

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

Newington Town Hall
Helen Nelson Meeting Room
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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

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

A. Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

B. Presentations of Awards/Proclamations

Everyday Hero – Allison Rezendes and Wayne Corriveau – Martin Kellogg

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – January 29, 2020 – Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes – January 29, 2020 – Special Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2020 – Special Meeting
4. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2020 – Budget Work Session
5. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2020 – Regular Meeting
6. Approval of Minutes – February 20, 2020 – Special Meeting

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

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E. Superintendent of Schools' Report

Presentation – School Climate and Restorative Practices at John Wallace Middle School

Lou Jachimowicz left the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and returned at 7:39 p.m.

F. New Business

Board Member Cindy Stamm joined the meeting via telephone at 7:47 p.m.

1. Report – Health Benefits Fund Performance Fiscal 2019-2020
2. Discussion/Adjustments/Transmittal of 2020-2021 Board of Education Budget to Town Manager

MOTION: Bruce Fletcher moved the Board of Education transmit the 2020-2021 budget to the Town Manager in the amount of \$77,355,846.00 which represents an increase of 3.46%. Beth Manke Hutvagner seconded.

Roll Call Vote

Michael Branda voted yes

Dr. Bruce Fletcher voted yes

Emily Guion voted yes

Beth Manke Hutvagner voted yes

Steven Silvia voted no

Cindy Stamm voted yes

Robert Tofeldt voted yes

Paul Vessella voted yes

Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed 8-1.

Board Member Cindy Stamm left the meeting at 8:25 p.m. after the vote.

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3. Action – PSCIP Transfer Request

MOTION: Michael Branda moved that the Board of Education request that the Newington Town Council take action to approve the following transfer within the Public School CIP Fund to allow for the purchase of necessary FF&E items for Board of Education offices at Newington Town Hall. Move \$700,000 from the Undesignated Reserve line item to the Town Hall FF&E line item (31193-88050) within the Public School CIP Fund. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed 7-1.

MOTION: Robert Tofeldt moved that the Board of Education cancel the scheduled February 27, 2020 Special Meeting. Bruce Fletcher seconded. The motion passed 7-1.

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 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dana Havens
113 Stoddard Avenue
(via phone call)

Mrs. Havens feels off-site storage should be looked into for Board of Education files.

She would also like to know how insurance money for Chromebooks is used. Could that money go towards the purchase of new Chromebooks?