

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

Virtual

Wednesday, February 24, 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, Wendy Crouse, Stephen Foresi,
Lou Jachimowicz

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Paul Vessella called the Regular Meeting of the Newington Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Michael Branda: Here

Dr. Bruce Fletcher: Here

Emily Guion: Here

Beth Manke Hutvagner: Here

Steven Silvia: Joined the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Cindy Stamm: Here

Robert Tofeldt: Here

Paul Vessella: Here

Jessica Weaver: Here

B. Presentations of Awards/Proclamations

Everyday Hero – (Richard Bangs, Grade 5 Teacher, John Wallace Middle School
(Jamie McLaughlin, Math Teacher, Newington High School)

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

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D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2021 – Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2021 – Special Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2021 – Budget Work Session
4. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2021 – Regular Meeting

MOTION: Robert Tofeldt moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Bruce Fletcher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Superintendent of Schools' Report

- Presentation – Bev Lawrence, Principal, Ruth Chaffee Elementary School

Board member Steven Silvia joined the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

- COVID Update
- Attendance Review

F. New Business

1. Discussion/Adjustments/Transmittal of 2021-2022 Board of Education Budget to Town Manager

MOTION: Steve Silvia moved the Board of Education adopt the Superintendent of Schools' Proposed budget for 2021-2022 of \$77,411,613.00 or 0.84%. Beth Manke Hutvagner seconded.

Roll Call Vote

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.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education transmit the 2021-2022 budget to the Town Manager in the amount of \$77,411,613.00 which represents an increase of 0.84%. Jessica Weaver seconded.

Roll Call Vote

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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.

2. Report – Health Benefits Fund Performance Fiscal 2020-2021
3. Action - Request to Establish Standing Committee for BOE CIP Account

MOTION: Dr. Bruce Fletcher moved that the Board of Education request that the Newington Town Council appoint the Board of Education Facilities Committee as the Standing Project Building Committee for any projects funded through the BOE CIP Account that meet the financial threshold that require a building committee (currently \$250,000). Michael Branda seconded.

Roll Call Vote

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.

G. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

H. Remarks by Board Members

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Dr. Bruce Fletcher moved to adjourn. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None