

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**  
**School Start Time Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting**

Name of Subcommittee: School Start Time Ad Hoc      Meeting type: Regular  
Date of Meeting: 9/5/19      Place of Meeting: NF Community Room  
Members present: Rick Regan, Ed Sbordone  
Member absent: Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone  
Other attendees: Pat Cosentino, Rich Sanzo, Christine Baldelli, James D'Amico, Kimberly LaTourette, Kim Tobey  
Minutes submitted by: Rick Regan

The meeting was called to order by Rick Regan at 6:30 p.m.  
Kimberly LaTourette was elevated to voting status.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. May 2, 2019 – Regular

**Motion:** To approve minutes of the May 2, 2019, meeting as presented

Made by: Rick Regan

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**III. ACTION ITEMS - none**

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. High School Student Start Time Presentation - High School Teacher Kim Tobey briefed the committee on a class activity she held in June. A student developed a presentation making the case for delaying start times and presented it to fellow students. After the presentation, the class broke into groups to discuss the proposal. Feedback was mostly positive. Any concerns brought up about implementation were issues that the start time committee has already discussed or plans to discuss.

B. Future of This Committee - The committee discussed what its role would be should the referendum for the new high school building either pass or fail. If it passes, it was decided the committee will not need to start meeting again until the spring of 2022, which would be approximately 18 months before the new high school is scheduled to open. (This assumes that the current proposal -- starting the high school no later than 8AM -- is the one still to be considered.) This was deemed enough time to work through the bus schedule for the 2023-2024 budget, to work out common scheduling between the high school and middle school, and to work on the other items previously identified by the committee. If the referendum fails, the committee will continue its work without interruption. Its highest priority will be to discuss a reconfigured high school/middle school parking lot which could accommodate the combined traffic of the two schools, and where a new parking lot should fit into the priority list of renovations that the board will presumably have to pursue.

The committee decided to cancel the October 3 meeting and wait to decide the fate of the 11/6 and 12/5 meetings after the referendum. As an ad hoc committee, it is due to automatically dissolve after the election; the new board must reinstate it if applicable.

**V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - none**

**VI. OTHER - none**

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Ed Sbordone

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 6:48 p.m.