

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

Newington Town Hall
Helen Nelson Meeting Room
Wednesday, April 22, 2020 (Virtual)
7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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, Kristen Freeman

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Paul Vessella called the Regular Session of the Newington Board of Education to order at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

- Resolution Honoring Newington Professional Secretaries

Board member Steven Silvia joined the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

- Resolution Honoring Newington Teachers
- Resolution Honoring Newington Paraeducators
- Resolution Honoring Newington School Nurses

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 11, 2020
2. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 8, 2020

MOTION: Michael Branda moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Jessica Weaver seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Superintendent of Schools' Report

F. New Business

1. Update – Anna Reynolds School

Kristen Freeman left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

2. Action – Resolutions Honoring 2020 Valedictorian and Co-Salutatorians

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Board of Education proclaim Fiona Duong as Valedictorian for the Newington High School Graduating Class of 2020 and Hannah Siegel and Lyla White as Co-Salutatorians for the Newington High School Graduating Class of 2020.
Michael Branda 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 yes
Cindy Stamm voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Action – Revisions to Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy #6146 – Graduation Requirements as recommended. Jessica Weaver 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 yes
Cindy Stamm voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Action – Revisions to Policy 6172.6 – Interactive Distance/Online Learning

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy #6172.6 – Interactive Distance/Online Learning as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote

Michael Branda voted yes
Dr. Bruce Fletcher voted yes
Emily Guion voted yes
Beth Manke Hutvagner voted yes
Steven Silvia voted yes
Cindy Stamm voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion – 2020-2021 Budget

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 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kathy Weaver
494 Main Street

Mrs. Weaver, a parent of a senior at Newington High School, thanked Dr. Brummett, the Board and faculty for all their support during this time.

She is in favor of a delayed graduation with cap and gown for the 2020 students when safe and appropriate. She feels a virtual graduation is not appropriately honoring the already short-changed students.