

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NEWINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NEWINGTON, CT 06111**

Newington Town Hall  
Helen W. Nelson Meeting Room  
Thursday, October 10, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Chairperson Joshua Shulman, Michael Branda,  
Dr. Sharon Braverman, Danielle Drozd, Emily Guion,  
Cindy Stamm, Robert Tofeldt, Paul Vessella

ABSENT: Steven Silvia

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Maureen Brummett, Lou Jachimowicz, Wendy Crouse

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Logan Dumas, Lindsay Forauer

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Joshua Shulman called the Meeting of the Newington Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

1. Presentation - Resolution Honoring School Cafeteria Staff
2. Presentation - Resolution Honoring School Bus Drivers
3. Presentation – Everyday Hero

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – September 25, 2019

MOTION: Sharon Braverman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed 7-0 with 1 abstained.

E. Old Business

F. New Business

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## Standing Committee Information Items

Report – Finance Committee

Report – Facilities Committee

Report – Student Policy Committee (September 25, 2019, October 7, 2019)

Report – Curriculum Committee (September 11, 2019)

Report – Executive Committee

Report – Hearing Committee

Report – Student Representatives

1. Discussion – Textbook for Approval
2. Discussion – Board Policies – Discussion tabled until next meeting.
3. Update – Preschool Program Expansion (AM/PM)
4. Update – Grade 8 Trip
5. Discussion/Action – Health Benefit Fund

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Board of Education direct 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 is authorized at this time. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## G. Superintendent of Schools' Report

Board member Robert Tofeldt left the meeting at 8:17 p.m. and returned at 8:21 p.m.

## H. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

## I. Remarks by Board Member

## J. Adjournment

MOTION: Danielle Drozd moved to adjourn. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sharon Braverman, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Patty Foley  
51 Crown Ridge

Ms. Foley wanted to let the Board know that she believed the Board telephone and hand held microphone were not working.