

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

Newington Town Hall
Virtual
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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

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 7:02 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: Here
Robert Tofeldt: Here
Paul Vessella: Here
Jessica Weaver: Here

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

1. 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 – November 11, 2020

MOTION: Dr. Bruce Fletcher moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed 8-0, 1 abstain (Cindy Stamm).

E. Superintendent of Schools' Report

- John Wallace Middle School - School Climate/Restorative Practices

Board member Beth Manke Hutvagner left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

F. New Business

Standing Committee Information Items

- Report – Student Policy Committee
 - Report – Executive/Finance Committee
 - Report - Facilities Committee
 - Report - Curriculum Committee (November 11, 2020)
 - Report – Student Representatives
1. Report - Staff Allocation for 2020-2021 (Stephen Foresi)
 2. Discussion/Action - Establish Dates for Review of Superintendent's Proposed 2021-22 Budget

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education officially establish dates to review the Superintendent's estimates for the 2021-2022 school budget to include February 3, 2021, February 9, 2021, February 10, 2021, February 17, 2021 and February 24, 2021 as outlined in the memo from the Superintendent of Schools. Jessica Weaver seconded.

Board member Emily Guion withdrew her motion.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education officially establish dates to review the Superintendent's estimates for the 2021-2022 school budget to include February 3, 2021, February 9, 2021, February 10, 2021, February 17, 2021 and February 24, 2021 as outlined in the memo from the Superintendent of Schools except with the revision for the February 10, 2021 meeting to start at 6:00 p.m. Michael Branda seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda voted yes
Dr. Bruce Fletcher voted yes
Emily Guion voted yes

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Steven Silvia voted yes
Cindy Stamm voted yes
Robert Tofeldt voted yes
Paul Vessella voted yes
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed 8-0.

3. Discussion - Policy 1330 - Community Relations: Use of School Facilities
4. Action - Board's Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved that the Board of Education approve the Capital Improvement projects for 2021-2026 to be funded through the Public School Capital Improvement Project Reserve Fund. Emily Guion seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda voted yes
Dr. Bruce Fletcher voted yes
Emily Guion 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 8-0.

5. Action - Budget Transfers

MOTION: Emily Guion moved that the Board of Education approve the reallocation of funds from one program line item to another as proposed by the Superintendent of Schools. Cindy Stamm seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda voted yes
Dr. Bruce Fletcher voted yes
Emily Guion 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 8-0.

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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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None