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Board of Education
Newtown, Connecticut**

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting on June 26, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 3 Primrose Street.

M. Ku, Chair	L. Rodrigue
R. Harriman-Stites, Vice Chair	J. Evans Davila (absent)
D. Cruson, Secretary	R. Bienkowski
D. Leidlein	1 Staff
J. Vouros	1 Public
A. Clure (absent)	1 Press
D. Delia	

Mrs. Ku called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Cruson moved that the Board of Education go into executive session to interview the candidate for the high school assistant principal position and invited Dr. Rodrigue and Christopher Siano. Mrs. Harriman-Stites seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Item 1 – Executive Session

Executive session ended at 4:25 p.m.

Item 2 – Public Session for Possible Vote

MOTION: Mr. Cruson moved that the Board of Education appoint Christopher Siano as Assistant Principal of Newtown High School with a start date of July 2, 2018 and salary per the administrators' contract. Mr. Vouros seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Dr. Rodrigue congratulated Mr. Siano and members of the high school selection committee who are thrilled that he will be joining their administrative team. Chris has a solid background as an English teacher, has led the NEASC accreditation process, and worked to put practices in place in the best interest of students. He is also a certified EMT. Quotes from previous supervisors include that, "Chris is calm in a crisis, always does what is best for students, is a problem solver, thoughtful, and a team player. He is unflappable, extremely bright, and deserves this opportunity."

Mr. Siano thanked the Board and said that he was honored to be part of this amazing district and very excited to be part of this administrative team.

Item 3 – Public Participation

Item 4 – 2018-2019 Calendar

MOTION: Mr. Cruson moved that the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 school calendar. Mrs. Harriman-Stites seconded.

Dr. Rodrigue spoke about the changes since the last meeting. She fixed the dates in question and went back to June 7 as the last day of school. There will be 182 student days and 187 for teachers. Also, May 24 would be an early dismissal to add to the long weekend.

Mrs. Harriman-Stites referred to the teachers' contract and asked how long they would go to make up days.

Dr. Rodrigue said they could go beyond the end of the month as we had to do this year and make up days over the summer. There is no cutoff date.

Vote: 5 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Delia) Motion passes.

MOTION: Mrs. Harriman-Stites moved to adjourn. Mr. Cruson seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mrs. Ku announced that the July 17 Board meeting was cancelled and there will be no meetings in July.

Item 5 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Daniel J. Cruson, Jr.
Secretary