

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

Newington Town Hall
Helen W. Nelson Meeting Room
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

PRESENT: Chairperson Paul Vessella, Michael Branda, Dr. Bruce Fletcher,
Emily Guion, Beth Manke Hutvagner, Steven Silvia, Cindy Stamm,
Jessica Weaver

ABSENT: Robert Tofeldt

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Logan Dumas, Lindsay Forauer

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Paul Vessella called the Regular Session of the Newington Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

- Presentation – Everyday Hero – Anna Reynolds
- Presentation – Team Conference Chaps (Boys' Cross-Country, Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball)

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2019 – Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2019 – Organizational Meeting

MOTION: Steven Silvia moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Emily Guion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Superintendent of Schools' Report

F. New Business

Report – Standing Committee Information Items

- Student Policy Committee
- Executive/Finance Committee
- Facilities Committee (November 26, 2019)
- Curriculum Committee
- Student Representatives

1. Report – Staff Allocation for 2019-2020

Board member Michael Branda left the meeting at 8:55 p.m. and returned at 8:58 p.m.

2. Discussion – Board Committee Assignments
3. Discussion/Action – Possible Calendar Change – September Conferences

MOTION: Michael Branda moved the Newington Board of Education amend the 2020-2021 school calendar and all calendars going forward by eliminating the Elementary and Middle School September conferences. Cindy Stamm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion/Action – Possible Calendar Change – April 28, 2020 (Primary Elections)

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education adjust the 2019-2020 school calendar by making April 28, 2020 a Professional Development day for staff and a non-school day for students and making May 22, 2020 an early release day (orange schedule) for staff and students. Jessica Weaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion – Board Policies

Lou Jachimowicz left the meeting at 9:25 p.m. and returned at 9:28 p.m.

6. Discussion/Action – Establish Dates for review of Superintendent’s Proposed 2020-2021 Budget

MOTION: Jessica Weaver moved the Board of Education officially establish dates to review the Superintendent’s estimates for the 2020-2021 school budget to include February 5, 2020, February 11, 2020, February 12, 2020, February 19, 2020 and February 26, 2020 as outlined in the memo from the Superintendent of Schools. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed 7-1.

7. Update – Veteran’s Day
8. Action – Textbooks Approval

MOTION: Steven Silvia moved the Board of Education approve textbook: *Building Citizenship: Civics & Economics* as recommended. Bruce Fletcher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Action – Capital Improvement Projects

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education approve the Capital Improvement Projects for 2020-2025 to be funded through the Public School Capital Improvement Project Reserve Fund. Beth Manke Hutvagner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Action – Budget Transfers

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education approve the reallocation of funds from one program line item to another as proposed by the Superintendent of Schools. Jessica Weaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Action – Adopt Board Priorities 2019-2021

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education approve the Board Priorities for 2019-2021 provided by Dr. Brummett. Beth Manke Hutvagner seconded. The motion failed unanimously.

12. Action – Required 403(b) Plan Amendment

MOTION: Emily Guion moved that the Newington Board of Education approve the required hardship and Eligibility Amendments to the Newington Board of Education 403(b) Retirement Plan as outlined by the 3rd Party Administrator of the plan, U.S. OMNI. Bruce Fletcher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Action – Cancel January 15, 2020 Board Meeting

MOTION: Beth Manke Hutvagner moved the Board of Education cancel the Board of Education meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Emily Guion seconded. The motion failed 1-7.

G. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

H. Remarks by Board Members

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Michael Branda moved to adjourn. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Town Council Member John Donahue
28 Maple Hill Avenue

Mr. Donahue congratulated all the Board members on their election to the Board. He is looking forward to working together on the budget.