

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

Newington Town Hall
Helen Nelson Meeting Room
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chairperson Joshua C. Shulman, Michael Branda,
Dr. Sharon Braverman, Danielle Drozd, Emily Guion,
Steven Silvia, Cindy Stamm, Robert Tofeldt, Paul Vessella

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Prachi Dave, Matthew Plourd

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Joshua Shulman 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

D. Old Business

None

E. New Business

Report – Standing Committee Information Items

- Student Policy Committee
- Executive/Finance Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Curriculum Committee (January 24, 2018) (January 31, 2018)
- Student Representatives

1. Discussion/Possible Adoption/Adjustments/Possible Transmittal of 2018-2019 Board of Education Budget To Town Manager

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2. Discussion – Diesel Release

Board member Robert Tofeldt left the meeting at 9:23 p.m. and returned at 9:30 p.m.

F. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to board Responsibilities

G. Remarks by Board Members

H. Executive Session Re: Central Office Personnel

MOTION: Emily Guion moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Dr. Braverman seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session was called to order at 9:51 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Joshua Shulman, Michael Branda,
Dr. Sharon Braverman, Danielle Drozd, Emily Guion,
Steven Silvia, Cindy Stamm, Robert Tofeldt, Paul Vessella

Chairperson Joshua Shulman called for a five minute recess at 9:51 p.m.

The Regular Session was called to order at 11:48 p.m.

I. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sharon Braverman, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Maddie Kenny
53 Crestview Drive

Mrs. Kenny wanted to thank Chairperson Joshua Shulman in person for his explanation at the Town Council meeting the night before regarding the Board of Education monies. It was amazing.

Mrs. Maddie Kenny
53 Crestview Drive

Mrs. Kenny thanked the Board for the comments regarding the diesel spill. Only facts should be on social media not emotions so the public will not get the wrong idea.

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She also wanted know if there has been any talk about replacing the bus garage.

Mrs. Rose Lyons via telephone
46 Elton Drive

Mrs. Lyons called to let the Board know that the graphic on NCTV posting our call-in telephone number was incorrect.

She echoes Mrs. Kenny regarding Facebook and misinformation going around the town. She also mentioned the Board of Education and Superintendent are being honest about the diesel spill, and she received a better response from them than the Town Manager and Town Attorney. As a resident, if you have questions or concerns go to the meeting and ask the Superintendent and the Board. Do not speculate.

Mr. John Bachand via telephone
56 Maple Hill Avenue

Mr. Bachand, with regards to the “never again notion”, wants to know if the Board controls any other bulk tanks. If yes, has anything been done to test these tanks.

Ms. Patty Foley via telephone
51 Crown Ridge

Ms. Foley called to let the Board know the call-in telephone number showing on the television screen was still incorrect.

Mrs. Rose Lyons via telephone
46 Elton Drive

Mrs. Lyons called to check and see if it was still common practice for the Board of Education to follow up with a written letter to public participation comments.

Mr. John Bachand via telephone
56 Maple Hill Avenue

This is a follow-up to Mr. Bachand’s previous telephone call. He doesn’t need a written response to his question. He would just like to know “how recently have the tanks been looked at.”