

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
January 8, 2013
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, Lynn Norris (arrived at 6:08 pm), Dennis Slopak and Joyce Werden.

ABSENT: None

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 Joyce Werden to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by Robert Aldi) to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso reported on the Emancipation Proclamation Program that she attended; she said it was very moving and all the bells rang for one hour throughout Norwich. Joyce said that she and Cora went to the afternoon program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Abby Dolliver stated that Janis Sawicki was retiring at the end of this school year. Abby invited Janis to come up and say a few words. Janis will have 41 years of service to the Norwich Public Schools when she retires. Abby reported on the presentation we had earlier on the new Teacher Evaluation Plan and the Teacher Evaluation Committee that

we have in place, Scott Fain is the chairperson of that committee. Abby gave an update on the Stanton Network School. The Building & Space Committee will meet on January 28th, and the Case Street building will be discussed at that time. Abby stated that there was a Safety Forum, and there were over 200 people in attendance, there is a DVD available. Abby sent a school messenger email out over the vacation to any family that had an email listed, she received a good response from families that they liked receiving the email message. There will be a Legislative Breakfast at Montville High School on January 10, 2013 at 7:45 a.m. if anyone would like to attend.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Rebecca Pellerin, Principal at Moriarty School did a presentation with her staff, along with Doreen Marvin from LEARN, on the Magnet School Proposal at Moriarty School. Becky and staff also did a presentation on the Alliance Plan as it affects Moriarty School.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Policy Committee**

John LeVangie stated that the next meeting will be held on January 15, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

Budget/Expenditure Committee

Yvette Jacaruso reported on the Monthly Object Summary and the Special Ed Contracted Services and Tuition reports, there were no questions. Dr. Jacaruso stated that there will be a Budget Expenditure Committee meeting on February 5, 2013 in the KMS Community Room at 4:00 p.m.

Building & Space Committee

Cora Lee Boulware stated that there will be a meeting on January 28, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

OTHER COMMITTEES**Professional Development/Curriculum**

Joe Stefon stated that the next meeting will be held on January 22, 2013 at 3:45 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room, and the next district Professional Development will be held on January 31, 2013 for staff.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS

John LeVangie reported that on his vacation he went to Green McAdoo Cultural Center in Clinton, TN – which commemorates the story of the “Clinton 12” and the 1956 Desegregation of Clinton High School. He said it was very interesting.

Robert Aldi asked that we have a moment of silence for the police officer that was shot in Norwich Monday evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Made by Jesshua Ballaro (seconded by Robert Aldi) to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:45 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

MOTION: Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to approve the separation agreement between the Board and Robert Sampson, and to accept his retirement.

MOTION: Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by Robert Aldi) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary