

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

Newington Town Hall  
Helen W. Nelson Meeting Room  
Wednesday, January 25, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Chairperson Nancy Petronio, Sharon Braverman, Emily Guion,  
Joshua Shulman, Jane Ancona Siegel, Steven Silvia, Cindy Stamm,  
Robert Tofeldt, Paul Vessella

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. William Collins, Pamela Muraca, Lou Jachimowicz,  
Wendy Crouse, Stephen Foresi

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Jeremy Rippel

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Nancy Petronio called the Regular Meeting of the Newington Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

C. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

Chairperson Nancy Petronio called for a motion to suspend the rules to add New Business Item F Number 46 to the agenda.

MOTION: Jane Ancona Siegel moved the Newington Board of Education suspend the rules to add an additional item to the agenda. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Joshua Shulman moved the Newington Board of Education add Item F 46 – Action – Realignment of 2016-2017 Budget. Jane Siegel seconded. The motion passed 7-1.

MOTION: Joshua Shulman moved the Newington Board of Education return to Regular Meeting. Jane Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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## **D. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 14, 2016

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. Motion passed 7-1.

## **E. Old Business**

None

## **F. New Business**

### **Report – Standing Committee Information Items**

- Student Policy Committee
- Executive/Finance Committee (January 17, 2017)
- Facilities Committee
- Curriculum Committee (December 14, 2016)
- Student Representatives

1. Action – Policy 3523.11 – Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones)

MOTION: Jane Ancona Siegel moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 3523.11 – Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones) as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed 7-1.

2. Action – Policy 3542.22 – Food Service Personnel – Code of Conduct

MOTION: Joshua Shulman moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 3542.22 – Food Service Personnel – Code of Conduct as recommended. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed 7-1.

3. Action – Policy 3542.33 – Food Sales Other than National School Lunch Program

MOTION: Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 3542.33 – Food Sales Other than National School Lunch Program as recommended. Steven Silvia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Action – Policy 5118.1 – Homeless Students

MOTION: Steven Silvia moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 5118.1 – Homeless Students as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **5. Action – Policy 5131.6 – Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco**

**MOTION:** Emily Guion moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 5131.6 – Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco as recommended. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Action – Policy 5145.14 – On-Campus Recruitment**

**MOTION:** Robert Tofeldt moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 5145.14 – On-Campus Recruitment as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **7. Action – Policy 5145.15 – Directory Information**

**MOTION:** Paul Vessella moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 5145.15 – Directory Information as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **8. Action – Policy 6142.10 – Wellness Education**

**MOTION:** Jane Ancona Siegel moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 6142.10 – Wellness Education as recommended. Cindy Stamm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **9. Action – Policy 6142.101 – Student Nutrition and Physical Activity**

**MOTION:** Joshua Shulman moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 6142.101 – Student Nutrition and Physical Activity as recommended. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **10. Action – Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements**

**MOTION:** Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **11. Action – Policy 9000 – Role of Board and Members**

**MOTION:** Steven Silvia moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9000 – Role of Board and Members as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **12. Action – Policy 9010 – Limits of Authority**

**MOTION:** Emily Guion moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9010 – Limits of Authority as recommended. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **13. Action – Policy 9012 – Legal Responsibilities of Board of Education**

**MOTION:** Robert Tofeldt moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9012 – Legal Responsibilities of Board of Education as recommended. Cindy Stamm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **14. Action – Policy 9020 – Public Statements**

**MOTION:** Paul Vessella moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9020 – Public Statements as recommended. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **15. Action – Policy 9020.1 – Public Statements – Advocacy**

**MOTION:** Jane Ancona Siegel moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9020.1 – Public Statements – Advocacy as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **16. Action – Policy 9030 – Commitment to Democratic Principles in Relation to Community, Staff, Students – Board-Staff Communications**

**MOTION:** Joshua Shulman moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9030 – Commitment to Democratic Principles in Relation to Community, Staff, Students – Board-Staff Communications as recommended. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **17. Action – Policy 9040 – Board Related Responsibilities**

**MOTION:** Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9040 – Board Related Responsibilities as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **18. Action – Policy 9121 – Board of Education Officers**

**MOTION:** Steven Silvia moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9121 – Board of Education Officers as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion failed 8-0.

### **19. Action – Policy 9125 – Attorney**

**MOTION:** Emily Guion moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9125 – Attorney as recommended. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **20. Action – Policy 9130 – Committees**

**MOTION:** Robert Tofeldt moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9130 – Committees as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **21. Action – Policy 9150 – Board Consultants**

**MOTION:** Paul Vessella moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9150 – Board Consultants as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **22. Action – Policy 9210 – Qualifications of Members**

**MOTION:** Jane Ancona Siegel moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9210 – Qualifications of Members as recommended. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **23. Action – Policy 9214 – Election of Members**

**MOTION:** Joshua Shulman moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9214 – Election of Members as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **24. Action – Policy 9222 – Resignation/Removal from Office/Censure**

**MOTION:** Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9222 – Resignation/Removal from Office/Censure as recommended. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board member Sharon Braverman arrived at the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

### **25. Action – Policy 9230 – Orientation of Board Members**

**MOTION:** Steven Silvia moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9230 – Orientation of Board Members as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **26. Action – Policy 9240 – Board Member Development**

**MOTION:** Emily Guion moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9240 – Board Member Development as recommended. Sharon Braverman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **27. Action – Policy 9250 – Remuneration and Reimbursement**

**MOTION:** Robert Tofeldt moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9250 – Remuneration and Reimbursement as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **28. Action – Policy 9260 – Board Member Protection**

**MOTION:** Sharon Braverman moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9260 – Board Member Protection as recommended. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **29. Action – Policy 9270 – Conflict of Interest**

**MOTION:** Paul Vessella moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9270 – Conflict of Interest as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **30. Action – Policy 9271 – Code of Ethics**

**MOTION:** Jane Ancona Siegel moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9271 – Code of Ethics as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **31. Action – Policy 9272 – Code of Conduct on Data Use**

**MOTION:** Joshua Shulman moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9272 – Code of Conduct on Data Use as recommended. Sharon Braverman seconded. The motion passed 8-1.

