

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

Newington Town Hall
Helen W. Nelson Meeting Room
Wednesday, April 23, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Opening Reception - Student Art Show - 6:00-8:00 p.m. – 3 rd Floor Town Hall

REGULAR SESSION

PRESENT: Chairperson Dr. Marc Finkelstein, Sharon Braverman, Joshua Shulman, Jane Siegel, Scott Soares, Robert Tofeldt, Paul Vessella

ABSENT Nancy Petronio

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. William Collins, Mrs. Pamela Muraca, Dr. Christine Carver, Mr. Lou Jachimowicz

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Dr. Marc Finkelstein called the Regular Session of the Newington Board of Education to order at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

B. Presentation of Awards/Proclamations

1. Resolution Honoring Newington Teachers (May 7, 2014)
2. Resolution Honoring Newington Tutors (May 7, 2014)

C. Public Participation on Presentations

D. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 26, 2014
2. Approval of Minutes – Special/Informational Meeting – April 9, 2014

MOTION: Sharon Braverman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Robert Tofeldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Superintendent of Schools' Report

F. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

G. Old Business

H. New Business

1. Action – Resolution Honoring 2014 Valedictorians

MOTION: Joshua Shulman moved the Board of Education proclaim Wiktoria Bis and Kira Mason as Valedictorians for the Newington High School Graduating Class of 2014. Jane Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Action – 2014-2015 School Calendar Revisions

MOTION: Sharon Braverman moved the Board of Education revise the 2014-2015 school calendar by:

- Adding January 2, 2015 as a vacation day; schools will be closed/offices open.
- Moving April vacation from April 20, 2015 through April 24, 2015 to April 13, 2015 through April 17, 2015.
- Moving April Professional Learning from April 14, 2015 to April 7, 2015.
- June 10, 2015 will be the last day of school.
- Moving June 10, 2015 Professional Development Day to June 11, 2015.
- Changing wording from Every other Tuesday September through June to Select Tuesdays September through June.

Jane Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion – 2015-2016 School Calendar

4. Action – Childrearing Leave of Absence (Executive Session Possible)

MOTION: Joshua Shulman moved the Board of Education approve the request for a Childrearing Leave of Absence for Amanda Kavanagh from April 15, 2014 through the remaining 2013-2014 school year. Jane Siegel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Public Participation on Any Matter Related to Board Responsibilities

J. Remarks by Board Members

K. Adjournment

MOTION: Jane Siegel moved to adjourn. Sharon Braverman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Braverman, Secretary

Debra O. Craig, Board Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Beverly Lawrence
Principal-Appointed, Ruth Chaffee
Elementary School

She is very excited to be part of the Ruth Chaffee community. Her past experience has included being a principal, a high school assistant principal, a middle school teacher as well as an elementary teacher. She is very excited about being part of our group.

Clarke Castelle, Town Councilor
167 Connecticut Avenue

He spent two years as a full time tutor. It was easily his best job. So rewarding. A wonderful group of people.