

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Norwich, Connecticut**

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

**PRESENT:** Yvette Jacaruso, John LeVangie, Cora Lee Boulware, Robert Aldi Jesshua Ballaro (arrived late), Aaron Daniels, Lynn Norris (left early), 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:** The Bulletin

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

Dr. Jacaruso asked Lynn Norris to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Dr. Jacaruso reported on the CAFE conference, as well as Cora Lee Boulware, Joyce Werden and Aaron Daniels. All felt that it was very worthwhile and Joyce advocated for the Board to have a retreat. Dr. Jacaruso also reported on the Lighthouse Training that the Board has been attending, and that it is quite beneficial for the Board – they too attend professional development.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Jerald M. John 4 Lauren Lane, Norwich spoke about his disappointment in public education in general. His children attend Mahan School.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Sherry Filiatreault & Anne Jerome gave a presentation on Children First Norwich and the School Readiness Program. Tom St. George, teacher at Kelly Middle School, presented the Board with an idea for consideration to recognize other staff and community members like we do for the Teacher of the Year.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Policy Committee**

No Report. Dennis Slopak stated that he wanted to discuss the revamping of our policies in general. Dr. Jacaruso said that this would have to go to the Policy Committee.

**Budget/Expenditure Committee**

Dr. Yvette Jacaruso reported on the Monthly Object summary Report and the Special Education Contracted Services & Tuition Report. Athena Nagel reported on the December 4, 2012 Budget Expenditure Committee Meeting.

**Building & Space Committee**

No Report

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

**Professional Development/Curriculum**

Joe Stefon reported on the November 20, 2012 meeting.

**STUDENT SERVICES REPORT**

Jamie Bender, the out of district liaison for the district reported on the Monthly out of District Special Education Report.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Abby Dolliver stated that Sarah Barzee from the State Department of Education would be presenting the new Teacher Evaluation Plan at the January 8, 2013 meeting at 4:30. Abby gave an update on Stanton Network School and the Alliance Grant. Abby stated that the Norwich Rotary Club honored our CAPSS award winners on December 5<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon at the Holiday Inn.

**BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS**

John LeVangie reported on a conference he attended at Three Rivers Community College on Racial Profiling, which he said was very interesting.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Joyce Werden) to approve the Alliance Application for Education Cost Sharing Funds. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to approve the revision of Policy #5110 Administrative Regulations regarding Student Attendance. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by John LeVangie) to revise the 2012-2013 school calendar to add February 19, 2013 as a school day. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to revise the School Uniform Policy to include white shirts and change the wording of blouse to shirt. Motion failed. 7 -1.

MOTION: Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to revise the Uniform Policy to change the wording from blouse to shirt. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,  
Secretary