

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
September 11, 2012
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION
KELLY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM**

PRESENT: Yvette Jacaruso, John LeVangie, Cora Lee Boulware, Jesshua Ballaro, Aaron Daniels, Lynn Norris (arrived late), Dennis Slopak and Joyce Werden.

ABSENT: Robert Aldi

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 for a moment of silence in memory of the lives that were lost in 9/11.

Dr. Jacaruso asked John LeVangie to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso asked Mrs. Dolliver to introduce Tom St. George, Norwich Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Dolliver and Dr. Jacaruso presented him with an apple award. Mr. St. George addressed the Board and thanked them for this honor. Dr. Jacaruso distributed the Board Committee Assignments and Adopt A School assignments. Mr. LeVangie stated that the VFW Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy contests were coming up. Dr. Jacaruso reported on the Lighthouse Training.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION: Made by Jesshua Ballaro (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to approve the leaves of absence for Erin Archangel, Grade 5/Stanton for child bearing/rearing effective 10-1-12, and Lisa Brining, Grade 2/Moriarty for child bearing, effective 10-12-12; and the appointments of Jessica Daniska,

special education teacher/Stanton School, \$48,962/BA4, effective 8/29/12; Laura Naylor, School Psychologist, \$50,774/6th/4, effective 8/27/12; Vanessa Lazine, Grade 3/Moriarty, \$46,940/MA1 effective 9/10/12; and Megan Black, Kindergarten/Moriarty (.5) \$23,470/MA1, effective 9/10/12. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Christie Gilluly gave an update on the Stanton Network School. Joe Stefon gave an update on the Alliance Funding.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Policy Committee

John LeVangie stated that the meeting dates and times were included in the board packet.

Budget/Expenditure Committee

Yvette Jacaruso reported on the Monthly Object Summary and the Special Ed Contracted Services & Tuition reports. She stated that the first Budget Expenditure Committee meeting would be held in November, she is working on a date with Athena and Abby.

Building & Space Committee

Cora Lee Boulware reported on August 15, 2012 meeting. She stated that the committee would focus on long terms goals.

OTHER COMMITTEES

Professional Development/Curriculum

Mr. Stefon stated that the schedule of meetings were included, and that we would be combining the Professional Development and Curriculum Committees.

Student Services

Mary Donnelly introduced Jamie Bender who is the new Out of District Liaison. Jamie has been with the Norwich Public Schools, as a special education teacher, assistant principal and Science Teacher.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Dolliver reported on the opening day which she said went well with the exception of a few minor transportation issues, which is the norm. Abby reported on the choices our students have for high school, besides NFA, and the costs associated with that. The Board asked for a more detailed list of all high school programs. The monthly enrollment

shows that we have a few "hot spots" of large class sizes that she is addressing. Abby distributed a handout of afterschool professional development offerings for teachers.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS

Joyce Werden reported on the search for the Executive Director at LEARN, she said they would be appointing Dr. Eileen Howley, Assistant Superintendent from West Hartford.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Cora Boulware) Minutes of July 17, August 14th and August 29th. Motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Slopak asked the question as to the placement of the approval of the minutes on the Agenda. Yvette Jacaruso said that she would look into that and get back to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:36 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to approve the Agreement between the Norwich Educational Secretaries AFSCME and the Norwich Board of Education. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary