

NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut

MINUTES OF:
February 10, 2015
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION
KELLY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM

PRESENT: Yvette Jacaruso, John LeVangie, Cora Lee Boulware, Robert Aldi, Dennis Slopak, Joyce Werden and Angelo Yeitz.

ABSENT: Jesshua Ballaro and Aaron Daniels

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 Day

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

Dr. Jacaruso asked Cora Lee Boulware to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Made by Cora Lee Boulware (seconded by Dennis Slopak) to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso stated that the CAFE Area 9 Legislative breakfast had been cancelled for the 3rd time due to weather. She reminded board members to take their “adopted city council” member to visit our schools and classrooms. She mentioned that Bob Aldi would be serving on a City committee for Juvenile Justice Reform.

Cora Lee Boulware shared that she visited Uncas School with Jacqueline Owens from the NAACP. She stated that she can see good changes happening, and felt very welcome by Mr. Foster and Mrs. Fuchs.

John LeVangie and Terell Wilson also visited Moriarty and Uncas.

Athena Nagel gave a brief summary of our security updates as requested by Cora Lee Boulware at the last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Dolliver reported on the following informational items:

- Enrollment trends since the beginning of the school year at each school.
- Visits to Schools with Cora, Jackie Owens, John LeVangie, and Terell Wilson.
- Network School status and accountability audits
- Invitation to attend the Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies – Friday 2/13 at 9:30 a.m.
- SIG Improvement Grant for Veterans School
- We have been awarded the Assessment Review team grant.
- Teachers' Memorial & Kelly Middle Schools went to the Coast Guard to a Math Team competition. One student from Teachers is going to the State Level.
- Kindergarten Registration will be held the week of March 9 – 13, 2015.
- The Magnet School Registration closes on March 31st.
- Facilities Committee Meeting to be held on March 17th at 5:30 p.m.
- Adult Ed Graduation will be held on May 28th at 7:00 p.m.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Bill Peckrul, Principal, Sue Kessler, Assistant Principal, Jessica Misiaszek, Instructional Specialist/LA; and Karen Bakoulis, Instructional Specialist/Math at Kelly Middle School gave a presentation on Using Data to Drive ELA/Math Instruction at Kelly Middle School.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Policy Committee**

John LeVangie reported on the January 20, 2015 meeting, minutes were attached.

Budget/Expenditure Committee

Yvette Jacaruso reported on the meeting that was held today at 4:00 p.m. Athena presented a preliminary budget.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve Policy #5116 Designation of High School Transportation. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Joyce Werden (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve the 2015-2016 Norwich Public Schools Calendar. Motion defeated 6 – 1.

MOTION: Made by Robert Aldi (seconded by John LeVangie) to approve the 2015-2016 Norwich Public Schools calendar with revision, specifically removing the asterisks from February 16th. Motion passed 6-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:33 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary