

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

Newington Town Hall
Helen W. Nelson Meeting Room
Wednesday, May 27, 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, Robert Tofeldt, Jessica Weaver

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

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Paul Vessella called the Regular Meeting of the Newington Board of Education to order at 7:03 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: Here
Paul Vessella: Here
Jessica Weaver: Here

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved the Newington Board of Education to amend the agenda for F. New Business Item 1. Presentation - Colliers International RE: Anna Reynolds to include revised Educational Specifications. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board member Steven Silvia joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamation

1. Appreciation – NCTV – Channel 14/16

2. CAFE Student Leadership Awards
3. Recognition – Valedictorian and Co-Salutatorians
4. Presentation to Human Services Department - NTA

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 22, 2020
2. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 13, 2020

MOTION: Steven Silvia moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Beth Manke Hutvagner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Superintendent of Schools’ Report

- Presentation - Dana Markovics, Director of Foods & Nutrition Services

F. New Business

1. Presentation - Colliers International RE: Anna Reynolds Revised Education Specifications
2. Report – Professional Learning
3. Report – Computer Purchase Program
4. Action - Healthy Food Certification

Board member Emily Guion left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION: Dr. Bruce Fletcher moved the Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of time July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. This certification shall include all food sold to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary arts and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored. Beth Manke Hutvagner seconded.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

MOTION: Dr. Bruce Fletcher moved the Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the

following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. Robert Tofeldt seconded.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

5. Action – Textbooks for Adoption

MOTION: Steven Silvia moved the Board of Education approve the following textbooks: *Introduction to Mass Communications: Media Literacy and Culture*; *United States History & Geography: Modern Times*; and *World History and Geography, Modern Times*. Jessica Weaver seconded.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

6. Discussion/Possible Action – Meeting Cancellation

MOTION: Dr. Bruce Fletcher moved the Board of Education cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Robert Tofeldt seconded.

Michael Branda voted no
Dr. Bruce Fletcher voted no
Beth Manke Hutvagner voted no
Steven Silvia abstained
Cindy Stamm voted no
Robert Tofeldt voted no
Paul Vessella voted no
Jessica Weaver voted no

Motion failed 7-0; 1 abstained

7. Discussion/Possible Action – Non-Lapsing Fund - MOU

MOTION: Steven Silvia moved the Newington Board of Education enter into this one time MOU with Town regarding the Non-Lapsing account as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Bruce Fletcher seconded.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

8. Action – Budget Adjustments

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved the Board of Education budget for 2020-2021 be reduced by \$587,835. Dr. Bruce Fletcher seconded.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

9. Report - Facilities Committee

G. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

H. Remarks by Board Members

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Michael Branda moved to adjourn. Dr. Bruce Fletcher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None