

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
April 7, 2015
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION
KELLY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM**

PRESENT: Yvette Jacaruso, John LeVangie, Cora Lee Boulware, Jesshua Ballaro, Aaron Daniels, Dennis Slopak, Joyce Werden and Angelo Yeitz.

ABSENT: Robert Aldi

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 Joyce Werden to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Dolliver presented Cameron Kurasz, our videographer for the board meetings with an award for his dedication to the board.

Mrs. Dolliver asked Donna Funk, Principal at Mahan School to introduce her Stock Market Team. Mrs. Juber, the coach introduced the students and talked about what they do. It was quite interesting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by Cora Lee Boulware) to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso introduced Mary Berry, Adult Education Director, who introduced the CAACE Learner of the Year – Bo Wang. Dr. Jacaruso reported that she visited Mahan School for the Eastern CT Symphony, and student of the month awards. Moriarty School will be hosting a Health Fair on April 8th at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Dolliver reported on the situation at Stanton School, that they are still investigating, and they have police presence every day. She stated that the staff has been exceptional; they held a parent forum as well. Enrollment has been stable; we are down 9 students from last month. Abby met with the Interim Commissioner and CEO.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Kaitlyn O’Leary gave a presentation on the Alliance Grant.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Policy Committee

John LeVangie stated that the April 21, 2015 meeting has been rescheduled for May 19, 2015.

OTHER COMMITTEES

Professional Learning/Curriculum

Joe Stefon reported on the April 1, 2015 meeting.

BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS

Aaron Daniels reported that he attended the CAFE Day on the Hill; and a presentation at Three Rivers regarding school to prison pipeline. John LeVangie visited Stanton and Wequonnoc Schools.

ACTION ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Made by Joyce Werden (seconded by Jesshua Ballaro) to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged written communication. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:15 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

MOTION: Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to return to Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent’s Evaluation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:42 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware

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Secretary