

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

Newington Town Hall
Helen W. Nelson Meeting Room
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
7:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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

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 – Magie Alves – Anna Reynolds

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

D. Standing Committee Information Items

1. Report – Finance Committee (January 13, 2020)
2. Report – Facilities Committee
3. Report – Student Policy Committee
4. Report – Curriculum Committee
5. Report – Executive Committee
6. Report – Student Representatives

E. Other Business Information Items

1. Update – Transportation Department
2. Discussion – Board Priorities 2019-2021
3. Discussion – Revision Policy #0200 – School District Goals and Objectives
4. Discussion – Revision Policy #3010 – Business/Non-Instructional – Goals & Objective

5. Discussion – Revision Policy #3171.1 – Non-Lapsing Education Fund
6. Discussion – Revision Appendix #3171.1 – Memorandum of Agreement – Non-Lapsing Account
7. Discussion – Revision Policy #3516 – Safe and Secure School Facilities, Equipment & Grounds
8. Discussion – Revision Policy #4119 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified – Staff Conduct
9. Discussion – Revision Policy #4131 – Professional Learning/Development

There were also discussions on three different policy revisions not on the agenda. The first one discussed was regarding students bringing to school sunscreen and applying it at school. The next policy revision was changes to the wording for Homeless Students to include unaccompanied youths. The last policy revision discussed was regarding security check and fingerprinting.

Wendy Crouse left the meeting at 8:51 p.m. and returned at 8:55 p.m.

10. Discussion – Education Specifications for Anna Reynolds School

MOTION: Steven Silvia moved the Newington Board of Education suspend the rules to amend the agenda to add Action to the discussion of the Education Specifications for Anna Reynolds School. Cindy Stamm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education discuss and vote on moving the Education Specifications for Anna Reynolds School to the Town Council. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Bruce Fletcher moved the Newington Board of Education accept and move the Education Specifications for Anna Reynolds School as written to the Town Council. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

G. Remarks by Board Members

Board member Robert Tofeldt left the meeting at 9:12 p.m. and returned at 9:15 p.m.

H. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rose Lyons (via telephone)
46 Elton Drive

Mrs. Lyons was happy to hear the transportation report. She appreciates that we have local bus drivers.

She would also like an explanation as to what happened at the meeting regarding the Education Specifications for Anna Reynolds School vote.