

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

Newington Town Hall
Helen W. Nelson Meeting Room
Wednesday, March 11, 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,
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. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

- Board Appreciation Month Recognition
- Presentation – Everyday Hero – Kim DePaolis, Lisa Abrams – John Paterson School
- Staples Donation – Arthur DeSisto, Manager
- CABE Communications Award Presentation

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 26, 2020

MOTION: Steven Silvia moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Dr. Bruce Fletcher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Superintendent of Schools' Report

- Presentation – Ruth Chaffee Team
- Presentation – Newington High School Team

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Stephen Foresi left the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and returned at 7:47 p.m.

F. New Business

Standing Committee Information Items

- Report – Student Policy Committee
- Report – Finance Committee (February 18, 2020)
- Report – Facilities Committee
- Report – Curriculum Committee (February 12, 2020)
- Report – Student Representatives

1. Report – Enrollment Projections 2020-2021

Board member Robert Tofeldt left the meeting at 8:39 p.m. and returned at 8:41 p.m.

2. Action – Resolution Honoring School Secretaries

MOTION: Dr. Bruce Fletcher moved the Board of Education proclaim Wednesday, April 22, 2020 as Newington Professional Secretaries' Day to honor the school and central office secretaries' commitment to the students of the Newington Public Schools. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Action – Resolution Honoring Teachers

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education proclaim May 5, 2020 as Newington Teacher Appreciation Day to honor Newington teachers for their commitment to the children of Newington. Jessica Weaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Action – Resolution Honoring Paraeducators

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education proclaim May 5, 2020 as Newington Paraeducator Appreciation Day to honor Newington paraeducators for their commitment to the children of Newington. Cindy Stamm seconded. The motion passed 8 – 1.

5. Action – Resolution Honoring School Nurses

MOTION: Michael Branda moved the Board of Education proclaim Wednesday, May 6, 2020 as School Nurses' Day to honor Newington nurses for their commitment to the health and well-being of our school age children. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Action – Cancel March 25, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: Robert Tofeldt moved the Board of Education cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Jessica Weaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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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 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Claudia Wilson, Student Council President
Martin Kellogg Middle School

On behalf of Martin Kellogg Middle School staff and students, Miss Wilson thanked the Board for all their hard work. She noted that all their time was voluntary making all their work special.

Alyssa Dugas, Student Council President
John Wallace Middle School

On behalf of John Wallace Middle School staff and students, Miss Dugas wanted to let the Board know how much they were appreciated.

Leigh Grande
79 Tremont Street

As a past student, Newington resident and parent, she wanted to express thanks to the Board. She also had high praise for the outstanding educators in Newington. She feels the personal relationships teachers make with students says so much about the staff.