

**NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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The special budget meeting of the Newington School Board took place on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via remote access through Google Meets.

**PRESENT:**

School Board Members: Dr. Mark Joyce  
Ms. Samara Robertson  
Mr. Chris Russo

Administrators: Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent (was attending  
Rye School District Meeting)  
Kelli Killen, Assistant Superintendent  
Mindy Ryan, Business Administrator  
Sarah Reinhardt, Special Education Director  
Peter Latchaw, Principal  
Samantha Fuller, Secretary to the Superintendent

Staff: Nels Tooker

Visitors: James Belanger, Dana Nowell, Jessica Morgan, Kristen Poulin

**CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Dr. Joyce read aloud a brief statement required by law. The statement ensures all school board meetings are compliant with the Right-to-Know Law during the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and are in accordance with the Governor’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-4, the public body is authorized to meet electronically.

**RECOGNITION OF GROUPS OR INDIVIDIAL VISITORS**

Dr. Joyce welcomed the public visitors to the meeting. No public comments were made.

**FY 2022 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

Dr. Joyce noted the preliminary budget had been presented to Board members during the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board had time to review the documents and send questions to Ms. Ryan. The major increases proposed are impart to an increase in tuition cost and the increase in enrollment for students tuitioned to PMS and PHS.

Ms. Ryan had no additional information to add.

Mr. Russo provided information regarding discussions had with Brian Grattan, Director of Technology, regarding the proposed updates to internet bandwidth and download capabilities, as well as updating the phone communication system.

Mr. Latchaw reiterated that he worked hard to keep the budget lines that he was in control of as close to zero as possible.

Dr. Joyce shared that he is cognizant of the community’s concern regarding the tax rate and depreciation of the powerplants. He underscored the Board and administrators have been mindful of those factors in presenting this operating budget.

The Board thanked Ms. Ryan for her efforts in creating the budget and answering their questions.

The Fund Balances were discussed in each category and it was determined that they are currently satisfactory.

*On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Ms. Robertson, the Board approved the FY 2022 Preliminary Budget with total appropriation of \$2,407,830. Roll Call Vote: 3-0*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**OTHER** - None

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Ms. Robertson, the Board adjourned their meeting at 5:44 p.m. Roll Call: 3-0*

Respectfully Submitted,

Samantha Fuller, Secretary to the Superintendent

*Approved by the Newington School Board at the January 12, 2021 Board meeting*

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Samara Robertson, School Board Secretary

Date