

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
April 9, 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, 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: None

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 Aaron Daniels) to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso reported that Senator Blumenthal visited Kelly Middle School on March 28th. Abby, John LeVangie and Al Daniels joined them. The Senator asked to visit KMS to take a look at our security. Yvette went over the budget process stating that there was a Public Hearing on April 8th and there will be another Public Hearing on May 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers. The NPS will present their budget to the City on April 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Jacaruso encouraged parents, staff, and community members to attend these important hearings. Dr. Jacaruso gave an update on the Lighthouse Training, and how beneficial it has been. Joyce stated that she felt it enabled her to really get to know each board member better. This was the last session. Future meetings may be requested as needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Kievits, 252 Old Canterbury Tpke, stated that this is the 10th Anniversary of Bully Busters and thanked the Board for all their support, and to invite them to their celebration on May 2nd at the Senior Center at 6:00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Abby Dolliver stated that Molly Weaver was retiring after 20 years of service. We wish her the best and thanked her for her years of service. Abby reported on the Stanton Network School and an Alliance Grant. The VFW Patriot Pen Contest first prize winner was Cameron Kurasz, a Kelly Middle School student. Abby showed a picture of art sculptures from Veterans Memorial students, art teacher, Jessie Wraichette, had the student make these sculptures from pantyhose and coat hangers. Abby noted that we received a donation from a Kelly Middle School parents, Anthony and Ummye Gulotta. Abby and Yvette attended the Military Volunteer Breakfast at the US Coast Guard Academy. We had two parents that were honored, Christine Ciacura from Huntington School and Laura Wedge from Moriarty School. Athena mentioned that we were able to get 250 students desks and 70 chairs from Waterford High School as they have a new building and are getting new furniture. Abby reported on the "Dear Abby Dolliver Show". This past week Congressman Joe Courtney was their guest. Abby stated that the District Improvement Plan was updated and available.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

Peter Camp gave a detailed presentation on the Evaluation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Program (PBIS). The Board was very impressed with his work and findings.

STANDING COMMITTEES

No Reports

OTHER COMMITTEES**Professional Development/Curriculum**

Joe Stefon reported on the April 3, 2013 meeting.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS

Joyce Werden gave a brief report from LEARN. Al Daniels thanks the parents and students that came to speak at the Public Hearing. Cora Lee Boulware thanked Christie Gilluly and Billie Shea for speaking to the NAACP meeting about the Network School.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Jesshua Ballaro) to suspend the rules to add an item to the Agenda. For Abby I. Dolliver to be the authorized signer on behalf of the Norwich Public School & Norwich Board of Education & the US Department of Agriculture. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for non renewal of teacher contracts. (See attached List). Motion passed 8-1 with Dennis Slopak in opposition.

MOTION: Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Dennis Slopak) to approve the submission of the Teacher & Administrator Evaluation Plans to the State Department of Education. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:49 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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary