent Search Team will be discussed at a future meeting.

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Tim Blair thanked High School Principal James D'Amico for a great meeting regarding the high school schedule.

Amy Johnson noted that the MHHS Chorus Concert held on March 3rd was very successful.

Greg Flanagan thanked Dr. Sanzo for a tour of the CELA project. He further noted that the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team will have their second game for States on March 4th. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Ed Sbordone expressed thoughts and prayers to the people of Ukraine.

Dominic Cipollone reminded everyone that the budget presentation to the BOF will be held this Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CUSTODIAN LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SCHOOL SECURITY AND SAFETY

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S MID-YEAR EVALUATION

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTER

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss custodial leave of absence requests, School Security and Safety, the Superintendent's mid-year evaluation and a confidential student matter and to invite Dr. Pat Cosentino, James D'Amico and Karen Fildes into the Executive Session. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

MOTION: Greg Flanagan made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. Kathy Baker seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to recommend to the full Board of Education the approval of Richard Clark's unpaid leave of absence request commencing January 31, 2022 and ending on or about March 14, 2022. Kimberly LaTourette seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

MOTION: Ed Sbordone made a motion to recommend to the full Board of Education the approval of Anthony Capobianco's four days unpaid leave of absence request commencing July 1, 2022 through July 22, 2022. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion. **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone and Stephanie Strazza

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dominic Cipollone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Greg Flanagan 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

Inclusive strategies to support safe and positive school climate and culture 3/16/22

	Program/Strategy	Grades/Staff included
CONSOLIDATED	Responsive Classroom practices	All
	Recognizing acts of kindness	All
	Greeting all students by name	All
	Interactive Read Alouds / Discussions	All
	Differentiated instruction / MTSS	All
MHHS	Responsive Classroom practices	All
	Promoting Kindness and Preventing Unkind Behavior Assembly	All
	The NED Show	All
	CARES Lessons in all classrooms lead by SW and SP	All grades
	Start with Hello Week (Sandy Hook Promise)	All
	Ben's Bells Kind Campus	All
MS	No One Eats Alone: Beyond Differences- October 15, 2021	All grades/ All staff
	National No One Eats Alone Day: Beyond Differences – February 18, 2022	All grades/ All staff
	National Be Kind Online Day: Beyond Differences– May 13, 2022	All grades/ All staff
	Community Conversations: Calendar : Every Wednesday	All grades/ All staff
	TEAM Class	All grades/ Counselors
	Restorative Practices	As needed/ All staff
	Be the Change Lessons	All grades/ All staff (at faculty meetings)
	Bullying Lessons/ Sexual Harassment Lessons	Four times a year/ All grades

	Social Awareness & Inclusion Lessons such as Black History Month, Women’s History Month, Pride Month	All grades/ All staff
HS	Focus Groups with staff, students and parents, to prepare for Grade Level Assemblies (March 31)	
	School Wide Grade Level School Climate Assemblies (April 2022)	
	Adult Allies Program	
	PD for Staff on ¾ for Adult Allies Program	
	School Climate Committee	
District-wide	District Equity Action Team	Volunteer Staff and BoE members (previously included students prior to the formation of the SEAT)
	Student Equity Action Team	Volunteer students in 6-12
	Monthly Parent Meetings	Dr. C, Ms. Luby, Mr. D’Amico, Mr. Fabrizio Garcia, Mr. Cipollone
	Staff PD 2020-2021: Recognizing Implicit Bias Handling Difficult Conversations	All Staff
	Staff PD 2021-2022: Handling Difficult Conversations	Interested Staff
	Review of District Forms & Communications for Inclusivity	EAT
	Faculty Meeting Discussions	



New Fairfield Board of Education
Summary of Budget vs. Projected for Payroll & Non-Payroll Accounts
Fiscal 2021-2022 as of February 28, 2022

