

**NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Norwich, Connecticut**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF:
June 12, 2018
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION
KELLY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM**

PRESENT: Dr. Yvette Jacaruso, Joyce Werden, Heather Romanski, Aaron Daniels, Dennis Slopak (arrived at 5:32 pm), James Maloney, Mark Kulos, and Patricia Staley.

ABSENT: Robert Aldi

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: The Day, The Bulletin, WICH/WCTY

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

Dr. Jacaruso asked Mark Kulos to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Aaron Daniels (seconded by Joyce Werden) to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

Dr. Jacaruso reported on:

- Adult Education graduation
- Uncas Network School Gathering of the Hearts & Minds ceremony
- Parents Night at Kelly STEAM Magnet Middle School
- Norwich Public Schools band performance in Memorial Day Parade
- Open House at Teachers' Memorial Global Studies Magnet Middle School
- Visits to schools with School Facilities Committee
- Teachers' Memorial Global Studies band concert
- Military Liaison Volunteer Award-Ryan Telford

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Mrs. Dolliver reported on:

- Enrollment
- Teachers' Memorial Global Studies concert
- Read-to-Ride program
- Open houses at Magnet Middle Schools
- Uncas Network School-approved for another year of funding
- Gathering of the Hearts & Minds-Uncas Network School
- BCBA: Jessica Mias and Jon Peterson-recognized for research & work
- Community Foundation of Eastern CT-youth grants
- Native Son Luncheon
- Military Liaison Volunteer breakfast
- Kelly STEAM Magnet Middle School graduation
- Teacher of the Year: Katie Ruffo from Veterans School
- Principal William Peckrul resignation

Mrs. Dolliver recognized and thanked John Green and Jacob Giard for their time volunteering as camera operators for the board meetings. They were presented with a gift and certificate of appreciation.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

Alex Lazzari, Katie Abreu, Erin Depot, and Jennifer Jepsen presented on the recent magnet middle school open houses that were held. They focused on family engagement and the role of the Family Community Connection Coordinator. How they are reaching out to families was discussed as well as what transpired at the open house events.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT

Dr. Baird reported on:

- NPS Curriculum Quality rubric to be piloted over the summer
- The Professional Development & Evaluation Committee-summer projects
- Update on Alliance & Priority Grants
- Awaiting feedback from CSDE on funding for summer 2018-2018 grant
- Summer programming updates

MOTION: Made by Mark Kulos (seconded by Aaron Daniels) to approve the submission of the 2018-2019 Program Enhancement Projects (PEP) Grant for Adult Education. Motion passed 7-1. Dennis Slopak voted in opposition.

COMMITTEES:**Budget/Expenditure Committee**

Athena Nagel reported on the Budget Expenditure Meeting on June 11th. No definitive plan was decided upon on how to meet the shortfall with the budget. There is a Special Board of Education Meeting to discuss this further on June 26th at 5:30 pm.

MOTION: Made by Mark Kulos (seconded by Joyce Werden) to table the discussion and vote on the budget at the Special Board of Education meeting on June 26, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

Transportation Committee

Athena Nagel reported the bus schedules for next year are being formed. The middle schools are starting 5 minutes earlier and elementary schools are starting 20 minutes earlier. They couldn't get all of the elementary schools to begin at the same time due to the busing schedule. Communication with families about the new start times was discussed.

School Facilities Committee

Patricia Staley reported the committee has completed school building tours. They are working on developing a community survey. The next meeting is July 5th in the Kelly Community Room.

BOARD REPORTS:

Patricia Staley reported that she attended Bishop ELC field day and is planning on attending their end of the year celebration on June 13th.

Mark Kulos reported attending Wequonnoc Magnet School's spring concert.

James Maloney reported attending Huntington's KISS event (Kids Invite Someone Special).

Heather Romanski reported attending Moriarty Magnet School's recent potluck dinner where Impact Projects for each grade level were presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Mark Kulos left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:55 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:21 pm. There were no votes take in Executive Session.

MOTION: Made by Dennis Slopak (seconded by James Maloney) to renew the Superintendent's contract for an additional year. Motion passed 7-0. Robert Aldi and Mark Kulos were not present for the vote.

MOTION: Made by Al Daniels (seconded by Dennis Slopak) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Romanski

Heather Romanski,
Secretary