

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:  
October 14, 2014  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
KELLY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Yvette Jacaruso, John LeVangie, Cora Lee Boulware, Robert Aldi, Jesshua Ballaro, Aaron Daniels, Dennis Slopak, and Angelo Yeitz.

**ABSENT:** Joyce Werden

**STAFF:** Abby I. Dolliver, Superintendent  
Joseph Stefon, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Athena Nagel, Business Administrator  
Mary Donnelly, Director of Student Services & Special Education  
Joan Barber, Administrative Assistant  
Administrators, Principals and Teachers

**MEDIA:** The Day

Dr. Yvette Jacaruso called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

Dr. Jacaruso asked Cora Lee Boulware to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Mrs. Dolliver introduced Madison Walker, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Stanton School who designed a “friendship bench” for Stanton School. Madison wanted to create a place where students could go to reach out to a friend or to make a new friend. We are very proud of Madison.

Dr. Jacaruso reported on the following items:

- Adult Ed Citizenship Ceremony – 10/23/14 at 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers (Attach.#1)
- CABE Convention ~ November 14-15, 2014
- Visit by Adopted Council Member Pete Desaulniers

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Dolliver reported on the following informational items:

Mary Berry receives the Norwich Branch NAACP’s Excellence in Education Award, October 17, 2014 at the Hartford Health Business & Technology Center

- NPS Teacher Leader Program ~ Siobhan O’Connor & Adam Rosenberg
- Peter Camp inducted to the Lyndon State College Hall of Fame

- Donations from Dan Jenkins and Kenn Fischburg
- Walk to School Day
- Cultural Competency Representative
- Community Coalition for Children, 10/20/14 at 7:00 pm at The Garde Arts Theater

### **DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

Kaitlyn O'Leary, Director of Strategic Initiatives, gave a presentation on the Alliance Grant.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Policy Committee**

John LeVangie stated that the next meeting will be held on October 21, 2014 at 3:45 in the Central Office Conference Room.

#### **Professional Learning/Curriculum**

Joe Stefon gave a report on the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS**

Jesshua stopped at Uncas School and was very impressed with the physical plant, the gym and playscape. She also mentioned that Friday there would be a dedication at Uncas at 9:00 a.m. that the Tribal Council will attend. Al Daniels attended the LEARN meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Dennis Slopak) approve a transfer of 8 volumes of Norwich Central School District Registers between 1855 and 1899 and 10 volumes of handwritten and bound entries prepared for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (the St. Louis World's Fair of 1904) by students of the Norwich Public Schools to the State Archives. Motion passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:04 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

**MOTION:** Made by Aaron Daniels (seconded by Robert Aldi) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware, Secretary