

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held in Council Chambers on January 25, 2022.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** : The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Madam Chair LeBlanc.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE** : Mr. LeBlanc
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** : Mr. LeBlanc
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT** :
5. **ROLL CALL** :

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Acree, Dr. Gerald Calnen, Janet Cushman, Jonathan LeBlanc, Amanda Pickett, Scott Ryder and Tina LeBlanc

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Unghire & Joshua Hamre

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

Madam Chair read the following prepared statement:

To the parents, guardians, families and staff of Enfield Public Schools: The Board of Education has an obligation to conduct meetings in accord with Board business. These meetings are held to inform the Town and residents of happenings in our school community. The government process includes policies and budget which are both on our agenda tonight. We also have an obligation to conduct law abiding meetings. We always have an obligation to follow the law, however we are not in a position to enforce the law. The law I am speaking about is the Governor's Executive Order dated September 30, 2021, whereas municipalities are authorized to institute mask mandates in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status through February 15, 2022. We are in the midst of a public health crisis; thus we are following the Town mask mandate. There are audience and staff members with compromised health immune systems sitting around now. We are simply following the Towns orders. We have a few options: (1) we can move these meetings to school buildings where masks are also required, however making them ETV accessible would be very hard. The Board of Education has an obligation to conduct these meeting within the law and health and safety of its Board members, staff and audiences. As a governing body, we want to be as transparent as possible. Therefore, tonight's meeting and future meetings will be remote until further notice.

Madam Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryder moved, seconded by Mrs. Pickett to adjourn the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2022. Meeting stood adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Jonathan LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary