

NEWINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 24, 2017 - Regular Meeting

Presentations of Awards/Proclamations

Mrs. Petronio recognized NCTV for the support provided during this past year in communicating various school activities and televising Board of Education meetings to the public. Mrs. Petronio presented a small donation to the organization to support the efforts in the future.

The Board of Education recognized seven students from the [Academy of Aerospace and Engineering](#) that were winners from the Central Regional Invention Convention who all competed at the State Invention Convention. Four students won at the state level and will go on to compete at the National Invention Convention.

Consent Agenda

The following minutes were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2017 – Regular
2. Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2017 – Special/Informational

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ms. Dana L. Markovics, Director of Food Services, presented information to the Board on the Healthy Food Certification requirements. Ms. Markovics indicated the participation in Newington during this past year has had no negative impact on the fundraising by various organizations and provided the opportunity for the district to obtain additional funding.

The Board of Education authorized the Superintendent of Schools to submit an application to the Connecticut State Department of Education indicating all food items made available for sale to students will meet the national standards during the period of time July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activity on school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

Ms. Markovics highlighted the success of the school lunch program during this past year. The Board expressed appreciation for the high quality food services program in this community.

The Board of Education approved to increase the cost of school lunches for the 2017-2018 school year by \$.15 as recommended by the Superintendent.

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Mr. Craig Holland provided a technical update regarding the status of Smarter Balanced testing.

Mrs. Pamela Muraca, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Strategic Planning report which summarized the work of the strategic planning committee on May 5, 2017. Newington began the strategic planning process in 1993. Since that time it has been developed to fit the ever-changing needs of the district. In its current plan, NPS 2025, the district uses a comprehensive system for continuous improvement. The system begins with a strategic plan that guides the development of annual district and school improvement plans. The improvement plans contain specific action steps and targets designed to support the strategic plan including recommendations for new programs initiated through the Programming, Learning, Assessment, and New System (PLANS). The strategic plan is instrumental to developing and informing the district budget. NPS 2025 is monitored throughout the school year using a number of metrics for assessing progress toward the identified targets. An annual scorecard tracks the district's progress over time.

Dr. William C. Collins, Superintendent of Schools, presented The Next Generation Accountability System which replaced the Strategic School Profile System. The Next Generation Accountability System is designed to measure school and district success toward the goal of providing every student a quality education that prepares him or her for success down the road. Each school receives a score calculated using a formula that incorporates the accountability system indicators. Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System, a new, broader set of performance measures, called indicators, is designed to give a more comprehensive and holistic picture of how schools and students are performing.

The Board approved the following meeting dates for the 2017– 2018 school year. September 13, 2017; September 27, 2017; October 11, 2017; October 25, 2017; November 14, 2017 (*Organizational Meeting*); December 13, 2017; January 10, 2018; January 24, 2018; February 14, 2018; February 28, 2018; March 14, 2018; March 28, 2018; April 4, 2018; April 18, 2018; May 9, 2018; May 23, 2018; and June 6, 2018. The dates will be forwarded to the Town Clerk and published on the Board of Education website.

The Board of Education approved an increase in school building use fees by 3% beginning July 1, 2017.

The Board of Education cancelled the June 7, 2017 meeting.

The Board approved the following novels: Nineteen Eighty Four (1984); Angela's Ashes; Bird by Bird; Columbine; First They Kill My Father; The Handmaid's Tale; Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl; Reading Lolita in Tehran; and The Sound of Gravel.

The Board of Education authorized the Superintendent of Schools to make the needed budget transfers which will reflect an unencumbered balance of zero which may include up to 1% of the encumbered funds to the Surplus Account at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Superintendent of Schools' Monthly Report

There was no additional material presented by the Superintendent of Schools' at this time.