

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

**Time-Place:**

**Council Chambers  
820 Enfield Street  
Enfield, CT**

**Date: 09-14-21**

**7:00 PM Regular Meeting**

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- 1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM**
- 2. Invocation or Moment of Silence – Jonathan LeBlanc**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Jonathan LeBlanc**
- 4. Fire Evacuation Announcement**
- 5. Roll Call**
- 6. Board Guest(s)**
  - a. JFK Building Committee**
- 7. Superintendent’s Report**
  - a. EPS Update**
- 8. Audiences**
- 9. Board Members’ Comments**
- 10. Unfinished Business**
- 11. New Business**
- 12. Board Committee Reports**

- Curriculum Committee	- JFK Building Committee
- Finance, Budget Committee	- Joint Security Committee
- Policy Committee	- Joint Insurance Committee
- Leadership Committee	- Youth Mental Health & Wellness Advisory Committee
- Joint Facilities	- Any Additional Committees
- 13. Approval of Minutes:**
  - Special BOE Meeting Minutes: August 31, 2021**
- 14. Approval of Accounts and Payroll:**
- 15. Correspondence and Communications**
- 16. Executive Session**
- 17. Adjournment**



**Date:** September 14, 2021  
**To:** Enfield Board of Education  
**From:** Mr. Christopher J. Drezek  
**Re:** JFK Building Committee

- a. **JFK Building Committee:** Tonight, we welcome members from the John F. Kennedy Building committee. They are here to give the Board an update about the project. Chairman Kruzal will introduce the Building Committee members that are present.



**Date:** September 14, 2021  
**To:** Enfield Board of Education  
**From:** Mr. Christopher J. Drezek  
**Re:** Superintendent's Report

- a. **EPS Update:** At this time, I will update the Board regarding our schools.

Item #13.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 31, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held in Council Chambers on August 31, 2021.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Walter Kruzel.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Walter Kruzel & Scott Ryder
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Scott Ryder
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:**
5. **ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jonathan LeBlanc, Jean Acree, Janet Cushman, John Unghire, Tina LeBlanc, Stacy Thurston, Scott Ryder, and Walter Kruzel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Christopher J. Drezek, Superintendent & Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Assistant Superintendent

6. **BOARD GUEST(S)**

a. **2021-22 TOY**

Chairman Kruzel welcomed our Enfield Public Schools Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Drezek introduced our 2021-22 Teacher of the Year to the Board and audience.

Mr. Behling stated he has never been in Council Chambers before. He commended Alex Giner for the outstanding job he does recording these meetings. The room looks three times as big on YouTube. Thank you for inviting me here tonight. He taped his speech that will be played for you to see tonight.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated two of her children had the pleasure of having your mother as their teacher. Your mom was a wonderful person. You are the legacy for Enfield Public Schools. You have overcome a big void in your life. She understands what your family has gone through. She has heard so many great things about you as a teacher. She is very proud of you and loved your Teacher of the Year presentation. You spoke about the teaching profession and what teachers have endured. Thank you.

Mr. Unghire stated he has heard great things about you. He congratulated Mr. Behling for being our Teacher of the Year. You have a unique way of teaching math and making it fun for our students. That is a gift. You gave your personal time to your students and staff via teams to learn technology during the pandemic. You helped them to adapt and learn. We are grateful for your commitment. Thank you.

Mrs. Cushman echoed what Mrs. LeBlanc said about legacy. Your mom left a beautiful legacy in the town of Enfield, and you are following in her footsteps. Thank you. You are appreciated.

Chairman Kruzel presented Mr. Behling a Teacher of the Year Plaque. Mr. Behling received a standing ovation.

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **a. EPS Update**

Mr. Drezek stated he echoes the comments Mr. Ryder said about Mrs. Hall. He has worked with her for 17 years and she was on the hiring committee when he was first hired. She will be missed greatly by all. She was a strong advocate for students and teachers. Her delivery will be missed. He expressed his condolence to her family. She will be greatly missed.

Mr. Drezek stated it has been a while since we were here in Council Chambers – July 13<sup>th</sup>. A lot has changed since then. He has not sent out his welcome back letter yet to families and staff. Information has been changing daily and he was hoping for new information today. He is back to meeting with State officials on Tuesday and Thursday again.

Mr. Drezek stated JFK has received their CO. All teachers and staff are back on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. September 7<sup>th</sup> is our first day of school for students. Everything we are doing is to get our students back to school in person 5 days a week. Our kids have been through so much the past year and a half. Our kids deserve this. We have been preparing for this. Our number one priority is to keep students in person 5 days a week with some kind of normalcy.

Mr. Drezek stated he will send out something by the end of the week. All PK-12 students and staff are required to wear masks in schools by Executive Order until September 30<sup>th</sup>. The legislators can extend this order after September 30<sup>th</sup>. We have received legal opinions regarding this mandate. If we defy this mandate, we will be breaking the law. While the executive order is in place, we will require masks to be worn in all schools. All extracurricular activities and sports will resume.

Mr. Drezek stated we had a great graduation ceremony. Unfortunately, Enfield is considered as a Red Zone community. We are not out of the woods yet with transmissions. School buildings will look like what they did in June. Buildings will be in full capacity. We will not offer hybrid classes. Students will be 3 feet apart from each other. In a science lab, students will be a bit closer than 3 feet. As long as they are wearing masks, they will not need to quarantine if someone becomes ill. Last year when we needed to send students home to quarantine was the hardest. It was devastating for students and staff. Now, if you become symptomatic you will need to quarantine. If you are a close contact and you exhibit signs after being exposed, you should stay home and get tested. It is also strongly suggested that if you are exposed and are not showing any signs within 3-5 days, you should get tested to be safe. You could be asymptomatic.

Mr. Drezek stated testing our younger students requires parental consent. This is not our program. The State would like parents to conduct weekly testing if you chose to opt in. Quest Diagnostics Labs will perform the weekly testing if parents would like to opt in for students in grades K-5 that are not eligible for vaccines.

Mr. Drezek added we know what works best for us. If you are vaccinated, students and staff will not need to quarantine. If you exhibit symptoms, you will need to quarantine. We will not shut down on Wednesdays for deep cleaning. Cleaning will resume on a normal schedule by Buildings and Grounds. Visitor's will be restricted during the first month of school.

Mr. Drezek stated there is a mandate that all staff employees must be vaccinated per Executive Order for any employee that works in our buildings by September 27<sup>th</sup>. You must show proof of your vaccinations by September 27<sup>th</sup>. If you choose not to get vaccinated, you will need to get tested weekly at your own expense. If you do not do this, you would be in violation of an Executive Order. He is looking for further clarification on this. If you have medical or religious reasons for not being vaccinated, you will still need to adhere to the weekly testing. We can only accept lab-based test results.

Mr. Drezek stated for students that need to quarantine, we will not be offering remote learning. Only students with approved medical concerns that will need to be approved by our Nursing Supervisor, Medical Director and Director of Pupil Services will be allowed remote learning. If an AP course is not available, we can participate remotely with another school that is offering this course or certain subject.

Mr. Drezek stated students that are quarantining will not be allowed to participate remotely. We cannot offer instruction both ways. Teachers can post assignments on-line for students that are sick. The State will not allow us to work remotely this year. Our teachers went through a lot last year. We have staffing shortages and cannot afford to lose any more staff because of the challenges we have been enduring over the past year. Our best resource for our kids is putting them in person with a teacher.

Mr. Drezek stated he is asking for your patience next week. Transportation is also not exempt from shortages. Smyth Bus is doing everything they can do to keep your children safe. We are putting resources in place. Please do not call Smyth bus – be patient.

Mr. Drezek added remote learning is no longer an option and that also includes snow days. Students will be in person for 180 days.

## **8. AUDIENCES:**

Chairman Kruzel reminded audience members to refrain from personal or individual attacks. We will allow Enfield residents 3 minutes to speak.

Ryan Moore, Ryefield Drive – Mr. Moore expressed his condolences to the Hall family. He discussed fear and wearing masks. He feels masks do not protect our children's interest. What are we teaching our children? What are we doing to reduce the stress? Parents are teaching children about fear. Our children are watching us.

Giselle Moore, Ryefield Drive – Mrs. Moore stated that we should all be able to make our own decisions about wearing masks. This is a political symbol. All deaths are mourned. Children learn from facial cues and wearing masks has affected our children. Wearing mask increases anxiety. We need to rebuild trust in this community. We need you to stand with us. Show your courage and allow parents to make the decisions that are best for their children.

Josh Marquez, Hoover Lane – Mr. Marquez is very disappointed with the mask mandate. The masks do more harm than good. Our children are not spreading this virus. Masks do not work. Why are we doing this? He urged Board members to stand with the parents. You are enforcing this mandate. Staff have been vaccinated. Masking should be up to the parents. Stand with us and end this child abuse.

Maureen Snook, Buchanan Road – Ms. Snook has children in our schools. She is not here to judge anyone that chooses to wear a mask or not wear one. These are opinions. There is no difference with students that wear masks and those that don't wear them and other school districts. The CDC states children will not spread Covid. Masks do not work and will not prevent infections. She urged Board members to fight for our children.

Amanda Marquez, Hoover Lane – Mrs. Marquez stated on March 12<sup>th</sup> we kept our children home for 14 days. We have been told that children are not carriers for this virus. Wearing masks is unnecessary. We need to protect our children and wearing masks does not protect them. Mask wearing causes problems. We don't know the long term affects from mask wearing. She urged Board members to remember their motto - We believe public education is an essential component of a free and democratic society. This is a free society and we the people have the power not our elected officials. We should stand together for our rights and be able to choose to wear a mask or not.

Shari Jackson, Cottage Road – Mrs. Jackson stated that Dr. Fauci has encouraged mask wearing for school age children. Parents are frightened and concerned. Vaccinations do not protect children from

harm, they reduce symptoms. These vaccinations were the fastest to receive approval. Many parents have protected their children by pulling them schools and from getting vaccines. We do not know what the long-term effects will be from these vaccines. Please protect our children. You can't bring back the dead.

Kim Mannigan, Cloud Street – Mrs. Mannigan is here because of her child and this issue should not be political. Masks are made in China and does not protect against the Covid virus. Masks are meant to be worn for a short time by medical professionals. We are allowing our children to wear a cocktail of germs on our faces. Masks are taking a toll on our children and their learning. Before Covid, did we panic with the flu? Her daughter cannot wear a mask due to medical concerns. She has suffered greatly. We got a medical note as requested.

Matt Despard, Gordan Lane – Mr. Despard stated he is citizen of Enfield and is a Mental Health Counselor. We have seen an increase in mental health concerns during the pandemic. Getting our kids back in school is important. Lack of social content is the cause and getting them back in school is important. Please listen to the professionals. We need to keep our kids in school, and we need to keep wearing masks. Thank you all for what you are doing.

Nick Hopkins, Varno Lane – Mr. Hopkins he expressed his condolences to Mrs. Hall. He stated the pandemic has been hard on parents, kids, and everyone. There is a lot of fear and misinformation out there. We need to look at the facts and we need to listen to the science and our educators. They are asking you to support them. We also need to listen to the parents that have children with health concerns. Everyone has an opinion and a right. Thank you.

Barbara Gilly, Buchanan Road – Mrs. Gilly agrees that she would not want her children to wear a mask. There are too many mandates, and our local control has been taken away from us. We need more teachers and tutors to help our kids catch up from last year. She hopes we use the money that is coming to us for this. If our kids don't get the help they need, they will drop out of school. We need people in the medical field and truck drivers. Please give our kids the help they need.

Matthew Schmitt, North Main Street – Mr. Schmitt does not want a mask mandate for our students. Twenty years ago, on 9/11 occurred, and courage was shown by many. Children should be able to stand up to bullies. Parents are standing up against masks. Cowards do nothing and have many excuses. Courage deserves action. He hopes the Board realizes the harm masks can cause to our children. We are looking for your courage to stand with us against the mask mandate.

Ryan Scheutz, Church Street – Mr. Scheutz stated he protects his child and parents should have the right regardless of race, religion, ethnicity and gender or background to decide for their children about masks. America is free and we all have a right to do as what we want. This is a war. We need to stop this division. We should live without dictatorship. We need to take our freedom back. It is time to come together and make America free again.

Lori Unghire, Abbe Road – Mrs. Unghire extended her condolences to the family of Joyce Hall. She was a great colleague and loved Enfield. She congratulated Adam Behling for being Enfield's Teacher of the Year. She has known his family for many years and Adam is a shing star in Enfield. He is a great individual. His mom was a great friend of hers.

Liz Davis, North Maple Street – Mrs. Davis thanked Mr. Ryder for the kind words you spoke about Joyce Hall. Mrs. Hall was for the Board as Mr. Edgar was for the Town Council. Mrs. Hall was all about the children. Her legacy is here. She thanked Mr. Behling for the words you said about your mother. Her legacy is still here in you. She also congratulated Mr. Behling for being our Enfield Teacher of the Year. She thanked Mr. Drezek for everything he is doing. You always put our kids first and do what is best for them. You have shown us this over the past 14 months. She served our country for 24+ years and is battling cancer from defending our great nation. She knows what sacrifice is and what courage is. Our country is asking you to wear masks and get vaccinated. A true patriot would do what is best for our nation.

Chairman Kruzal thanked her for her service serving our country.

Steven Arel, Weymouth School Road – Mr. Arel is concerned for his kids. Thank you for being here. His children are in our school system. We made it through the summer without any incidents. He also attended a concert without it being a super spreader event. His mom works at Home Depot, and they were open during the pandemic. They had employees that had Covid. We are teaching our kids the wrong way to live. He is a roofer and needs to use a harness for his job. If teachers need to wear a mask for their job, then so be it. Our kids need to go to school. Forcing masks is not right. Thank you for your service.

Christine Tetreault, Green Manor – Mrs. Tetreault stated she is a masker. Her child will wear a mask. It upsets her to see people without masks. She has a medical condition. Our schools are for the public students and the younger children are not vaccinated. We prepare for shootings and fire drills. Why aren't we preparing for this virus.

Drew Snow, Buchanan Road – Mr. Snow stated we are doing what is right for our children. Some people are wearing masks and some people aren't. He has decided that he will not send his child to public school because of this. He is going to move to another town where they don't need to wear masks. He wants to protect his kids.

Gina Sullivan, Spear Avenue – Mrs. Sullivan stated her son had Mrs. Behling and we just loved her. She congratulated Adam for being our Teacher of the Year. She thanked Mr. Drezek for continuing to do the right thing. She urged everyone to stay strong.

## **9. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

Mr. LeBlanc served with Mrs. Hall for the last 2 years. She brought us wisdom and it was a pleasure to serve with her. She will be deeply missed. She worked on many different committees.

Mr. LeBlanc thanked the audience members for your comments. He is not a fan of masks. We have measures in place that are not affective like using plexiglass. There is harm to masking our kids. We are a local Board of Education. This conversation needs to happen in Hartford with our legislators. The decision to wear masks was not made by local Boards. The State is mandating this. We are handcuffed. We are volunteers on the Board. If we voted to change this, we would be held personally liable. He cannot afford to pay for this. He can't take on the State about masks. You need to bring this to our State Legislators and State Representatives. He does not want the message to be confused. He hopes the Governor hears your voices.

Mr. LeBlanc asked about open houses. Mr. Drezek stated information about open houses will be sent out by the schools.

Mr. LeBlanc thanked everyone for listening to him and his frustration.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated Mrs. Hall had such wit. She taught me to be myself 10 years ago when we were both elected to serve on the Board. She helped me to understand my role as a Board member. She wanted to go to MARRS and loved science. She was a coffee addict like me. She brought a coffee for her again tonight. Her guidance and love for early education will be missed. She was a great person. She always put a smile on her face.

Mr. LeBlanc left the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated we had a rough summer with a lot of deaths of students, staff members and kids. She expressed her condolences and sympathy to those families.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated students that are symptomatic will need a covid test. Mr. Drezek stated they will need a PCR Test, not a rapid test 3-5 days after contact.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated we will no longer offer remote learning. EHS will not have any homerooms. Mr. Drezek stated the students will go straight to their classes.



Mrs. LeBlanc stated many audience members spoke about masks. Wearing a mask is a personal decision. She appreciates you coming, and she knows you are upset. It will never be a Board decision about students wearing masks due to HIPPA violations. That is not our role. Her daughter was a nurse in the Covid unit over the summer. My husband was on the fence about the vaccine. Other adults that get Covid can take you away from your children. It is illegal for us to not wear a mask until September 30<sup>th</sup>. The question is should parents have an option about masks. She will explore this and will not do anything illegal ever. She hears what you are saying. Some parents have begged us to have masks worn due to their children with immune deficiencies. We need to wait until after September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is not about courage. We stood up for our transgender policy. Putting your name on a ballot shows courage. Covid is out there. She cannot change this. We are doing what is right for all children.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated her opinion will not be popular. She thanked them for sharing tonight. We will see what happens in September. There are a lot of unknowns at this time. This is not political. She is constantly watching the news.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated school starts next week. She hopes it will go smoothly for everyone. She knows there is a school bus driver shortage. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Mrs. Thurston stated ERfC has backpacks available for any interested families. Please call 860-253-9935. Thank you, Connie for this information.

Mrs. Thurston welcomed all the students and staff back to school.

Mrs. Thurston stated she met Mrs. Hall in 2009 and she scared her. She was terrified to speak. She ran again for the Board and Joyce welcomed her to the Board with open arms. She was gruff but a big teddy bear. She is irreplaceable. She loved Star trek and she will be missed by many. Thank you, Joyce, for everything you taught us.

Mr. Ryder thanked Mrs. Hall for her service to the students in Enfield that started back in 1999 as a Board member. She was involved in so many committees like the First Readers, ERfC, KITE, Head Start, CREC, as well as many Board subcommittees. She embraced my silly side. Joyce also had quite a humorous side as well. She would want me to get back to work and talk about our schools.

Mr. Ryder reported that Hazardville Memorial will have their first PTO meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We welcome all the Huskies back to school. The Kindergarten Orientation was held today for the class of 2034. He thanked the Enfield Community for the rocks for the Kindergarten Rocks program. Eli Whitney will hold a Gr. 3 orientation on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Whitney will hold their PTO meeting 1 hour before the open house. This date will be coming from the principal.

Mr. Ryder stated he has posted information on the EnfieldPTO.com website where you can find bus information. We will also post school information on this site. He urged parents to be patient regarding bus pickup and drop-off times. The times will vary the first week of school – be patient.

Mr. Ryder congratulated Brianna Beckstrand as the new acting KITE coordinator. He thanked Chris Gomeau for all she has done at KITE. He wished them all the best.

Mr. Ryder has seen a lot of new faces tonight. He hopes you will volunteer at our schools. Passion is a good thing. This is frustrating as mentioned by Mr. LeBlanc. We have a mask mandate in place for K-12 schools until September 30<sup>th</sup>. He doesn't want his kids to wear masks either but his kids like wearing them. He knows it is an issue for some people. He doesn't want his kids being exposed to anything.

Mr. Ryder responded to the parents that spoke tonight, we have two Board members that have children in our school system. We care about our teachers and our students. No one ever said if you got the vaccine, you wouldn't get the virus. K-5 students cannot receive the vaccine because they are

not eligible. Thank you for speaking tonight. If you can get the vaccine, please do so. He also stressed the importance of washing your hands, wearing masks, and getting the vaccine.

Mrs. Cushman thanked her fellow Board members for the kind words they spoke about Mrs. Hall. She stated the Board is giving Books to Head Start in Joyce Hall's memory. Joyce loved space and was a friend to everyone in our community. She was an educator and a valuable member of the Board.

Mrs. Cushman appreciates the families coming tonight and sharing your point of views with the Board. Your presence speaks loudly. We would like to stand with you and are educating ourselves. She has been learning more and more about our constitution and our rights.

Chairman Kruzel welcomed our newest Board member Jean Acree. She replaces Mr. Salazar.

Mrs. Acree stated she was appointed to the Board in July. She is a retired teacher of 40 years. She looks forward to working with the Board and making important decisions about your children in the Enfield Public Schools. Thank you for welcoming her.

Mr. Unghire thanked the audience members for attending tonight and for speaking. He added that you have done your homework. Wearing a mask is an individual decision. It is not mandated that we need to wear a mask in Council Chambers after 5:00 PM. He appreciates your passion and would like them to keep it up. Thank you.

Mr. Unghire expressed his condolences to the friends and family of Joyce Hall. She will be missed and dittoed the comments made tonight about her. She was a fine woman with a great soul. She was a good friend to many. She gave so much of herself to the Enfield community.

Mr. Unghire welcomed and thanked Mrs. Acree for joining this Board. You will bring a different perspective to the Board. Welcome and thank you for serving with us.

Chairman Kruzel stated he received a phone call from a former Chairman Greg Stokes about Joyce passing on. He then called current Deputy Mayor Donna Szewczak who also served with Joyce on the Board. Mrs. Szewczak commented that Joyce put the "A" in STEM to be called "STEAM" when we were looking at adding STEM to our curriculum. She was passionate Board member and was a teacher. She was on a lot of committees and will be missed.

Chairman Kruzel understands the masking issue. He brought a mask but speaks better without one. This decision about masks was not made by us. We are governed by the State of Connecticut. The people are the wall received the most votes. He has invited the Governor to attend our meetings. He will not put his home up as collateral, and we are liable. We do not get paid for being a Board member. The only thing we receive is preferred parking at graduation.

Chairman Kruzel stated he was at a mall and there was a service woman with her uniform on in front of him. He thanked her for serving our country. She turned to him and said I just put this uniform on. She did not know how to respond. I told her by putting that uniform on it is very important to all of us and he just wanted to thank her. The gentleman behind him agreed with what he said. We are grateful for those that put on these uniforms and serve our country so we can attend meetings like this. He expressed his condolences for the 13 servicemen and women that lost their lives for us in Afghanistan. They are doing this for us and for our freedom. We are grateful to them all.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**11. NEW BUSINESS: None**

**12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Curriculum – No meeting was held. Chairman Kruzel reported they will meet on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Kruzel updated some of the Board Committee membership assignments for the Curriculum, Policy and Buzz Robotics. This list will be updated again.

Finance – Mr. Unghire reported the Finance committee met on August 24<sup>th</sup>. We will review financial reports later. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Policy – No meeting was held. Mr. Unghire reported the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Leadership – No meeting was held – Chairman Kruzel had nothing new to report.

Joint Facility – Chairman Kruzel reported the Joint Facilities Committee approved the bids that went out for Eli Whitney and Hazardville Memorial.

JFK Building – Chairman Kruzel reported the JFK Building Committee will meet on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. They received the CO which is good news. Mr. Daigle would like to present an update to the Board at our September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will confirm this date.

Joint Security – Mr. Ryder reported the Joint Security meeting was cancelled and we have not scheduled the next meeting date.

Joint Insurance – Chairman Kruzel reported the Joint Insurance Committee met online. We do not have a date for the next meeting.

Youth Mental Health – Chairman Kruzel reported no meeting was held and he has nothing new to report.

### **13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mrs. Thurston that the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2021, be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 6-0-1** passed unanimously with Mrs. Acree abstaining.

Mrs. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mrs. Thurston that the Special Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2021, be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-0** passed unanimously.

### **14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYROLL**

Mr. Unghire moved seconded by Mrs. Thurston that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the superintendent's certification for:

- The month of April 2021, total expenditures amount to \$6,574,352.50, broken down between payroll totaling \$4,007,893.83, and other accounts totaling \$2,566,458.67;
- The month of May 2021 total expenditures amount to \$4,848,348.43, broken down between payroll totaling \$4,277,633.53 and other accounts totaling \$570,714.90; and
- The month of June 2021 total expenditures amount to \$12,131,579.82 broken down between payroll totaling \$4,295,136.77 and other accounts totaling \$7,836,443.05.
- All payments have been made in accordance with the approved budget and are properly accounted for within the books of accounts. Copies of approval for check invoices are properly documented.

A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-0** passed unanimously.

Mr. Unghire moved seconded by Mrs. Hall that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the superintendent's certification for:

- The month of April 2021, total Grant and Head Start expenditures amount to \$323,270.15, broken down between payroll totaling \$262,227.01 and other accounts totaling \$61,043.13;
- The month of May 2021, total Grant and Head Start expenditures amount to \$400,004.12, broken down between payroll totaling \$286,279.85 and other accounts totaling \$113,724.27; and
- The month of June 2021, total Grant and Head Start expenditures amount to \$827,927.68, broken down between payroll totaling \$296,003.77 and other accounts totaling \$531,923.91.
- All payments have been made in accordance with the approved budget and are properly accounted for within the books of accounts. Copies of approval for check invoices are properly documented.

A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-0** passed unanimously.

**Line Item Transfers:**

Mr. Unghire moved, seconded by Mrs. Thurston that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the following line item transfers:

<b><u>From:</u></b>		<b><u>To:</u></b>	
100 Salaries	\$1,083,168	200 Benefits	(\$ 728,731)
500 Support Services	996,782	300 Professional Services	( 1,032,813)
600 Tech/Supplies/Mat.	360,869	400 Repairs/Maintenance	( 378,669)
900 Other Use	417,656	700 Equipment	( 694,865)
		800 Dues/Subscrip./Grad.	( 21,397)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,858,475</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$2,858,475)</b>

A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-0** passed unanimously.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATION**

- Mrs. LeBlanc read a thank you card from the Neiman family.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Thurston moved, seconded by Mr. Unghire to adjourn the Special Meeting of August 31, 2021.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously. Meeting stood adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Tina LeBlanc  
Secretary  
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary