

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
April 8, 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, 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

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

Dr. Jacaruso asked Robert Aldi to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso reported on the following items:

- √Charter Revision Commission concerning recommendation to extend term of BOE members to 4 yrs
- √Norwich Public School Education Foundation, Art Auction, April 26th at NFA, 6:30 p.m.
- √Budget presentation to City Council on April 10th, City Hall at 8:20 p.m.
- √1st Public Hearing on budget, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. – She invited parents/staff to attend
- √3rd Annual Health & Wellness Fair, Wednesday, May 7th at Moriarty School, 6-7:30 p.m.
- √Letter written to Legislators on the Education Committee regarding: no more unfunded mandates & SPED Burden of Proof. Dr. Jacaruso also mentioned the CEA Advisor which has an article on a Zumba class at Huntington School that our teachers/staff attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matthew Taylor, who has 2 students at the Integrated Charter School, spoke regarding an incident at Huntington School and the issue of Board Member terms.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Abby Dolliver reported on the following informational items:

- Kathleen Pouch ~ CAACE Educator of the Year Award ~ Mary Berry
- Uncas Proposed Network School Update

- Alliance Grant Update
- Veterans School Grant Update
- Possible Preschool Center Expansion
- Dear Abby Dolliver Show Update
- Adult Education Graduation – May 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Jacqueline Owens Auditorium
- Consultation with Anne Baldwin
- SEED Flexibility Update – couple of issues that needed clarification – no real issues.
- Student Letters – Abby read a couple of the letters, which were great.
- Abby noted that 4 students from Moriarty School attended a concert held at Middletown High School with their teacher, Alison Beit, sponsored by the CT Music Association.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Lynn DePina, Director, Bishop Early Learning Center, along with Krista Bialowas, Assistant Director, gave a presentation/video on the Bishop Early Learning Center. Angie Downing, a para at the school, put the video together.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Policy Committee

John LeVangie stated that the next meeting has been changed to May 6, 2014.

Budget/Expenditure Committee

Athena Nagel reported on the March 26, 2014 meeting.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS

Joyce Werden reported on a couple of items from the CABA newsletter,

ACTION ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:10 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary