

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**MINUTES OF:
November 17, 2015
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, Joyce Werden and Angelo Yeitz.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Abby I. Dolliver, Superintendent
Athena Nagel, Business Administrator
Mary Donnelly, Director of Student Services & Special Education
Amber Longolucco, Administrative Assistant
Administrators, Principals and Teachers

MEDIA: The Norwich Bulletin, The New London Day

Dr. Yvette Jacaruso called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 John LeVangie (seconded by Dennis Slopak) to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr Jacaruso reported that she attended the following events: Gathering of the Hearts & Mind at Uncas School, NAACP Freedom Fund dinner, The Chamber of Commerce Breakfast at Mohegan Sun with Governor Malloy, and the Case Street Early Learning Center open house. She also attended the NPS Art Auction & Wine Tasting event. It was well attended by community members and NPS staff. The NPS Foundation surprised several teachers at Huntington, Mahan, 6th Grade Academy, Kelly Middle School, and Wequonnoc schools last week with checks from the foundation. She is attending the CABE/CAPSS convention this weekend with Abby Dolliver and several other board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Dolliver reported on the following items:

- Enrollment
- Three Rivers Middle College
- Student letter regarding uniforms

- Boxed supper program
- Farm to Table program
- Horns for Kids program
- Adult Education Multicultural Brunch-November 24th
- Moriarty Magnet School thank you notes/Congressman Courtney's visit
- NPS featured in 2 recent publications
- Teacher of the Year
- High School choice options
- Jason Foster-40 under Forty Award
- Dear Abby Dolliver show/Huntington School

Athena Nagel gave an update on transportation issues. She reported on a meeting that she had with First Student, Abby Dolliver, Atty. Anthony Shannon, and Angelo Yeitz. It has been difficult to get First Student to the table and there have been communication issues. The recent change in leadership has led to a disruption of their operations. There is another meeting scheduled for November 18th.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Upcoming Presentation for December 8th meeting-Early Learning Center-Lynn DePina

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Policy Committee

The following policies were presented for a First Read. They will be voted on at the next meeting:

- Administrative Regulations Regarding Health Assessment/Screenings- 5000 Series
- Administrative Regulations Regarding Immunizations-5000 Series
- Norwich Public Schools Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)- 5000 Series
- Administration of Student Medications in the Schools- 5000 Series
- Administrative Regulations Concerning Restraint and Seclusion of Persons at Risk- 5000Series
- Video in the Classroom- 6000 Series

Budget/Expenditure Committee

Next meeting is December 8, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Building & Space Committee

Angelo Yeitz and Dennis Slopak gave an update on the Facilities Review Committee. There is another meeting scheduled for December 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Professional Learning/Curriculum

None

BOARD REPORTS

The board members each spoke about the three members that are leaving the board: Cora Lee Boulware, John LeVangie and Jesshua Ballaro. Jesshua Ballaro stated that this was an incredible learning experience for her and that she is proud that her 2 children are products of NPS. Cora Lee Boulware stated that she wanted to thank NPS. She is embracing her new freedom and she has had a wonderful journey the past 14 years. John LeVangie stated that he doesn't regret any decisions he has made on the board and he thanks the board, NPS staff, and the voters for their support over the years. The board also welcomed new member Kevin Saythany who was in attendance at the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MOTION: Made by John LeVangie (seconded by Cora Lee Boulware) to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora Lee Boulware

Cora Lee Boulware,
Secretary