

**Please Notes: These minutes are pending Board approval.**  
**Board of Education**  
**Newtown, Connecticut**

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on June 24, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 3 Primrose Street.

D. Zukowski, Chair (absent)	L. Rodrigue
J. Vouros, Vice Chair	A. Uberti
D. Ramsey, Secretary	7 Staff
D. Cruson	6 Public
J. Kuzma	
J. Larkin	

Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Vouros called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 – Appointment of Newtown Middle School Principal

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved that the Board of Education appoint James Ross as Principal of Newtown Middle School effective September 1, 2022 with salary per the administrators' contract.

Mr. Ramsey said Mr. Ross was a superb teacher, a team player and analytical problem solver. He loves children and most important to me is he will help to restore the joy of learning and teaching affected by the pandemic.

Mrs. Larkin was excited to have been part of this process. Mr. Ross is extremely warm and gracious and she has heard wonderful things about him.

Mrs. Kuzma was excited for her daughter to start at the middle school under his leadership

Mr. Vouros noted that he was on the committee. Mr. Ross entered this position with a tremendous amount of support from staff and the committee about his potential leadership at the middle school. It's important for students and staff to have his kind of leadership to take over. Mr. Vouros will help in any way and will be sure he has an assistant principal for support to transform the middle school into what it was. We wish him well.

Dr. Rodrigue said her best final decision was to hire Mr. Ross. He has the support of the ATeam and middle school staff who have all been very complimentary.

Mr. Ross thanked the hiring committee, Dr. Rodrigue and the Board of Education. He loves Newtown's excellence in academic achievement and is always moving forward with incredible leadership. He is honored to be part of this and make a difference at the middle school and looks forward to shaping the learning there. He has always felt supported by Dr. Rodrigue, Mrs. Uberti, and the teachers and parents.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved to adjourn. Mrs. Larkin seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Item 3 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Donald Ramsey  
Secretary