

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
June 10, 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 arrived at 6:46 p.m.

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, WICH

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 May 13, 2014 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso reported on the following items:

- Noah Lucien – Teachers’ Memorial Student – Rubik Cube Demo
- Louise Sublette Award of Excellence in School Nutrition, Regional & State winner awarded to Erin Perpetua ~ Mahan School Manager.
- City Wide Art Show – thanked the Art Teachers for an outstanding job.
- Adult Ed Graduation
- Tag Sale – NPS Education Foundation – July 12th from 8:00 – noon at Wequonnoc School
- ASPIRE & Bridges Talent Show

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Dolliver stated that we have 4 teachers that are retiring this year, Margaret Herbert, Judy Quinn, Michelle Giordiani, and Kathy Jones, effective June 30, 2014. She thanked them for their years of

service to the Norwich Public Schools. We also have 2 appointments to the staff: Cori Beckwith, School Psychologist, 6th Year/Step 12 at a salary of \$84,086; and Kristine Cronin, Speech Pathologist, 6th Year/Step 5 at a salary of \$58,096, both effective 8/25/2014.

Mrs. Dolliver also reported on the following items:

- Abby read a letter from Destiny Jones, a former Teachers' Memorial Student.
- Uncas Network Update
- Alliance Grant Update
- CAPSS Focus Group
- Mobile Food Pantry
- LEARN Projected Magnet/SPED Placements
- Bill Peckrul & Sue Kessler ~ presenters on Collegial Calibrations
- Center for Hospice Care
- Stanton School Videos

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Siobhan O'Connor, Principal at Huntington School, Dr. Jean Carey-Ingle, teacher at Huntington School, and Dr. Tanya Moorehead from Eastern CT State University did a presentation on I Pads in the Inclusive Elementary Classroom.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget/Expenditure Committee

Athena Nagel gave a report on the June 10th meeting, which was held at 4:00 p.m.

OTHER COMMITTEES

Teacher Evaluation & Professional

Joe Stefon gave a report on the May 28th meeting.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS

Joyce Werden talked about the charter School

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to table the Action Items until after Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:20 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

- MOTION:** Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by Robert Aldi) to approve the non union employee salaries as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve the application for 2014-2015 Adult Education Program Improvement Projects. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve the 2014-2015 Norwich Public Schools Adopted Budget. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve the extension of the Superintendent for one year, and an increase of 3%. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION:** Made by Aaron Daniels (seconded by John LeVangie) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary