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Regular BOE Agenda
April 7, 2026

Council Chambers
3 Primrose St.
Newtown, CT 06470
7:00 PM

As stewards of Newtown Public Schools, we commit to conducting ourselves with honesty, integrity, and respect. Guided by Newtown's Core Values and the Portrait of a Graduate, we will strive to prepare every student to think critically and innovate with curiosity; adapt, persevere, and pursue goals with strategic focus; act with compassion, collaborate across differences, and communicate with clarity. We hold ourselves to the same attributes we seek to instill in our students, embodying them in our work together.

AGENDA

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE
 - A. Sandy Hook School Scripps Spelling Bee Winners
 - B. Hawley Cultural Night
3. CONSENT AGENDA
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
5. REPORTS
 - A. Chair Report
 - B. Superintendent's Report
 - C. Committee and Liaison Reports
 - D. Student Representative Report
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Bylaws for Second Read and Approval
 - 9500 - Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Bylaws**
 - 9501 - Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Policies**
 - 9502 - Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Regulations**
 - 9510 - Suspension of Policies, Bylaws, Regulations**
 - 9600 - Office Duties - Chairperson**
 - 9610 - Official Duties - Vice Chairperson**
 - 9620- Official Duties - Secretary**
 - B. Bylaws to Rescind after Adoption of Items in Section 6A
 - 9311 — Formation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies**
 - 9100 - Officers Organizational Meeting of the Board**
7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on Dean of Students Position at Newtown High School

Presenter: Leanne Browett, Dean of Students

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

9. ADJOURNMENT

***During the first Public Participation, the Board welcomes commentary regarding items on the agenda. After being recognized, please state your name and address for the record. Per Board Policy 9325, we request that speakers be respectful and limit comments to not more than three minutes, and we note that public complaints about employees are not permitted during meetings. All such concerns should instead be submitted to the Superintendent. During the second Public Participation, commentary may address the agenda or may introduce issues for the Board to consider in the future. The Board does not engage in dialogue during either public comment period. If you desire more information or answers to specific questions, please email the Board: NewtownBOE@newtown.k12.ct.us*



**Board of Education
Newtown, Connecticut**

Please Note: These minutes are pending Board approval.

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on March 17, 2026
Council Chambers, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT.

Members Present: A. Plante, D. Linnetz, S. Tomai, (Remote)M. Beylouni, J.Vouros

Members Absent: C.Gilson, D.Ramsey

Admin: A. Uberti, Superintendent; F. Purcaro, Assistant Superintendent; T. Gouveia, Director of Business

Other: 1 staff, 1 Press, 1Public

Mrs. Plante called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2: Celebration of Excellence

The SHS recipients were not able to attend this evening. The Board will recognize the Sandy Hook School Scripps Spelling Bee Winners at a future date.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

MOTION: Mrs. Linnetz moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes from March 3, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Beylouni. Motion passes unanimously.

Item 4: Public Participation None

Item 5: Reports

Chair Report:

Mrs. Plante offered a brief budget update. The Board of Finance made a \$125,000 reduction to the BOE Budget last week. The Board of Finance felt the budget was very well defended and has now passed it along to the Legislative Council.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Uberti discussed her budget presentation that was sponsored by the PTA at Reed Intermediate School on March 16th. It was well attended in person and on line and Mrs. Uberti acknowledged and appreciated the public engagement in the process. She also expressed thanks to Assistant Superintendent Frank Purcaro and Matt Mervis from EdAdvance for the presentation on AI and the challenges and opportunities it presents to us as a district.

Mrs. Uberti asked Board Members to think about the Special Meeting on a special topic and whether or not that's a format they'd like to use in the future to discuss topics board members are interested in covering.

Mrs. Uberti addressed the change in the state law regarding the Kindergarten start age. Right now, the waiver is optional. The big change will be in 2027 and 2028 where the waiver will be

going away and by law, students will have to be five by September first to start school and there will be no exceptions.

Mrs. Uberti then encouraged the public to support Newtown High School and go see Mama Mia this weekend and lastly, she acknowledged that it is Board of Education Appreciation month and she thanked our Board of Education for all of their hard work and dedication.

