

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Norwich, Connecticut**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF:  
October 10, 2017  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
KELLY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Aaron Daniels, Angelo Yeitz Jr, Yvette Jacaruso, Margaret Becotte, Joyce Werden and Rashid Haynes.

**ABSENT:** Dennis Slopak, Robert Aldi, Kevin Saythany

**STAFF:** Abby I. Dolliver, Superintendent  
Dr. Thomas J. Baird, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment  
Athena L. Nagel, Business Administrator  
Jamie H. Bender, Director of Student Services & Special Education  
Amber Rutigliano, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
Administrators, Principals and Teachers

**MEDIA:** None

Aaron Daniels called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

Mr. Daniels asked Joyce Werden to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Made by Yvette Jacaruso (seconded by Joyce Werden) to approve the minutes of meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON:**

Mr. Daniels reported on:

- Norwich Public Schools Convocation
- Blue Ribbon announcement-Mahan School
- NFA Board of Trustee meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

Mrs. Dolliver reported on:

- Enrollment
- LEARN Magnet schools
- Mahan Blue Ribbon award
- New State Department of Education consultant

- Senator Blumenthal press conference regarding students arriving from Puerto Rico
- LEARN press conference regarding the middle school magnet grant
- Partnership with Norwich Police Department
- Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT-State of Norwich Breakfast on 10/11/17
- CAPSS Award ceremony on 11/14/17 at 5pm in the KMS Auditorium
- New Board of Education members will be sworn in on December 5<sup>th</sup> at City Hall
- Meeting with City Manager & Comptroller regarding ECS money to the City

Wequonnoc Arts & Technology Magnet School students, along with Principal Scott Fain and Art Teacher, Kylene Perrone showcased student art that was inspired by the late artist Ellis Ruley. The art was displayed at Three Rivers Community College and students took a field trip to see their pieces. Students that were in attendance were Nayelis Martinez, Kamila Flores, William Weeks, and Nadia Dickson.

Norwich Public School, Teacher of the Year, Amy Kenyon spoke to the Board and presented her welcome back speech that was given at this year's Convocation.

#### **DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES:**

Dr. Thomas Baird and Kristie Bourdoulous presented on Academic Accountability Data. They gave a physical education, science, English language arts, and math overview.

#### **GRANTS:**

Dr. Thomas Baird reported on:

- Middle School Magnet Grant
- Increases to Title I and 2 federal grants
- State school security grant
- Veterans School running club grant

#### **CURRICULUM COUNCIL:**

The Curriculum Council met on September 18<sup>th</sup> to introduce new members to the curriculum approval process and set the agenda for the year.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

##### **Teacher Evaluation/Professional Learning Committee**

The committee met on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to unpack professional learning standards. They plan to develop goals at the next meeting.

##### **Policy Committee**

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

##### **Budget/Expenditure Committee**

Athena Nagel gave an update on the phone issues as well as the Stanton Roof project.

**MOTION:** Made by Angelo Yeitz (seconded by Joyce Werden) to transfer \$275,000 from a 560 tuition account to a 590 purchased services account. Motion passed unanimously.

**Transportation Committee**

Athena Nagel reported that students have been consistently arriving home around 4:55-5:00 pm. Communication with the local bus company has improved. There are currently some billing issues that are being looked into.

**LIAISONS:**

**Integrated Day Charter School Liaison**

Joyce Werden reported that there is a Legislative Breakfast on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The next Board meeting for IDCS is on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. IDCS was selected as one of Connecticut HOT (Higher Order Thinking) schools.

**Otis Library Liaison**

Yvette Jacaruso reported that Otis Library recently sent out a survey requesting information on the different services that the library provides.

**LEARN Liaison**

Aaron Daniels reported that the focus of the last meeting was the Middle School Magnet grants. The next meeting will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Yvette Jacaruso reported that she recently attended the Norwich Transition Academy open house.

**MOTION:** Made by Yvette Jacaruso (seconded by Joyce Werden) to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Angelo Yeitz Jr.*

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Secretary