

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

April 2, 2012

The Work Session of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Norwich, in the County of Chenango, New York, was held in the District Office Conference Rooms #1 & #2, 89 Midland Drive, Norwich, New York, in said District on Monday, April 2, 2012.

PRESENT: Mrs. Heather Fredenburg, President; Dr. Linda Horovitz, Vice-President; Mr. Joseph McBride; Mr. Thomas Morrone; Mr. Luke Murphy; Mr. Perry Owen; Mr. Joseph Stagliano; Mr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Superintendent; and Mr. Robert Wightman, District Clerk.

ABSENT: None

Mrs. Heather Fredenburg, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – On a motion by Dr. Horovitz, seconded by Mr. Stagliano and carried 7-0, the minutes from the March 26, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was approved.

II. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS -

A. General – Dr. Horovitz commented on the annual budget planning process and that she felt it went very smoothly this year, she also again raised questions concerning the process for Peer Mediation. Mrs. Fredenburg commented on the recent District Survey and asked Mr. Stagliano and Mr. Murphy to serve on the Survey Committee. Mr. Owen spoke about exploring the idea of inviting a High School Student involved in Student Government to serve and participate on the Board from time to time; Mr. Owen asked about the possibility of holding another Business After Hours event and indicated how successful he felt it was last year. Mr. Stagliano spoke about continuing more dialog with Morrisville College on a regular basis and getting the word out to parents on course availability and academic opportunities that the college offers.

B. Positive Points - Mr. O'Sullivan spoke about the NHS Musical – Aida and what a great success that it was; Spring Sports have officially started in the District; The District recently hosted 288 Grandparents for the annual Grandparents Breakfast; Mr. O'Sullivan also recognized James Zieno from Student Government who was in the audience.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS –

A. Academics – None

B. Finance – Rob Wightman – (Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.)

- **Guernsey Memorial Library Budget** – Kathy Darrah & David Jennings presented the budget to the Board.
- **Review Property Tax**
- **Complete Budget Review**
- **Review of Revenues**

V. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Mrs. Chirlin – spoke about SUNY Morrisville, the need to keep the campus in Norwich and additional positive aspects such as students attaining their two-year degree here while living and working from home.

Mr. Smith – spoke about “mistakes” and spoke about Rich Bonney's return to speak about experiences gained while here in Norwich.

Mr. Grady – spoke about concerns that he had received from his children attending Perry Browne regarding availability of technology for students.

Mr. