

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:  
March 11, 2014  
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

**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 Lynn Norris to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Cora Lee Boulware) to approve the minutes of the 2/11/14 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Dr. Jacaruso reported on the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Norwich. She thanked Robert Jacobs and her staff for marching in the parade, Yvette and Abby both marched in the parade. Yvette announced that Otis Library has been chosen as a finalist for the 2014 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. We showed a brief video from the ASPIRE Program at Kelly Middle School. Yvette reported on a Board Workshop with Anne Baldwin from CABE, she talked about how to improve the Board Image. Joyce & Yvette reported on the Day on the Hill. Yvette stated that the message was the same "no more unfunded mandates". Al reported on the CABE Area 9 Legislative Breakfast. Yvette stated that she attended the All City music Chorus, which was outstanding, and congratulated the students and the music teachers; she also attended the Winter Concert at Stanton, and Dr. Seuss' birthday at Stanton. Yvette also attended a presentation by CEA on March 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the Common Core, along with Abby Dolliver.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marc Cook, President of the Norwich Education Foundation, 62 Gulliver Circle spoke in support of the 2014-2015 NPS Budget, and the restoration of Instrumental Music and World Language at the Middle Schools.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Abby Dolliver reported on the following informational items:

- Board Appreciation Month – Abby introduced “The Cat in the Hat” to distribute books to the Board – All the Places You Can Go, for Board Appreciation Month.
- Dear Abby Dolliver Show Update
- Senator Murphy Breakfast – Pancakes & Politics
- Empty Bowls Project ~ April 29<sup>th</sup> 5-7 p.m.
- Meal Counts
- Coordinated School Health Grant ~ Kaitlyn O’Leary
- Uncas Network School Proposal Update
- Teachers’ Memorial Graduation – June 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- Kelly Middle School Graduation – June 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
- June 17, 18, & 19 will be early release days for students
- Veterans School ~ ING ~ Adam Rosenberg
- Alliance/Priority Proposed Funding
- Teacher Evaluation Update
- Who was JB Stanton

**DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

Kaitlyn O’Leary gave a presentation on Cultural Competency and introduced the Family Liaison’s that have been recently hired.

**STANDING COMMITTEES****Budget/Expenditure Committee**

Yvette Jacaruso and Athena Nagel reported on the Budget Meetings and Public Hearings.

**Building & Space Committee**

Cora Lee Boulware gave a report on the March 4, 2014 meeting.

**OTHER COMMITTEES****Professional Learning/Curriculum**

Joe Stefon stated that next month he would provide a calendar of all of the professional development that the NPS is providing staff with the Alliance funding and the implementation of the Literacy Workshop model.

**BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS**

Al Daniels reminded Board members about the CABE Conference coming up in November.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to approve the 2014-2015 Norwich Public Schools Calendar Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Jesshua Ballaro) to approve the proposed 2014-2015 Norwich Public Schools Budget Motion passed unanimously.

- MOTION:** Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by Dennis Slopak) to approve the Healthy Food Certification Statement, July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015; Section 10-215f of the CT General Statutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Dennis Slopak) to approve an increase in price of paid schools lunches by \$.10 as required by USDA. (Motion passed unanimously.)
- MOTION:** Made by Aaron Daniels (seconded by Robert Aldi) to approve that the Norwich Public Schools participate in the Summer Food Service Program funded by USDA, and that the authorized signer of the application be Abby I. Dolliver, Superintendent Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by Lynn Norris) to approve the Special Education Grant Program for FY 2014: Special Education, IDEA, Part B, Section 611 & Preschool SPED, IDEA, Part B, Section 619. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to approve the Administrative Regulations Concerning Restraint & Seclusion of Persons at Risk Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by Jesshua Ballaro) to approve the Management Plan & Guidelines for Students with Food Allergies and/or Glycogen Storage Disease. Motion passed 8 – 1 (Dennis Slopak voted in opposition).
- MOTION:** Made by Aaron Daniels (seconded by Robert Aldi) to approve the Flexibilities for Teacher Evaluation Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- MOTION:** Made by Aaron Daniels (seconded by Lynn Norris) to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:35 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware, Secretary