

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

Newington Town Hall  
Virtual  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
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 7:00 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: Here  
Robert Tofeldt: Here  
Paul Vessella: Here  
Jessica Weaver: Here

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

1. Presentation - 2020 United Soccer Coaches Girls All American Team (Olivia Mullings)
2. Presentation - Everyday Hero (Alan Mantello)
3. Presentation - Stephanie Kapper (*In Memoriam*)

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

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## D. Standing Committee Information Items

- Report - Finance Committee
- Report - Facilities Committee
- Report - Student Policy Committee (December 16, 2020)
- Report - Curriculum Committee
- Report – Executive/Finance Committee
- Report – Student Representatives

## E. Other Business Information Items

### 1. Action - Policy 1330 - Community Relations: Use of School Facilities

MOTION: Beth Manke Hutvagner moved the Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy #1330 - Community Relations: Use of School Facilities as recommended. 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 no  
Cindy Stamm voted yes  
Robert Tofeldt voted yes  
Paul Vessella voted yes  
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed 8-1.

### 2. Discussion/Possible Action - Establishment of Firm Graduation Date

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Newington Board of Education approve June 8, 2021 as a firm graduation date for students in Grade 12 at Newington High School subject to any changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Robert Tofeldt 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  
Cindy Stamm voted yes  
Robert Tofeldt voted yes  
Paul Vessella voted yes  
Jessica Weaver voted yes

The motion passed 9-0.

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3. Update - Mascot Change Process
4. Update - COVID-19 Vaccinations
5. Update - Child Care Program

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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 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None