

NEWINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 11, 2019 – Informational Meeting

Presentations of Awards/Proclamations

There were no awards or proclamations.

Other Business Information Items

Dr. Brummett highlighted the activities taking place during the summer months, convocation and opening day activities throughout the district.

An annual report listing of the gifts under \$500 donated during the 2018-2019 school year was presented.

Dr. Brummett notified the Board that she moved forward with the hiring of two additional elementary social work positions at the start of this school year.

Mr. Shulman, Board Chairperson, presented an overview of future agenda items for the 2019-2020 year by month highlighting the necessary work of the full Board.

Mr. Shulman presented the schedule for Board of Education members to attend PTA/PTO/PAC meetings for the 2019-2020 school year.

At the request of the High School Administration, the Board of Education discussed changing the dates of the high school parent-teacher conferences from March 18 and 20, 2020 **to March 25 and 26, 2020**. The 2020 SAT School Day, a state required assessment of all grade 11 students, has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2020. This change will allow all grade 11 students an optimal testing environment and minimize the impact on instructional time since only grade 11 students attend school on the SAT School Day. The Board will take action on this item at the September 25th meeting.

Due to new legislation that is effective July 1, 2019, Dr. Brummett requested that the Board of Education approve Friday, June 12, 2020 as a firm graduation date for students in grade 12 for the graduating class of 2020 at Newington High School. The legislation does not require students graduating at such ceremonies to attend any regular school sessions scheduled after such graduation date. The Board will take action on this item at the September 25th meeting.

Dr. Brummett presented the 2020-2021 budget guidelines including the objectives, strategies and parameters which were reviewed and adjusted at Strategic Planning to meet the current needs of our school system and students. The major objectives are:

- Every student graduates college and/or career, and citizenship ready.
- The district can adapt to internal and external influences efficiently and effectively.
- Students and staff members feel safe, supported and respected.
- The district commits to investing in infrastructure that support 21st Century Learning.

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