

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:  
May 14, 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  
Tucker Braddock, Norwich City Council

**MEDIA:** The Day and the Bulletin

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

Dr. Jacaruso asked Jesshua Ballaro to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2013 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Sherry Filiatreault, Coordinator of Children First, Norwich and Anne Jerome, School Readiness Coordinator spoke about a program that they are organizing called the Norwich Community Enhancement Plan and The NEXTT Community in Taftville Village.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Cook, 62 Gulliver Circle, Norwich spoke about reinstating the instrumental music and choral program at both middle schools, and how important it is. He also invited everyone to a Musical program on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Owens Auditorium.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Abby Dolliver told the Board that Ross Anderson has given his resignation as the Director of Special Initiatives. Ross is moving to Oregon to pursue his doctorate degree. He will be missed. Abby invited Jessica Misiaszek and Sarah Fuchs, teachers from Veterans

School to talk about the Invention Convention that they had at their school; they showed a short video of the students' projects. Abby mentioned to Board members that we had an invitation to the Three Rivers Middle College graduation; we have 3 Norwich students graduating. Abby has been invited to participate on the School Based Health Care Center Advisory Board; they are also looking for a member of the Board to participate, Jesshua Ballaro volunteered, the meeting will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Teachers' Memorial. Abby reported to the Board that our FRC preschools received NAEYC Accreditation renewal. Moriarty School received CAS-CIAC endowment and Flanagan Grant of \$3000 for an after school program to play the piano. Huntington School also received a grant award from the community Foundation of Eastern CT in the amount of \$6300 for I Pads. Abby gave an update on the Alliance and Network School. Abby also mentioned that the Bridges Summer Program received \$10,000 from the Community Foundation of Eastern CT. Abby gave the board an update on hiring of Administrators. Jason Foster is the candidate that Abby is recommending for the Principal position at Uncas School, and Siobhan O'Connor is the candidate that she is recommending for the Principal position at Huntington School. They both will be going to visit those schools next week.

### **DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

Ross Anderson gave a presentation on the Extended Learning Program. He introduced Katelyn Wagner, Coordinator of the Bridges Program and Zoie Madden, Coordinated School Health Director to talk about their programs.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Budget/Expenditure Committee**

Yvette Jacaruso reported on the May 8, 2013 meeting.

### **OTHER COMMITTEES**

#### **Professional Development/Curriculum**

Joe Stefon reported on the May 8, 2013 meeting. He stated that he is working with the Co-Presidents of the Norwich Teachers' League to develop a form for professional development for teachers to use for the 2 additional PD days that they have.

### **BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS**

Joyce Werden reported on the LEARN meeting, and discussed the difference between Inter and Intra Magnet Schools.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by John LeVangie) for a price increase for student lunches to \$2.00 for elementary and \$2.25 for middle school. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by Jesshua Ballaro) to authorize the establishment of a committee to negotiate with Norwich Free Academy on the terms of a new contract to be effective July 1, 2015, with the understanding that any final agreement will require approval by the full Board, and names the following Board members to the committee: Yvette Jacaruso, Aaron Daniels, John LeVangie and Dennis Slopak. Motion passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:36 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

**MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to add an item to the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Joyce Werden) to approve the addition of Director of Language & Translation Services to the Norwich School Administrator's Association contract. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,  
Secretary