

**NEW CANAAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
NEW CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL ~WAGNER ROOM
January 13, 2020 - DRAFT
7:00 P.M.**

I. Call to Order

Chair, Ms. Parkhill, called the meeting to order at 7:11PM.

Attendance:

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Present	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Absent									

II. Public Hearing Procedure

1. Anyone wishing to speak shall sign up at the table in the Wagner Room
2. Speakers will be called in the order they signed up
3. Each speaker will state his/her name and address
4. Each speaker will have an opportunity to speak on the subject and will be limited to a maximum of two minutes
5. The public hearing will be adjourned after all who wish to speak have been heard, or at the close of 60 minutes, whichever comes first

III. Public Hearing: School Start Times (60 minutes)

Members of the public spoke to the Board regarding the possibility of a school start time change. Proponents of the change felt that a later start time for students in grades 7 – 12 would help their mental health and well-being. It is in line with current medical research on sleep for adolescents. They spoke about how tired their students are in the morning and that many times they miss breakfast and are not awake for their morning classes. Opponents of the change expressed worry about sleep time for elementary school children, a reduction in family time for parents who commute and wanted to see a proposal that would benefit all students. They felt that the change may have unintended consequences to before and after school care for their children and would negatively affect extra help, clubs and athletics.

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Carlson moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM, seconded by Mr. Hayes.

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Yes	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√
No									
Abstain									

**Respectfully Submitted,
Ms. Jennifer Richardson**