

# **NEWINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **May 27, 2020 - Regular Meeting**

### **Presentations of Awards/Proclamations**

The Board recognized NCTV for the support provided during this past year in communicating various school activities and televising Board of Education meetings to the public. The Board presented a small donation to the organization to support the efforts in the future.

The Board recognized the following students for being recognized by the Connecticut Association of Board of Education (CABE) with a Student Leadership Award.

- Connor Such - John Wallace Middle School
- Alyssa Dugas - John Wallace Middle School
- Claudia Wilson - Martin Kellogg Middle School
- Logan Dumas - Newington High School
- Damilola Killanin - Newington High School

The Board commended and congratulated Fiona Duong for being named Valedictorian for the Newington High School Class of 2020, ranking number one in a highly competitive class.

The Board commended and congratulated Lyla White and Hannah Siegel for being named Co-Salutatorians for the Newington High School Class of 2020, ranking number two in a highly competitive class.

### **Consent Agenda**

The following minutes were approved:

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

### **New Business**

Colliers International has been retained by the Board of Education to provide Owner's Project Representative Services for the Anna Reynolds Elementary School Project. On Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Mr. Charles Warrington, Director of Project Management Services, provided detailed revised Education Specifications for Anna Reynolds.

Stephen Foresi, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented the annual report on professional learning. The purpose of the Newington Public Schools Professional Learning Program is to improve student achievement through continual professional growth for all staff by providing opportunities that align with district, school and personal learning needs, promote collaboration, improve teaching and learning, and facilitate systemic reform and change. Professional growth enhances teaching and learning skills and develops understanding of local, state and national standards.

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Dr. Brummett presented a report on the employee computer purchase program highlighting the staff participation in past years. There is no cost to the Board to support this program. It does have an impact on increasing technology opportunities in the school district. This program will continue in the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board of Education certified 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.

The Board of Education approved 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.

The Board of Education approved the following textbooks: Introduction to Mass Communications: Media Literacy and Culture; United States History & Geography: Modern Times; and World History and Geography, Modern Times.

The Newington Board of Education entered into this one time MOU with Town regarding the Non-Lapsing account as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The Board of Education approved the budget for 2020-2021 be reduced by \$587,835.