

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

Newington Town Hall
Virtual
Wednesday, October 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: Dr. Bruce Fletcher, Steven Silvia

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 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

1. Presentation - Resolution Honoring School Cafeteria Staff
2. Presentation - Resolution Honoring School Bus Drivers
3. Presentation - Everyday Hero

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

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D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – September 30, 2020

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. New Business

Standing Committee Information Items

- Report – Finance Committee (October 5, 2020)
- Report – Facilities Committee (October 5, 2020)
- Report – Student Policy Committee (October 7, 2020)
- Report – Curriculum Committee
- Report – Executive Committee
- Report – Hearing Committee
- Report – Student Representatives

1. Update - Bus Replacement Cycle
2. Update - School Reopen Plan

MOTION: Robert Tofeldt moved to suspend the rules for New Business items E3, E4, E5, and E6 to allow a vote to adopt these items in accordance with the Newington Board of Education bylaw 9314. Emily Guion seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda voted yes
Emily Guion voted yes
Beth Manke Hutvagner voted yes
Cindy Stamm voted yes
Robert Tofeldt voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion/Action - Series C-19, #1, Concerning Use of Face Coverings in School

MOTION: Robert Tofeldt moved the Board of Education approve the new Policy Series C-19, #1 - Policy Concerning Use of Face Coverings in School as recommended. Emily Guion seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda voted yes
Emily Guion voted yes

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Beth Manke Hutvagner voted yes
Cindy Stamm voted yes
Robert Tofeldt voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion/Action - Series C-19, #2, Policy 4115.01 - Evaluation and Support Program Flexibilities

MOTION: Beth Manke Hutvagner moved the Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy Series C-19, #2, Policy 4115.01 - Evaluation and Support Program Flexibilities as recommended. Emily Guion seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda voted yes
Emily Guion voted yes
Beth Manke Hutvagner voted yes
Cindy Stamm voted yes
Robert Tofeldt voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion/Action - Policy #4000.1 - Title IX

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy #4000.1 - Title IX as recommended. Jessica Weaver seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda voted yes
Emily Guion voted yes
Beth Manke Hutvagner voted yes
Cindy Stamm voted yes
Robert Tofeldt voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion/Action - Policy #4131 - Professional Learning/Development

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MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy #4131 - Professional Learning/Development as recommended. Cindy Stamm seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda voted yes

Emily Guion voted yes

Beth Manke Hutvagner voted yes

Cindy Stamm voted yes

Robert Tofeldt voted yes

Paul Vessella voted yes

Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed unanimously.

F. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

G. Remarks by Board Member

H. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None