

**NEW CANAAN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING – BOE WORKSHOP  
CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
December 6, 2019  
1:30 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair, Ms. Parkhill, called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM.

Attendance:

|         | Carlson | Gardiner | Hayes | Naughton  | Parkhill | Rashin | Reeves | Richardson | West |
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| Present | √       |          | √     | √ (phone) | √        |        |        |            | √    |
| Absent  |         | √        |       |           |          | √      | √      | √          |      |

**II. BOE Workshop**

**School Start and End Times Discussion**

**BOE, Cabinet, Transportation Coordinator  
Roy Walder, Athletic Director Jay Egan**

The discussion of a new school start time prototype, with all three elementary schools (East, South, and West) starting at 7:45 a.m., Saxe Middle School 7/8 and NCHS starting at 8:30 a.m., and Saxe Middle School 5/7 starting at 9:15 a.m., centered around its school bus schedule pick-up and drop-off times.

Transportation Coordinator Roy Walder presented a draft summary that detailed arrival and unloading times and departure and last student home times of all the bus trips in this three-tier schedule, noting that a total of 41 buses (eight more than the district now employs) would be needed to fulfill this prototype. He also noted the draft summary he presented did not include as estimated 300 kindergarten students who have not yet been registered.

Athletic Director Jay Egan voiced concerns that 2:30 p.m. traffic patterns are less congested than 3:30 p.m. for travelling to sports events.

The BOE discussed pros and cons for this prototype, and it was agreed that next steps include having the district’s budget managers consider this newest scenario at Monday’s BOE Budget Workshop, offering their considerations. When the Superintendent’s Budget comes forward in January, the Board will be asked if they would like it to include budgeting a scenario for revised school start and end times, and if so, would this be the scenario, seen in the context of the entire budget. It was also noted that parent feedback to this latest start time scenario is necessary.

The meeting come to a close at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Horyczun  
Director of Communications