

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

Newington Town Hall
Helen W. Nelson Meeting Room
Wednesday, February 21, 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

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. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

C. New Business

1. Discussion – Update on Fuel Release Activities to Date (AEGIS)
2. Action – Fuel Release

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved the Newington Board of Education request that the Newington Town Council reappropriate \$74,261.88 from the undesignated portion of the Board of Education CIP account to the underground storage tank project within the Board of Education CIP Account. This will allow for the Board of Education to pay for additional invoices for the environmental remediation project. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Newington Board of Education request that the Newington Town Council transfer \$500,000.00 from the John Wallace Classroom Wing Renovation Project within the Town CIP Program to the Underground Storage Tank project within the Board of Education CIP Account. This will allow for the Board of Education to pay for additional invoices for the environmental remediation project. Danielle Drozd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Board member Robert Tofeldt left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and returned at 8:20 p.m.

Wendy Crouse left the meeting at 8:26 p.m. and returned at 8:34 p.m.

Stephen Foresi left the meeting at 8:48 p.m. and returned at 8:51 p.m.

Board member Emily Guion left the meeting at 9:06 p.m. and returned at 9:15 p.m.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Newington Board of Education adopt the Superintendent of Schools' Proposed Budget for 2018-2019 for \$74,247,352. Paul Vessella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$50,000.00 in account 2310 Board of Education line 611 for adjustments. Daniella Drozd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$10,000.00 in account 1030 Social Studies line 641 for adjustments. Dr. Sharon Braverman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$220,000.00 in account 2610 Maintenance line 430 for adjustments. Michael Branda seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$344,723.00 in account 2950 Employee Benefits for adjustments. Michael Branda seconded. The motion passed 8-1.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$7,000.00 in account 2210 Curriculum line 599 for adjustments. Dr. Sharon Braverman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$15,000.00 in account 3220 Athletics line 599 for adjustments. Steven Silvia seconded. The motion passed 8-1.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$24,296.00 in account 3300 Community Service line 112 for adjustments. Steven Silvia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Paul Vessella moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$17,667.00 in account 1190 Other Salaries line 111 for adjustments. Steven Silvia seconded. The motion failed 8-1.

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MOTION: Paul Vessella moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$25,462.00 from Academic Supplies as recommended by the Superintendent. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by addition of \$174,000.00 in account 2310 Board of Education line 611 for adjustments. Cindy Stamm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Danielle Drozd moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$100,000.00 in account 2310 Board of Education line 611 for adjustments. Emily Guion seconded. The motion failed 8-1.

MOTION: Steven Silvia moved the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget be adjusted by subtraction of \$97,500.00 in account 1026 Reading line 111 for adjustments. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Emily Guion moved the Board of Education transmit the 2018-2019 budget to the Town Manager in the amount of \$73,609,786.00 which represents an increase of 4.57%. Danielle Drozd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

E. Remarks by Board Members

F. Executive Session Re: Central Office Personnel

MOTION: Dr. Sharon Braverman moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Michael Branda seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session was called to order at 10:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Joshua C. 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 10:33 p.m.

The Regular Session was called to order at 10:51 p.m.

G. Adjournment

MOTION: Danielle Drozd moved to adjourn. Emily Guion seconded. The motion passed 8-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sharon Braverman, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. John Bachand via telephone
56 Maple Hill Avenue

Mr. Bachand called to acknowledge all the work that goes into the budget. He appreciates it.

He thought the Diesel Release presentation was very informative, and the information was encouraging. He questioned the decision to grant permission to remove the bus garage if all factors were considered in the \$90,000 savings, i.e. cost to rebuild, value of garage, savings of keeping buses in a garage.

He also asked if due to recent events if the Board has had a discussion of having armed guards in the schools.

Mrs. Rose Lyons via telephone
46 Elton Drive

Mrs. Lyons called to thank everyone for all the work done on the budget. She knows it is not an easy job. She challenged anyone who thinks it is an easy job to run for a position.