

NEWINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 10, 2019 – Regular Meeting

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Presentations of Awards/Proclamations

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Vice-Chairperson Emily Guion presented a resolution to Newington School Cafeteria Staff proclaiming October 10, 2019 as Newington Schools' Cafeteria Staff Day. Board members expressed appreciation to the cafeteria staff for their dedication and conscientious performance when serving school lunches. Board members thanked the Cafeteria staff for providing nutritious meals.

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Vice-Chairperson Emily Guion presented a resolution to Newington School Bus Drivers proclaiming, October 10, 2019 as Newington School Bus Drivers' Day. Board members expressed appreciation to the school bus drivers for their dedication and conscientious performance when driving students to and from school and to special activities. Board members thanked the bus drivers for taking the care they do with the children in Newington.

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Superintendent Maureen Brummett presented the Everyday Hero award to the John Wallace Counseling Department (nominated by Ann Dickenson and Lauren Close) to Erin McConnell, Roseanne Briendl, Gina Schmidt, Dana Kavarsky, Christine Elsa and Lisa DiVirgilio. This program acknowledges any staff member, teacher, administrator, support staff, or student that has had a positive impact on Newington Public Schools.

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Consent Agenda

The following minutes were approved:

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Old Business

None.

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Standing Committee Information Items

Dr. Braverman indicated the Student Policy Committee met and discussed revisions to existing board policies. These policies will be presented to the full board in November.

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Mrs. Guion indicated the Curriculum Committee met where recommended changes to graduation requirements based on information from the state were provided.

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Other Business Information Items

A copy of the textbook “Building Citizenship: Civics & Economic” was presented to the Board. The Board will take action on adoption of this book at the November 12th board meeting.

Dr. Brummett provided an update to the Board regarding moving toward the goal of providing pre-school to all 4-year old children by opening two additional classrooms in the fall of 2020. The preschool program expansion is proposed to provide half-day sessions that would run 2.5 hours per day for 3 and 4 year old students. The program would service up to 15 students per session for a potential of up to 30 students per year for each classroom.

Dr. Brummett provided an update of upcoming field trips for grade 8 students at John Wallace Middle School and Martin Kellogg Middle School.

The Board of Education directed the Superintendent of Schools to inform the Town that the Health Benefit Credit in the amount of \$749,547 will be utilized to reduce required contributions for health benefits for the 2019-2020 fiscal-year. No action regarding the reallocation of funds from the Employee Benefits Account 2950 was authorized at this time.

Superintendent of Schools' Monthly Report

Dr. Brummett presented the monthly Superintendent's Report and provided an update on other programs that are in progress around the district.