

NEWINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 16, 2020 – Informational Meeting

Presentations of Awards/Proclamations

There were no awards or proclamations.

Other Business Information Items

Dr. Brummett highlighted the activities taking place during the summer months, convocation and opening day activities throughout the district. Dr. Brummett presented enrollment information.

An annual report listing of the gifts under \$500 donated during the 2019-2020 school year was presented.

Mr. Vessella, Board Chairperson, presented an overview of future agenda items for the 2020-2021 year by month highlighting the necessary work of the full Board.

Mr. Vessella presented the schedule for Board of Education members to attend PTA/PTO/PAC meetings for the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Brummett presented the 2021-2022 budget guidelines including the various recommendations from Board members over the past six months. The Superintendent highlighted staff recruitment/retention, class sizes, curriculum needs, technology, facilities, and support for learning students need in order to be competitive in future years.

Dr. Brummett indicated she will convene a committee to study possible alternatives to the Newington High Indians Mascot.

Mr. Stephen Foresi, Assistant Superintendent, presented an update on the Child Care Program. This program serves to support Newington Public School staff members with an in-district option for the daily care of a staff member's child while he/she is at work. Five program locations are offered to our employees based on hours of work, enrollment and convenience. The five locations include: Anna Reynolds, John Paterson, John Wallace, Martin Kellogg and Newington High School. Each location is staffed with at least one Child Care Tutor.

Mr. Christopher Meyers, Athletic Director, provided an update on fall sports.

An update was provided to the Board members regarding an NTA MOU. This NTA MOU is regarding remote work due to school closures, hybrid work week models, and/or other such work arrangements related to COVID-19 working conditions for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 work year only.

An update will be provided to the Board members regarding an AFSCME MOU. This AFSCME MOU addresses adjustments in working hours for one evening custodian in each elementary and middle school from 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm to 11:00 am – 7:00 pm while the district remains in the Hybrid Model of schooling. In addition, this MOU addresses extra work for bus drivers while in the Hybrid Model of schooling. This is related to COVID-19.

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