

# NEWINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 11, 2020 - Regular Meeting

## Presentations of Awards/Proclamations

Presentation - Resolution Honoring Custodial & Maintenance Staff

Presentation - Everyday Hero – Jessica Bedford

## Consent Agenda

The following minutes were approved.

1. Approval of Minutes – Informational Meeting – October 14, 2020

## New Business

Mr. James Marciano, Principal of Elizabeth Green School, updated the Board on his participation in the *RULER* training at Yale. Other Elizabeth Green participants included Amy Inzero, Literacy Coach, Erin Hall, School Psychologist, Lindsey DeBellis, Grade 1 Teacher, and Jaquelyn Taylor, school social worker. The training covered the skills of emotional intelligence and the tools developed at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence to support individual growth and to improve school climate at schools. During the training, teams had time to begin developing a plan for bringing *RULER* back to their school.

Dr. Maureen Brummett, Superintendent of Schools, provided an update regarding a recent communication received from the State Board of Education on guidance for *Weather Related Closures as Remote Learning Days*. The Connecticut State Board of Education has approved for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year, Superintendents may choose to treat “snow days” as a Remote Learning Day (RLD) or a day to be made up later in the school year as we have in the past. The decision will be made at the school level led by the Superintendent in consultation with local officials.

Mr. Stephen Foresi, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented to the Board the annual educator evaluation report. Section 10-151(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes requires the Superintendent of Schools of each school district, in accordance with guidelines established by the State Board of Education, to evaluate or cause to be evaluated, the members of the district’s certified staff. This section also requires an annual status report to the Board of Education on the implementation of these procedures.

The Newington Board of Education approved the Agreement Between the Board of Education of the Town of Newington and the Newington Teachers’ Association July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 as proposed.

The Newington Board of Education directed the Superintendent of Schools to inform the Town that the Health Benefit Credit in the amount of \$1,355,547 will be utilized to reduce required contributions for health benefits for the 2020-2021 fiscal-year. No action regarding the reallocation of funds from the Employee Benefits Account 2950 is authorized at this time.

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