

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

Newington Town Hall  
Virtual  
Tuesday, February 3, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL 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, Wendy Crouse, Stephen Foresi, Lou Jachimowicz

**TOWN COUNCIL:** Mayor Beth DelBuono, Carol Anest, Michael Camillo, John Donahue, Timothy Manke, Chris Miner

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Paul Vessella called the Special 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. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

Board member Robert Tofeldt joined the meeting.

C. New Business

1. Discussion/Possible Action - Weather Related Closures

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MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education approve for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year that any snow days after February 3, 2021 will be Remote Learning Days. Emily Guion seconded.

Chairperson Paul Vessella asked for a motion to table this discussion until after the Superintendent's budget presentation.

MOTION: Steven Silvia motioned to table this discussion until after the budget presentation. Jessica Weaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Presentation of Superintendent of Schools' 2021-2022 Budget to Board of Education

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved to withdraw her motion. Steven Silvia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Bruce Fletcher moved the Newington Board of Education approve for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year snow days may be treated as Remote Learning Days or days to be made-up at the discretion of the Superintendent. Steven Silvia seconded.

Roll Call

Michael Branda voted no

Dr. Bruce Fletcher voted yes

Emily Guion voted no

Beth Manke Hutvagner voted yes

Steven Silvia voted yes

Cindy Stamm voted no

Robert Tofeldt voted yes

Paul Vessella voted yes

Jessica Weaver voted no

The motion passed 5 to 4.

D. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

E. Remarks by Board Members

F. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None