	Approved Budget	2021-2022 Adjusted Budget	Year-to-Date Expenditure	Percent Expended	Current Encumbrances	Percent Encumbered	2021-2022 Remaining Unexpended	Percent Committed	2021-2022 Projected Unexpended	Projected Committed	Primary Reason for Surplus or Deficit
Regular Education - Non-Payroll											
2000 Consolidated	96,401	96,301	58,936	61.2%	23,135	24.0%	14,230	85.2%	17,000	82.3%	Books / Conferences / Supplies
3000 Meeting House Hill	80,762	86,062	56,176	65.3%	7,482	8.7%	22,405	74.0%	12,500	85.5%	Conference / Books / Dues and Fees
4000 Middle School	62,711	62,711	24,683	39.4%	11,860	18.9%	26,168	58.3%	16,500	73.7%	Field Trips / Conferences / Books / Furniture
5000 High School	289,331	283,870	152,498	53.7%	75,311	26.5%	56,061	80.3%	38,000	86.6%	Conference / Textbooks / Professional Services / Supplies / Dues & Fees
5500 Athletics	193,497	193,497	102,718	53.1%	121,755	62.9%	(30,975)	116.0%	21,000	89.1%	Officials / Event Supervision / Equipment
6000 Districtwide	1,805,691	1,799,518	1,398,691	77.7%	150,352	8.4%	250,475	86.1%	20,000	98.9%	Unemployment / Insurance / Security Guard
6100 Board of Education	30,750	30,750	27,455	89.3%	1,004	3.3%	2,291	92.6%	2,000	93.5%	Conference / Dues & Fees
6200 Central Office	107,772	119,333	94,500	79.2%	21,551	18.1%	3,282	97.2%	1,000	99.2%	Advertising
6300 Fiscal Services	370,333	370,333	209,187	56.5%	2,111	0.6%	159,035	57.1%	-	100.0%	Software / Finance Chargeback
6400 Human Resources	57,262	57,262	39,300	68.6%	4,504	7.9%	13,457	76.5%	2,500	95.6%	Fingerprinting
6500 Technology	688,745	642,545	513,221	79.9%	67,922	10.6%	61,402	90.4%	10,000	98.4%	Equipment
6600 Pupil Transportation	1,375,768	1,381,868	1,360,746	98.5%	33,532	2.4%	(12,410)	100.9%	(2,500)	100.2%	Vo-Ag and Magnet Transportation
6700 Business Machines	147,653	146,353	95,763	65.4%	40,873	27.9%	9,717	93.4%	15,000	89.8%	Copy Charges
6800 Utilities	1,063,318	1,053,041	524,365	49.8%	340,358	32.3%	188,317	82.1%	50,000	95.3%	Electricity - Monitoring Usage of Gas, Electric, and Oil
7000 Curriculum	86,680	86,680	77,683	89.6%	8,146	9.4%	851	99.0%	1,000	98.8%	Books
7001 Enrichment Services	8,300	8,300	6,673	80.4%	0	0.0%	1,627	80.4%	2,500	69.9%	Supplies
9000 Buildings & Grounds	666,788	699,338	446,709	63.9%	207,297	29.6%	45,332	93.5%	20,000	97.1%	Supplies / Ground Service Contracts - Monitoring Emergency Repair Account
Subtotal - Reg Ed - Non-P/R	7,131,762	7,117,762	5,189,304	72.9%	1,117,193	15.7%	811,265	88.6%	226,500	72.1%	
Special Education - Non-Payroll											
8001 SPED - Admin/Central	148,261	23,261	1,664	7.2%	8,210	35.3%	13,387	42.4%	10,000	57.0%	Conference / Postage / Supplies
8002 SPED - Contracted Svcs	97,891	97,891	166,698	170.3%	116,026	118.5%	(184,833)	288.8%	(150,000)	253.2%	Specialized Evaluations
8003 SPED - Out of District	1,460,763	1,460,763	912,172	62.4%	765,329	52.4%	(216,738)	114.8%	(243,500)	116.7%	Unanticipated Outplacements
8004 SPED - Transportation	890,345	1,015,345	752,604	74.1%	591,117	58.2%	(328,376)	132.3%	(236,000)	123.2%	Unanticipated Outplacements / Driver Shortage
8005 SPED - Program Costs	28,762	28,762	70,311	244.5%	6,350	22.1%	(47,899)	266.5%	(53,000)	284.3%	STRIDES Lease / Audiological Equipment
8006 PPS - Other Programs	19,705	19,705	4,976	25.3%	12,418	63.0%	2,311	88.3%	1,000	94.9%	Supplies
Subtotal - Special Ed - Non-P/R	2,645,727	2,645,727	1,908,426	72.1%	1,499,450	56.7%	(762,149)	128.8%	(671,500)	125.4%	
TOTAL NON-PAYROLL	9,777,489	9,763,489	7,097,730	72.7%	2,616,643	26.8%	49,116	99.5%	(445,000)	104.6%	
TOTAL PAYROLL	26,515,880	26,529,880	15,221,717	57.4%	0	0.0%	11,308,163	57.4%	-	100.0%	Monitoring Substitute and Buildings/Grounds Overtime Accounts
GROSS OPERATING BUDGET	36,293,369	36,293,369	22,319,448	61.5%	2,616,643	7.2%	11,357,279	68.7%	(445,000)	101.2%	
Adjustments to Operating Budget											
Non-lapsing Account For Unanticipated Special Education Expenditures									125,000		
Excess Cost Grant for High Cost Special Education Students Above Estimate									140,000		
Subtotal - Adjustments									265,000		
NET OPERATING BUDGET	36,293,369	36,293,369	22,319,448	61.5%	2,616,643	7.2%	11,357,279	68.7%	(180,000)	100.5%	

