

NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Administrative Unit 50
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A special meeting of the Newington School Board took place on Tuesday, April 22, 2020 at 2:00 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
Kelli Killen, Assistant Superintendent
Mindy Ryan, Business Administrator
Sarah Reinhardt, Special Education Director
Brian Grattan, Director of Technology
Peter Latchaw, Principal
Samantha Fuller, Secretary to the Superintendent

Staff: Jamie Batinille, Annie Brady, Elizabeth Daley, Kim Lodge, Linda Lowey, Dana McKenna, Nels Tooker

Visitors: Jaclyn Karabinas, Kristen Poulin, Nancy Thibeault, James Balenger, Abigail Lundborn, Emily Savinelli

CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 2:02 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 Governors Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-4, the public body is authorized to meet electronically.

RECOGNITION OF GROUPS OR INDIVIDIAL VISITORS

NEW BUSINESS

2019-2020 Academic Calendar

Dr. Joyce explained the purpose of the special meeting was to revisit discussion regarding April vacation and the academic calendar for the remaining of the current academic year.

Mr. Petralia reiterated the action taken at the April 14th Newington School Board meeting in which the Board had approved a motion to eliminate the April vacation break scheduled for April 27-May 1, 2020 and add five days of remote learning. This adaptation would include a projected last day of school for students to be June 4, 2020. Mr. Petralia then offered information regarding the

way in which other districts in SAU 50 were moving forward with their academic calendar adaptations.

There was brief discussion among Board members and Administration regarding the state minimum and standards of accounting of instructional hours versus days in session. The counting of instructional hours would allow for the district to keep the last day of school for students as June 4, 2020 while allowing for two non-instructional/non teacher workdays for May 1st and May 4th. This would allow for students, parent and teachers to have a bit of a break in lieu of April vacation.

On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Ms. Robertson the Board approved a revision to the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar to include two non-instructional days for students and staff on April 30, through May 1, 2020. Roll Call: Vote: 3-0

On a motion by Mr. Russo, seconded by Ms. Robertson the Board approved going forward in the counting of instructional hours to account for the ability to end school instruction on June 4, 2020. Roll Call: Vote 3-0

Dr. Joyce thanked all those in attendance for their engagement. He thanked the Board and Administration for scheduling the special meeting and their thoughtful approach to revisiting the current academic calendar.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Russo, the Board adjourned their meeting at 2:40 p.m. Roll Call: 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Fuller
Secretary to the Superintendent

Approved by the School Board - Virtual Meeting - Approval Date 5/12/20