

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

Newington Town Hall  
Virtual  
Wednesday, April 8, 2020  
11:00 a.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

ABSENT: Michael Branda, Beth Manke Hutvagner

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

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Paul Vessella called the Meeting of the Newington Board of Education to order at 11:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

D. Standing Committee Information Items

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

E. Other Business Information Items

1. Update - Grading and Earning Credits During Distance Learning

Board member Robert Tofeldt left the meeting at 11:16 a.m. and returned at 11:21 a.m.

2. Discussion – Revisions to Policy 6172.6 - Interactive Distance/Online Learning

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3. Discussion – Revisions to Policy 6146 - Graduation Requirements
4. Discussion – PSCIP 2020-21 Project Appropriation Request
5. Discussion/Possible Action - RFP Process

Board member Robert Tofeldt left the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and returned at 12:14 p.m.

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education authorize the hiring of Colliers as Owner’s Project Representative for the development of the Anna Reynolds “Renovate as New” grant application. In addition, the Newington Board of Education authorizes an encumbrance of \$45,000 from the BOE Operating Budget for Colliers fees for this work plus related professional services, if needed. Dr. Bruce Fletcher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Bruce Fletcher voted yes  
Emily Guion voted yes  
Steven Silvia voted yes  
Cindy Stamm voted yes  
Robert Tofeldt voted yes  
Paul Vessella voted yes  
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Action - Health Benefit Fund Performance

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education direct the Superintendent of Schools to notify the Town in writing no later than April 8th of the Board’s intent **to reduce** planned contributions to the HBF over the remainder of the current fiscal year by **\$0**, and that any credit that is ultimately realized from the September 30th “settlement” calculation be utilized to reduce HBF contributions for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This settlement credit will be used in full, if possible, commencing with the HBF contributions due for October. Any residual credit will be fully used in the succeeding month until exhausted. Cindy Stamm seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Bruce Fletcher voted yes  
Emily Guion voted yes  
Steven Silvia voted yes  
Cindy Stamm voted yes  
Robert Tofeldt voted yes  
Paul Vessella voted yes  
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed unanimously.

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G. Remarks by Board Members

H. Adjournment

MOTION: Dr. Bruce Fletcher moved to adjourn. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None