New Fairfield Public Schools

New Course Proposal

Directions:

Before completing this form, please discuss this proposal with the appropriate administrator(s) in your school. Complete this proposal form thoroughly, and attach any supporting documentation that would help the Board of Education's Curriculum Sub-Committee understand this proposal better. Be sure that you adhere to all deadlines, and be certain to acquire all required signatures. To ensure that a course can be properly planned for, if it is intended for a coming school year, please complete it by October 31. All other proposals can be forwarded at any time of the year.

Course Being Proposed Reading for Content (Working title)

Proposal submitted by: James D'Amico, Bonny Marsicano and Julie Luby

School New Fairfield High School

1. Indicate the department/grade level in which this course/program will run.

This will be a grade 9 Reading class.

2. Please indicate if the new course or instructional program is a semester long or year long, and indicate the applicable grade levels. Please indicate the course level if applicable.

This is a year-long course that will meet for 1/2 of a block, awarding 1/2 credit for the full year.

3. Please give the rationale for this proposal, and include its relationship to the past, current and future development of curricular offerings in New Fairfield.

The purpose of this course is to provide a regular education intervention for students who are entering 9th grade as non-proficient readers.

4. Please indicate the target population for this proposal.

9th grade students who are below grade level readers whose needs are in the area of reading comprehension, and who are not receiving other support in reading.

5. Please explain if this course or instructional program is an addition or a replacement for an existing course or program.

This is a new offering, although there have been other variations of this course in the past.

6. List any prerequisites for this course or instructional program.

n/a

7. Please write a short description of the new course or instructional program that would be suitable for the high school *Program of Studies* or for a curriculum document.

This reading course will support students in further developing their skills of comprehending nonfiction text. The Grade 9 Social Studies reading materials will be used in the course, thereby providing students with the opportunity to pre-read as well as to gain a deeper understanding of course texts and content.

8. Please list the long-term course or program goals that define the broad outcomes that this course or program seeks to help students achieve.

The goal of this course will be to have students reach grade level benchmarks in reading.

9. Please indicate what topics, units, or material will be used to meet the long-term goals listed above. What assessment strategies will be used in this course or program? What are the unique components of this course or program content that make it a worthwhile addition for our students?

This course will teach specific reading comprehension strategies for nonfiction reading. The grade 9 social studies course, World History I, will be used for reading material on which students can learn and practice their reading skills. Newspaper articles about current events may also be included.

10. Please enumerate the resources – both human and financial – that you anticipate will be needed to develop this course or program correctly. What impact would this proposal have on scheduling, staffing, and resources? Consider training, equipment and space needs.

