

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
February 20, 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 5:45), 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 Bulletin, The Day, 94.9 NEWS NOW

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

Dr. Jacaruso asked Aaron Daniels to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Dennis Slopak) to approve the minutes of the Regular and Special meetings on January 8, 2013 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso reported on the Lighthouse Training that the Board attends. She noted that this has been very beneficial to board members. Dr. Jacaruso had included in the packets our area legislators, and their contact information. We have also put this information on our website. CABE Day on the Hill will be held on March 6, 2013. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Joni Barber know and she will register you. Dr. Jacaruso remarked on the Governor's Budget, and how it will impact us.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Abby Dolliver stated that the banner that was up in the Community Room "Ask Abby Dolliver" was made by students at Kelly Middle School under the direction of the Art Teacher, Heidi Kapszukiewicz. We have signs on all of our entrance doors, including Central Office regarding removing glasses & hoods. Abby gave an update on the Alliance Grant and the Stanton Network Schools. She said that the Network School would be doing a presentation at the next meeting; that they are doing great work, and that Ross Anderson is overseeing the Alliance Grant. Abby and Ross Anderson attended a meeting with Joe Courtney. The School Governance Councils have been established at all schools and are meeting monthly. The All City Concert will be held on March 8th at 6:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Rebecca Pellerin, Principal at Moriarty School gave a summary of their application for a Magnet School.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Sheila Osko, ELL Bilingual Coordinator, Richard Krall, Bilingual Teacher from TMMS; Maria Nickel, Bilingual Teacher at Stanton School; Jean Maignan, Paraeducator from Stanton School, and Enock Petite-Homme from Kelly Middle School gave a presentation regarding the ELL Bilingual programs that we have at Norwich Public Schools. They showed pictures and videos of the students as well. The Board was very impressed with this presentation, and suggested that we give a similar presentation to the City Council.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Policy Committee**

John LeVangie reported on the January 15th meeting.

Budget/Expenditure Committee

Yvette Jacaruso reported on the Monthly Object Summary and the Special Education Contracted Services & Tuition reports; and the February 5th Budget Meeting. There were no questions. Dr. Jacaruso stated that there would be a Budget Meeting on March 5, 2013 at 4:00 in the KMS Community Room, and a Public Hearing regarding the 13-14 Budget on March 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the KMS Community Room.

Building & Space Committee

Cora Lee Boulware reported on the February 20th meeting. The meeting focused on general long term discussion of facilities, including facility transitions and security.

OTHER COMMITTEES**Professional Development/Curriculum**

Joe Stefon gave a report on the January 22, 2013 meeting, which focused on Grants Update, Data Teams, after school offerings and Upcoming Professional Development.

STUDENT SERVICES

Mary Donnelly reported on the monthly out of district report.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS

Cora Lee Boulware mentioned that NFA celebrated the opening of their Sachem Campus, and wondered why our Board was not invited. Abby stated that it was one of their board meetings, and that they would be having an open house that we would be invited to.

ACTION ITEMS

- MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Dennis Slopak) to approve of the 2013-2014 School Calendar. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Aaron Daniels (seconded by Cora Lee Boulware) approval of the Policies for Administration of Medication by School Personnel & Administration of Medication during, before & after school programs and School Readiness Programs. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to authorize Abby I. Dolliver, Superintendent of Schools to sign contracts on behalf of the Norwich Public Schools and Norwich Board of Education, with the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic & Community Development. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to approve a grant application for Moriarty Magnet School Proposal. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Cora Lee Boulware) to table the agreement between the School Nurses, New England Health Care Employees Union and the Norwich Board of Education until after Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Jesshua Ballaro (seconded by Dennis Slopak) approval for planning grant for Wequonnoc Magnet School. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- MOTION:** Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Robert Aldi) to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:25 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

MOTION: Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve of the agreement between the School Nurses, New England Health Care Employees Union and the Norwich Board of Education Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by John LeVangie) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary