

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
December 9, 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, Joyce Werden and Angelo Yeitz.

ABSENT: Dennis Slopak

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 Joyce Werden 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 November 12, 2014 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jacaruso asked members of the Board to report on the CABA Conference held on November 14th & 15th. Al, Joyce and Cora reported on their workshops. Yvette and Joyce reported on the Follies, and thanked the staff and board members for their participation; it was a great night, very entertaining. John LeVangie reported that a few of Moriarty school alumni, Dominic Leone, Eric Campbell, and Andrew Carrigan came to support the Moriarty School Turkey Trot. Al and John attended the Adult Ed Fall Festival as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Abby Dolliver reported on the following informational items:

- Donation from Bearingstar Insurance
- Chamber of Commerce Trustees Meeting – 2 new state reps and one new state senator
- Enrollment is up by 61 students since September
- Partnering with Otis Library for students at Bishop School
- Abby attended the 1st principal of the year honoring Billie Shea
- Abby attended Teacher of the Year Celebration in Hartford; this is the 2nd year that we have had a teacher in the 15 semi-finalists.
- Anne Jerome, our School Readiness Liaison has resigned.
- Audit on our Homeless Grant last week.
- New application system called AppliTrack has been put on our website and is up and running.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Joe Stefon introduced Kristie Bourdoulous, Libby Donovan and Darcy Strauss who did a presentation on the Mega Labs. Kristie and Libby attended a week long workshop in New York City and brought back what they learned and are going to the schools and implementing the program.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Policy Committee**

John LeVangie gave a report on the meeting held on December 8th. Several policies were discussed and will be brought to the board. The next meeting is January 20th.

Budget/Expenditure Committee

Yvette Jacaruso reported on the December 1st meeting. She stated that Joe Stefon provided a grants grid which was very helpful.

Building & Space Committee

Cora Lee Boulware reported on the December 3rd meeting. She stated that the committee agreed to a partnership with the City for the long term facilities plan, Dennis Slopak and Angelo Yeitz will be on this committee from the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:28 p.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

MOTION: Made by Jesshua Ballaro (seconded by John LeVangie) to suspend the rules to add an item to the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Jesshua Ballaro) to allow our Board Attorney to send the DRAFT NFA contract to the Norwich Free Academy Board Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary