

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
June 11, 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, Dennis Slopak and Joyce Werden.

ABSENT: Lynn Norris

STAFF: Abby I. Dolliver, Superintendent
Joseph Stefon, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Athena Nagel, Business Administrator
Joan Barber, Administrative Assistant
Administrators, Principals and Teachers

MEDIA: The Bulletin, The Day, WICH

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 Robert Aldi (seconded by Dennis Slopak) to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso introduced Janis Sawicki and Bill Young, 5th grade teacher at Uncas, and Julia Rosenthal a 5th grade student from Uncas School who was the DARE District Poster and Essay contest winner. Dr. Jacaruso reported on the form with Senator Blumenthal that was held at Jacqueline Owens Auditorium on May 29th, she was the Mistress of Ceremonies, and said that it was a great program; the students did a wonderful job. Adult Education Graduation was held on May 23rd, Dr. Jacaruso said it was very emotional and congratulated all the graduates. Dr. Jacaruso stated that Brandon Hyde and Janet Marciniak would be the liaisons for the Ledyard Agri-Science Program. Jason Foster introduced Teacher's Memorial Middle School CAS Student Scholar winners, Sara Klimek and Ethan Kneiser, Mr. Foster stated that staff at TMMS and he are very proud of both their students.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlie Jaskiewicz spoke on behalf of the State Board of Education. Aaron Daniels invited the Board to the Juneteenth Celebration and to march in the parade on June 15th at 10:00 a.m.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Abby Dolliver invited the new Administrators to come up. She introduced, Peter Camp who was named Assistant Principal at Teachers Memorial, Jason Foster, who was named Principal at Uncas School, Billie Shea who was named principal at Stanton Network School, Siobhan O'Connor who was named Principal at Huntington School, and Sheila Osko, who was named Director of Language & Translation Services. Mrs. Dolliver stated that she is very proud of the new additions to our "Administrative Team". The middle school graduations will be held in the Jacqueline Owens Auditorium on June 20th; Kelly at 9:00 a.m. and Teachers at 1:00 p.m. Scott Fain and Melissa Krodel reported on the grant they received from the Community Foundation of Eastern CT for their Summer Library Program, and Mr. Fain reported that his school was recognized for their outstanding participation in 2013 CHET Dream Big. Abby showed the Board the new graphic for the District Improvement Plan. Abby gave an update on the PBIS Program, and the Network School and Alliance Grant. Abby congratulated the schools and students that participated in Team Math. It was a great event; Abby and Joe were judges for the finals. Dennis Slopak mentioned what a great choral concert they had at Wequonnoc School, kudos to the music teacher Sheryl Scheidel.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Joe Stefon gave a detailed review of the CORE reading program that the board would be voting on later tonight. Darcy Strauss gave a report on the SRBI (Scientifically Research Based Intervention program).

STANDING COMMITTEES**Budget/Expenditure Committee**

Yvette Jacaruso stated that we had a Budget Expenditure Committee and Special Board meeting scheduled for June 18th at 4:30 and 5:30; however the City Council will not vote on the bond money until their next meeting on July 1st. Dr. Jacaruso suggested that we postpone our meetings until July 2nd. The Board agreed.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS

Aaron Daniels stated that he feels that the district will have to find other revenue sources.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Cora Lee Boulware) to approve the Core Reading Program for the Norwich Public Schools. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:34 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

MOTION: Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to add an action item to the Agenda, to approve the one year extension of the Superintendent's Contract. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Robert Aldi) to approve the Superintendent's Contract for 2013-2016. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary