

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NORWICH
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

May 4, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Norwich, in the County of Chenango, New York, was held at the District Office Conference Rooms #1 & #2, 89 Midland Drive, Norwich, New York, in said District on Monday, May 4, 2015.

PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Stagliano, President; Hon. Howard Sullivan, Vice President; Mr. George Carnrike; Mr. Thomas Grady; Mr. Thomas Morrone; Mr. Perry Owen; Mr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Superintendent; and Mr. Robert Wightman, District Clerk.

ABSENT: Mr. John Klockowski.

Mr. Joseph Stagliano called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. DISCUSSION ITEM -

- A. Review of Board Petitions** – Mr. John Lynch Esq. attorney for the District briefed the Board on the legal obligations under New York State Education Law section 2502 (7) concerning Boards of Education in a small city school district and residency requirements for running for the position of School Board Member. Mr. Lynch explained that 1 Year of residency is required immediately preceding the day of election. Mr. Lynch also discussed various supporting exhibits provided by the candidate and their interrelationships of validity in testing and determining the residency of the potential board candidate. Mr. Lynch indicated that in his opinion the candidate had demonstrated that they were in domicile in Norwich clearly from July 2014 forward, however, there appeared to be a grey area and question of proof of residency in May and June of 2014. The Board having heard the entire body of evidence, examining the facts of the case and hearing corroborating testimony of a neighbor residing next door to the candidate determined that there was no further action warranted to reject the petition and to preclude the candidate from running for election.

With no further business, the Special Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned 12:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Grady, seconded by Mr. Carnrike and carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Wightman
District Clerk

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