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## **Ellington Board of Education Honored for their Service**

Student performances are the highlight for Board of Education Appreciation Month

**ELLINGTON, CT** – On Wednesday, March 28, 2024, Ellington Public Schools celebrated Board of Education Member Appreciation Month by honoring Ellington Board of Education members for their commitment to quality public education. School districts throughout Connecticut recognize members’ important contributions to their communities during this month.

Ellington is no exception – the Board enjoyed special performances at the March 28th meeting by Ellington High School Soloist, Mollie Virkler singing the *Star Spangled Banner* to start the meeting. Ellington High School *Steel Drum* group performing “*La Bamba*” and “*Crazy Love*”, directed by Mr. Matthew DeLassus, Director of Instrumental Music, and Members of Ellington Middle School’s Drama Troupe acted out a scene from their upcoming play, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, directed by Ms. Emma Czaplinski, Teacher and Drama Troupe Director.

Preceding the meeting, the Board members gathered with Administrators for a “Gratitude Hour” to enjoy a light spread of refreshments and receive a token of gratitude from the district including personalized baskets “Filled with Favorites”, including candies and snacks based on a survey the Board took last month.



Superintendent Dr. Scott Nicol, remarked, *“I am grateful for the Board’s dedication to the children of Ellington and the greater Ellington community. Although March includes a special focus to show appreciation to our Board members, we recognize that the commitment goes well beyond the monthly meetings.”*

Board Chair Jennifer Dzen shared her thanks during her Board Chair report at the meeting stating, *“I would like to thank the Board for the time and effort that you put into being here, being present, and caring for our community.”*

The Board Members serving the Ellington Public School district are:

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| Jennifer Dzen, Chair       | Angela Moser        |
| Kerry Socha, Vice-Chair    | Miriam Underwood    |
| Jennifer Mullin, Secretary | Steve Viens         |
| Gary Blanchette            | Dr. Lenora Williams |
| Marcia Kupferschmid        | Michael Young       |

More information about the Ellington Board of Education can be found on the District’s website:  
[www.ellingtonpublicschools.org/district-information/board-of-education](http://www.ellingtonpublicschools.org/district-information/board-of-education)