

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

Newington Town Hall  
**Virtual**  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
7:00 pm

**INFORMATIONAL 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

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

- Presentation – Everyday Heroes (Dan Dias, Patti Delzangle, Glenda Ortiz, Tom Tolisano of John Wallace Middle School)
- Board Appreciation Month Recognition

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
- Report – Curriculum Committee
- Report – Executive Committee
- Report – Student Representatives

E. Other Business Information Items

1. Update - COVID Vaccinations
2. Update - School Schedule, Full Return

F. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

G. Remarks by Board Members

H. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Silvia, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jim Marciano, Principal, Elizabeth Green School along with Student Council Officers, Mayaelyse Brooks and Mia Cruz

On behalf of elementary schools, Mr. Marciano and Elizabeth Green’s student council officers thanked the Board of Education members for their unwavering support during COVID and for their kindness.

Denise Siano, Student Advisor, Martin Kellogg Middle School along with Jada Ulett, Student Council President and Paulina Kolakowski, Student Council Vice President

Ms. Siano and Martin Kellogg’s student council officers thanked the Board of Education for their dedication to Newington’s schools.

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Chris Klatt, Student Advisor, John Wallace  
Middle School along with Srishti Wadhwa and  
Theresa Pham, Student Council Officers

Mr. Klatt and John Wallace's student council  
officers thanked the Board of Education for all  
their support.

Vidhisha Thakkar and Mia Vendetti, Newington  
High School Student Council Officers

Miss Thakkar and Miss Vendetti expressed their  
gratitude on behalf of Newington High School  
to the Board of Education.