



**CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NEW BRITAIN**

**NEW BRITAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

MARCH 18, 2024 – 6:00 PM | NEW BRITAIN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION CENTER



NOTICE OF MEETING

TO: New Britain Board of Education Members
Mayor Erin Stewart
Mr. Mark H. Bernacki, Town and City Clerk
New Britain Common Council Members

DATE: March 15, 2024

RE: New Britain Board of Education Committee Meetings

The following Board of Education committee meetings will be held:

- **The New Britain Board of Education Policy Committee** will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the New Britain Educational Administration Center, located at 272 Main Street in New Britain, Connecticut.
- **The New Britain Board of Education Curriculum Committee** will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:15 PM at the New Britain Educational Administration Center, located at 272 Main Street in New Britain, Connecticut.

Members of the public may attend meetings in person or view a live broadcast of the proceedings online via the livestream link:

<https://www.csdnb.org/board/>

The agendas and board packets in their entirety can be found on the Board of Education website:

<https://www.csdnb.org/board/BOE-2024-Meetings-Documents-Calendar.php>





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New Britain Board of Education | Policy Committee Regular Meeting

March 18, 2024 – 6:00 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

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1. Call to Order and Opening

- A. Meeting Called to Order

2. New Business

- A. Review and approve minutes from Policy Committee meeting on February 20, 2024
Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | Page 5
- B. Review board policy P6115.3 – Flag (Display)
Submitted by Mr. Joseph Listro | Page 6

3. Closing and Adjournment

- A. Other Business as Permitted by Law
- B. Adjournment



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NEW BUSINESS



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New Britain Board of Education | Policy Committee Regular Meeting

February 20, 2024 – 6:00 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

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1. Call to Order and Opening

Vice President and Policy Chair, Ms. Barbara Marino called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

Salvador Escobales*, Anthony Kane*, Joseph Listro, Barbara Marino*, Diana Reyes*, and Tina Santana*

**Committee member #Attended remotely*

CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Kristie Bourdoulous, Ms. Lara Bohlke, Ms. Aja Edwards, Dr. Anthony Gasper, Ms. Maryellen Manning, Mr. Damon Pearce, Mr. Jeff Prokop#, Mr. Tyrone Richardson, Dr. Nicole Sanders, Mr. Mark Spalding, Ms. Lillie Stuart, and Ms. Ivelise Velasquez

2. New Business

A. Review and approve minutes from Policy Committee meeting on January 22, 2024

Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards

Mr. Kane motioned to approve minutes from the Policy Committee meeting on January 22, 2024, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Review board policy 6141.51 – Policy on Advanced Coursework

Submitted by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez

The policy committee recommended to add this item to the consent agenda for the regular board meeting in March.

C. Review and possible action on board policy P6115.3 – Flag (Display)

Submitted by Ms. Barbara Marino

The policy committee recommended to table this item until a later date.

3. Closing and Adjournment

A. Other Business as Permitted by Law

B. Adjournment

Ms. Reyes motioned to adjourn at 7:03, seconded by Mr. Kane. Motion carried.



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Board Policy Statement Flag Raising Policy - DRAFT

It is the policy of the Board of Education (Board) to correctly honor the flags of the United States, the State of Connecticut, and the City of New Britain, as well as Board-approved flags representing a school operated by the Board, and ensure a standard of flag display on District property. The American flag should always be present when others are flying.

The Board shall comply with national and state protocols for flag display and etiquette.

It is the policy of the Board that District flag poles are a forum of government speech, thereby maintaining the distinction between government speech and private speech by students and community members.

All flag requests that meet the criteria will be considered for approval by the Superintendent (or their designee). All requests whether accepted or denied must then be reported to the Board at the next regular meeting. The criteria outlined in this policy establish minimum standards for a flag request to be considered.

The Superintendent (or their designee) will only consider requests from District students, school groups, or staff when there is sufficient reason to believe that such messaging via the flag will promote student well-being. Requests will only be considered for individual schools and not District-wide. Any approved flag requests must also comply with existing District policies.

- Requests must be made no later than three (3) weeks before the requested flag-raising date.
- Requests to fly a flag will be submitted to the Superintendent (or their designee) in writing.
- Written requests must include the names of the individual(s) making the request, affiliation with the school, a proposed time frame for raising and flying the flag, and rationale explaining how the request aligns with the District's vision, goals, and well-being of our students and staff.
- If approved, the requestor is responsible for delivering a flag that is in good condition and of appropriate size, and for retrieving the flag. The dimensions of the flag should be 3 feet in width by 5 feet in length.
- Flags will always comply with the U.S. Flag Code. If ordered, flags may be lowered to comply with the U.S. Flag Code.
- The Board of Education will not fly flags considered to be inappropriate, offensive, or discriminatory.