

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

Newington Town Hall  
Virtual  
Wednesday, November 11, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Chairperson Paul Vessella, Michael Branda, Dr. Bruce Fletcher, Emily Guion, Beth Manke Hutvagner, Steven Silvia, Robert Tofeldt, Jessica Weaver

ABSENT: Cindy Stamm

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Maureen Brummett, Lou Jachimowicz, Wendy Crouse, Stephen Foresi

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Vidhisha Thakkar, Mia Vendetti

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  
Beth Manke Hutvagner: Here  
Steven Silvia: Here  
Cindy Stamm: Absent  
Robert Tofeldt: Here  
Paul Vessella: Here  
Jessica Weaver: Here

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

1. Presentation - Resolution Honoring Custodial/Maintenance Staff
2. 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 – October 14, 2020

MOTION: Steven Silvia moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

## E. Superintendent of Schools' Report

- RULER Training (James Marciano - Elizabeth Green School)

## F. New Business

### Standing Committee Information Items

- Report – Finance Committee (November 4, 2020)
- Report – Facilities Committee (November 4, 2020)
- Report – Student Policy Committee
- Report – Curriculum Committee
- Report – Executive Committee
- Report – Hearing Committee
- Report – Student Representatives

1. Update - Weather Related Closures as Remote Learning Days
2. Report - Annual Educator Evaluation Report (Stephen Foresi)
3. Action - Newington Teachers' Association (NTA) Contract

MOTION: Jessica Weaver moved the Board of Education to approve 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. Michael Branda seconded.

### Roll Call

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

The motion passed 6-2.

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4. Action - Health Benefit Fund

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved that the Board of Education direct 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. Emily Guion seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda voted yes  
Dr. Bruce Fletcher voted yes  
Emily Guion voted yes  
Beth Manke Hutvagner voted yes  
Steven Silvia voted yes  
Robert Tofeldt voted yes  
Paul Vessella voted yes  
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed 8-0.

G. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

H. Remarks by Board Member

I. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None