Committee and Liaison Reports:

Ms. Tomai gave a quick update on the 3/16 CFF Meeting. Right now we have expended 99.6% of our budget. Projected year end balance of 300K.

Student Report:

Our student representatives shared some NHS highlights. The College Career Fair on March 16th at NHS was a huge success. The College and Career Center is in full swing with supporting students in search of scholarships and internships. As of now, 78 seniors have committed to college with the expectation of many regular decisions releasing this week. The Mental Health Fair on March 13th was well attended and supported by staff and students. The NHS Cap Club, first student-based scholarship foundation at NHS, has upped their \$1000 scholarship to two \$2500 scholarships. This club has been spearheaded by Claire DiNoto. The Class Council has been working on a bulletin board calendar to provide seniors with reminders during this busy time of year, including payment of transcripts, cap and gown dues and senior events. The National Honors Society is running a peanut butter, sports equipment and children's clothing drive. All donated items will be personally delivered by Miss Violet to a community in the Dominican Republic.

Financial Report and Transfers for Month Ending February 28, 2026:

MOTION: Mrs. Linnetz moved that the Board of Education approve the financial report and transfers for the month ending February 28, 2026. Ms. Beylouni seconded.

Tanja Gouveia, Director of Business, reiterated a year end projected balance of just over \$300,000. The transfers that came in were from Newtown Middle School. Three thousand dollars from Student Travel to cover equipment repairs and instructional supplies in music and then \$9500 is being requested from equipment repairs at NHS in athletics to cover instructional supplies.

Mrs. Plante asked for a vote. Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business:

MOTION: Mrs. Linnetz moved that the Board of Education approve the 7th and 8th Grade Science Curriculum. Seconded by Ms. Beylouni. Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Mrs. Linnetz moved that the Board of Education set the Newtown Middle School Moving Up Ceremony to June 15, 2026 and the Newtown High School Graduation for June 16, 2026 with a rain date of June 17, 2026. Seconded by Mrs. Beylouni.

Mrs.Beylouni confirmed that the last day of school is June 18th. The updated calendar is being maintained on the District Website so families can check the website calendar any time for up to date information. Mrs. Plante asks for a vote. Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Mrs. Linnetz moved that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to modify the middle school schedule for 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years to provide for an early dismissal on the day of the Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony, in alignment with the already modified schedule for Newtown High School on that same day. Seconded by Mrs.Beylouni.

Superintendent Uberti outlined the burden on families with respect to time frame and scheduling. This schedule modification addresses these challenges. Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: Mrs. Linnetz moved that the Board of Education approve the ratified contract between the Newtown BOE Security Officers, Unit 147, United Public Service Employees Union, and the Newtown Board of Education, covering the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029 and move further that the Board authorize the Board Chair to execute the contract on its behalf. Seconded by Mrs.Beylouni. Motion passes unanimously.

Item 7: New Business

Mrs.Linetz discussed the 9000 series Bylaws being presented for first-read. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Linnetz or Mr.Ramsey. Mrs.Plante added that the Board should have strong knowledge of these policies and be sure they represent how the Board operates accurately.

Item 8: Public Participation

Item 9: Adjournment

MOTION: Mr.Vouros moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs.Beylouni. Motion passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandi Poseno
Clerk



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Minutes of the *Special Board of Education Meeting* held on March 17, 2026 at 5:30pm.
Council Chambers, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

Members Present: A.Plante, M. Beylouni, D.Linnetz, J.Vouros
Members Absent: D. Ramsey, C.Gilson, S.Tomai

Staff Present: A. Uberti, Superintendent, F. Purcaro, Asst.Superintendent

Others Present: Matt Mervis, Director of Skills21 and AI Strategy at EdAdvance, 1 Press

Item 1: Call to Order at 5:36 p.m.

Item 2: Presentation on the Integration of AI in CT Public Schools by Matt Mervis
Link to presentation: <https://play.champds.com/newtownct/event/80>

Motion: Mr.Vouros moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs.Beylouni. Passes unanimously.

Item 7: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mandi Poseno, Clerk