

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

Newington Town Hall  
Virtual  
Wednesday, September 30, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Chairperson Paul Vessella, Michael Branda, Emily Guion, Beth Manke Hutvagner,  
Steven Silvia, Cindy Stamm, Robert Tofeldt, Jessica Weaver

ABSENT: Dr. Bruce Fletcher

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 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

- Youth Services Award - Newington Chamber of Commerce
- Everyday Hero - Kim Luiz
- Superintendent's Everyday Hero - Richard Klett

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

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## **D. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 27, 2020
2. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting – July 22, 2020
3. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting – August 19, 2020
4. Approval of Minutes – Informational Meeting – September 16, 2020

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

Roll Call

Michael Branda 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

The motion passed unanimously.

## **E. Superintendent of Schools' Report**

- Discussion on Changing Mascot
- Current Reopen Plan

## **F. New Business**

1. Action – Budget 2021-2022 Guidelines

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Board of Education approve the budget guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year as reviewed on September 16, 2020. Emily Guion seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda 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

The motion passed unanimously.

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### **2. Action – Resolution Honoring Cafeteria Workers (October 14, 2020)**

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education approve a resolution honoring school cafeteria workers and proclaiming October 14, 2020 as School Cafeteria Workers' Day. Jessica Weaver seconded.

#### **Roll Call**

Michael Branda 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

The motion passed 7-1.

### **3. Action – Resolution Honoring School Bus Drivers (October 14, 2020)**

MOTION: Robert Tofeldt moved the Board of Education approve the resolution honoring school bus drivers and proclaiming Wednesday, October 14, 2020 as School Bus Drivers' Day. Emily Guion seconded.

#### **Roll Call**

Michael Branda 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 was unable to vote due to frozen screen

The motion passed 7-0.

### **4. Action – Resolution Honoring School Custodians and Maintenance Workers (November 11, 2020)**

MOTION: Robert Tofeldt moved the Board of Education approve the resolution honoring school custodians and maintenance workers and proclaiming Wednesday, November 11, 2020 as School Custodian and Maintenance Workers' Day. Emily Guion seconded.

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Roll Call

Michael Branda 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

The motion passed unanimously.

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 meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None