

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:  
August 27, 2013  
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 (arrived late), Dennis Slopak and Joyce Werden.

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Abby I. Dolliver, Superintendent  
Joseph Stefon, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Athena Nagel, Business Administrator  
Joan Barber, Administrative Assistant  
Administrators, Principals and Teachers

**MEDIA:** The Bulletin, the Day

**5:00 P.M.**

The Board was invited to tour the vegetable gardens at Kelly Middle School with Zoe Madden.

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

Dr. Jacaruso asked Jesshua Ballaro to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by Robert Aldi) to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2013 and August 6, 2013 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Dr. Jacaruso reported on the CABE Summer Academy as well as Joyce, Cora and Al. Dr. Jacaruso gave an update on the meetings with NFA. Yvette reminded the members about the Board workshop on 9/3/13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Kelly Middle School Community Room.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Abby reported on the new staff that was hired for the upcoming school year. She said that they held over 80 interviews this summer, employing the best and brightest staff. We also had a couple of resignations as well. Abby reported to the Board that Eileen Hargreaves has been hired 2 to 3 days per week as Interim Director of Student Services while Mary Donnelly is out. There was a very nice article on Roberta Jacobs in the Grace Magazine. Zoe Madden, our Director of Coordinated School Health, reported on a grant that she is applying for from Athena, which would increase healthy foods program, expand the gardens and summer employment for the gardens, nutrition education and afterschool physical education. Karen Urgitis gave a brief overview

of the technology Grant Application. Abby included the bond request for Stanton Network School, and that the Network School plan was submitted, revised and approved. Abby updated the board on both the Teacher and Administrator Evaluation plans.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Abby included a description of the Common Core of Standards; and gave a review of the Alliance Plan.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Policy Committee**

John LeVangie made note of the 2013-2014 schedule of meetings.

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

**Professional Learning/Curriculum**

Joe Stefon gave a report on the August Inservice, and upcoming Professional Learning opportunities.

**BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS**

Joyce Werden gave a report on the Children’s First/School Readiness Council regarding an initiative called the NEXTT Community at Wequonnoc School. John LeVangie reported that the deadline for the VFW Patriot Pen Contest and Voice of Democracy is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Cora Lee Boulware) to approve the Alliance Grant Plan Revision. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Made by Lynn Norris (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to approve the CT State Department of Education Technology Investments to Implement Common Core State Standards and Administer Common Core Aligned Assessments, specifically Smarter Balanced Assessments 2013-2014. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to allocate \$150,000 from 12/13 heating savings to the unrestricted fund balance of the City’s General Fund. Motion passed 5-4

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**MOTION:** Made by Jesshua Ballaro (seconded by Dennis Slopak) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,  
Secretary