

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:  
November 13, 2012  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JACQUELINE OWEN AUDITORIUM &  
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  
Mary Donnelly, Director of Student Services & Special Education  
Joan Barber, Administrative Assistant  
Administrators, Principals and Teachers

**MEDIA:** The Bulletin, The Day

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.

We opened the meeting in the Jacqueline Owens Auditorium for the presentation of the CAPSS Awards. The following students received the CAPSS Awards: Joshua Huber, Huntington School, Kaytlynn Thompson, Mahan School; Ki'ari Walston, Moriarty School; Justine Long, Stanton School; Litziana Ruiz, Uncas School; Tonya Kingsley, Veterans' School; Olivia Markham, Wequonnoc School; Deven Leigh Rafuse, TMMS; Marc Carboni, KMS; Jonathan Dickey, DTZ, and Kashmere Kornegay, Adult Education.

Dr. Jacaruso called for a short recess and asked the Board to reconvene in the Community Room.

The Board reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Dr. Jacaruso reported on the Citizenship Ceremony at Adult Education on October 25<sup>th</sup>, she stated that we had 32 new citizens, and what a wonderful ceremony it was. There will be a Legislative Breakfast on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. at Montville High School.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by Robert Aldi) to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Jacqueline Owens thanked the Board and Abby for all their support, and apologized for the photo missing in the program for the Freedom Fund Dinner.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

Ross Anderson did a presentation on the Alliance Grant.

**STANDING COMMITTEES****Policy Committee**

John LeVangie reported on the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The School Uniform Policy was reviewed at the request of Dennis Slopak. He feels that there are inconsistencies of implementation of the policy

**Budget/Expenditure Committee**

Yvette Jacaruso reported on the Monthly Object Summary Report and the Special Ed Contracted Services & Tuition report. The minutes of the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were included.

**Building & Space Committee**

No Report

**Professional Development/Curriculum**

The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2012 at 3:45 p.m. at Central Office.

**OTHER COMMITTEES****REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Dolliver reported on her Strategy Sessions with the Superintendent, meetings that she has with each Administrator at their schools. Abby gave an update on the Magnet School tuitions, and the Network School. Abby & Joe Stefon have been meeting with each school to talk about School Reform. Abby and Joe are going to be on the Public Access show "Ask Abby Dolliver"; they have been attending training sessions for this.

**BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS**

Joyce Werden gave a report on LEARN. Yvette Jacaruso reported on the Otis Library. John LeVangie reported on the VFW Patriot Pen & Voice of Democracy contests. Dennis Slopak stated that he feels that all children should be afforded transportation to and from school, especially with all the children that have been abducted.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**MOTION:** Made by Aaron Daniels (seconded by Joyce Werden) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,  
Secretary