### **32. Action – Policy 9312 – Bylaws**

**MOTION:** Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9312 – Bylaws as recommended. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **33. Action – Policy 9313 – Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Administrative Regulations**

**MOTION:** Steven Silvia moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9313 – Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Administrative Regulations as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **34. Action – Policy 9322 – Public and Executive Sessions**

**MOTION:** Emily Guion moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9322 – Public and Executive Sessions as recommended. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **35. Action – Policy 9323 – Agenda Construction/Meeting Materials**

**MOTION:** Robert Tofeldt moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9323 – Agenda Construction/Meeting Materials as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **36. Action – Policy 9324 – Meeting Conduct & Parliamentary Procedures**

**MOTION:** Sharon Braverman moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9324 – Meeting Conduct & Parliamentary Procedures as recommended. Cindy Stamm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **37. Action – Policy 9325.1 – Quorum**

**MOTION:** Paul Vessella moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9325.1 – Quorum as recommended. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **38. Action – Policy 9325.2 – Order of Business**

**MOTION:** Jane Ancona Siegel moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9325.2 – Order of Business as recommended. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **39. Action – Policy 9325.4 – Vote Recording**

**MOTION:** Joshua Shulman moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9325.4 – Vote Recording as recommended. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **40. Action – Policy 9326 – Minutes**

**MOTION:** Cindy Stamm moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9326 – Minutes as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **41. Action – Policy 9327.1 – Electronic Mail Communications**

**MOTION:** Steven Silvia moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9327.1 – Electronic Mail Communications as recommended. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **42. Action – Policy 9330 – Board/School District Records**

**MOTION:** Emily Guion moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9330 – Board/School District Records as recommended. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **43. Action – Policy 9350 – Board of Education Hearings**

**MOTION:** Robert Tofeldt moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9350 – Board of Education Hearings as recommended. Sharon Braverman seconded. The motion passed 8-1.

### **44. Action – Policy 9360 – School Board Legislative Program**

**MOTION:** Sharon Braverman moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9360 – School Board Legislative Program as recommended. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **45. Action – Policy 9400 – Monitoring Products and Process, Self-Evaluation**

**MOTION:** Paul Vessella moved the Newington Board of Education approve the revisions to Policy 9400 – Monitoring Products and Process, Self-Evaluation as recommended. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **46. Action – Realignment of 2016-2017 Budget**

**MOTION:** Jane Ancona Siegel moved the Newington Board of Education authorize the following 2016-2017 budget transfer:

2950 Employee Benefits	+\$515,000
1012 English/Language Arts Certified Salaries	-\$103,000
1020 Mathematics Certified Salaries	-\$103,000
1026 Reading Certified Salaries	-\$103,000
1028 Science Certified Salaries	-\$103,000
1030 Social Studies Certified Salaries	-\$103,000

Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **G. Superintendent of Schools' Report**

Mr. Lou Jachimowicz left the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and returned at 9:03 p.m.



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H. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

I. Remarks by Board Members

J. Executive Session

MOTION: Joshua Shulman moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Jane Ancona Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Nance Petronio called for a five minute break.

The Executive Session was called to order at 9:18 p.m.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved to adjourn to Regular Session. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board member Jane Ancona Siegel left the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

The Regular Session was called to order at 9:37 p.m.

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved the Newington Board of Education terminate the teacher in question's contract of employment in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-151(d). Cindy Stamm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session was called to order at 9:40 p.m.

MOTION: Joshua Shulman moved to adjourn to Regular Session. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Regular Session was called to order at 10:13 p.m.

K. Adjournment

MOTION: Joshua Shulman moved to adjourn. Robert Tofeldt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Vessella, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Scott Greczkowski  
46 Miami Avenue

He is concerned with the condition of Anna Reynolds Elementary School. Went to the Town Council with his concern. He doesn't want to see it get worse. Volunteered to help clean up, paint and replace ceiling tiles at Anna Reynolds.

Also, he sent in a freedom of information request on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> but hasn't received any answer.

Mr. Greczkowski voiced his concern for Policy 3523.11 regarding drones. He feels the rule is unenforceable.

Dana Havens  
113 Stoddard Avenue

She was disappointed by information that was "cherry picked" by Dr. Collins. She also had concerns with Policy 9222.

Scott Greczkowski  
46 Miami Avenue

His phone had been going off constantly during the meeting by parents wanting to thank Dr. Collins for his proposal to "clean up" Anna Reynolds.

He would like to clear up misconceptions regarding drones. Drones do not have zoom lens, they are very loud, and people look like ants from a drone's height. He invited the Board and Dr. Collins to try flying his drone.