

NEW CANAAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERAL MEETING
NEW CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL ~WAGNER ROOM
January 11, 2021
7:00 P.M. - DRAFT

I. Call to Order

Chair, Ms. Parkhill, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Attendance:

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Present	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Absent									

II. Approve Minutes: December 21, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Ms. Rashin moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. West.

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
No									
Abstain									

III. Review and approve Agenda: January 11, 2021

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Gardiner.

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
No									
Abstain									

IV. Public Comments:

None.

V. Reports and Recognition

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Bryan Luizzi, Cabinet

Dr. Luizzi began with feedback from schools being remote last week. Staff and students felt that it was fundamentally different and improved from last spring. It is a sign that we have made significant steps forward but it is not a replacement for in-person learning.

This week, students K-8 returned 100% in person. The high school had planned a hybrid plus model (75% of students attending) but with the uptick in COVID cases, the 50/50 hybrid model was put into place for the immediate future. The plan is to transition to the hybrid plus model

once the numbers decrease. Keeping the 50/50 hybrid model reduces the density of students in the building and contact between students, and increases mitigation strategies. The health and safety of both students and staff will always be the first priority.

The district has been working closely with the Health Department to quarantine as needed. The days needed to quarantine has decreased from 14 to 10 days but when returning back to school for the 4 days, students are only allowed to attend essential functions (no sports or extracurricular activities) and are monitored daily. As a district,, there are no “test out” options, which includes quarantining for travel

The Department of Public Health gave a letter to the CIAC that athletics can resume as of January 19 for practice and February 1 for competitions, but only in-state. More information should be available from the CIAC by the end of the week. There will also be protocols for athletes that have had COVID to make sure they are cleared to participate by a physician.

Vaccine roll-out (1B plan) will be recommended by the state soon. The district is ready to upload the necessary information once word is received that vaccines are ready for distribution.

Last Friday, COVID testing was available for staff who were asymptomatic. About 400 tests were given and of those, there were two positive cases, both of whom were not classroom teachers.

V. Action Items

A. Superintendent’s 2021-22 Budget (1st read)

Dr. Bryan Luizzi

Move to approve, as a first read, the 2021-22 Superintendent’s Budget.

Mr. Hayes moved to approve, seconded by Ms. Richardson.

VII. Public Comments:

None.

VIII. Announcements and Future Business:

Next BOE Meeting: January 25, 2021 - Superintendent’s 2021-22 Budget (2nd Read)

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Naughton moved to adjourn at 9:07 PM, seconded by Ms. West.

	Carlson	Gardiner	Hayes	Naughton	Parkhill	Rashin	Reeves	Richardson	West
Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
No									
Abstain									

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Julie Reeves
Board of Education Secretary