

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

Newington Town Hall
Helen W. Nelson Meeting Room
Monday, June 8, 2020 (Virtual)
7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL 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 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Michael Branda: Here

Dr. Bruce Fletcher: Here

Emily Guion: Here (Joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.)

Beth Manke Hutvagner: Here

Steven Silvia: Here (Joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.)

Cindy Stamm: Here

Robert Tofeldt: Here

Paul Vessella: Here

Jessica Weaver: Here

B. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

C. New Business

1. Action - Revised Education Specifications for Anna Reynolds Project

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revised Education Specifications for the Anna Reynolds Elementary School Project as recommended. Jessica Weaver seconded.

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
Robert Tofeldt voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

Motion passed 9-0

2. Action - Transfer of funds 2019-2020

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Newington Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make the needed budget transfers which will reflect an unencumbered balance of zero which may include up to 1% of unencumbered funds that will be directed to the Non lapsing Fund at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Cindy Stamm seconded.

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

Motion passed 8-1

3. Discussion/Possible Action - Agreement Between the board of Education of the Town of Newington and Local 818-64 of Council No. 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Non-Instructional Administrators)

MOTION: Emily Guion moved to approve the Agreement Between the Board of Education of the Town of Newington and the Local 818-64 of Council No. 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Non-Instructional Administrators); Initial Collective Bargaining Agreement Effective Upon Signing and Continuing through June 30, 2022. Dr. Bruce Fletcher seconded.

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
Robert Tofeldt voted yes

Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

Motion passed 9-0

4. Action - Bid Waiver Energy Efficiency Rebates (Eversource & CNG)

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved that the Newington Board of Education approve a bid waiver for the proposed LED lighting upgrade project at Newington High School, Martin Kellogg Middle School, and John Paterson Elementary School and pass this request on to the Newington Town Council for consideration. Emily Guion seconded.

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
Robert Tofeldt voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

Motion passed 9-0

5. Action – Cancellation of June 10, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Beth Manke Hutvagner seconded.

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

Motion passed 8-1

6. Update to the Board on Reopen Task Force

D. Executive Session - Discussion Concerning the Evaluation and Contract of the Superintendent of Schools

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Superintendent of Schools' evaluation and contract. Emily Guion seconded.

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
Robert Tofeldt voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

Motion passed 9-0

The Executive Session was called to order at 8:17 p.m.

MOTION: Robert Tofeldt moved to return to the Regular Session of the Special Meeting. Beth Manke Hutvagner seconded.

The Regular Session was called to order at 8:46 p.m.

7. Possible Motion:

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education extend the contract for Dr. Maureen L. Brummett as Superintendent of Schools for one year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023 in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-157. Robert Tofeldt seconded.

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
Robert Tofeldt voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

Motion passed 9-0

E. Public Participation

F. Remarks by Board Members

G. Adjournment

MOTION: Michael Branda moved to adjourn. Emily Guion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None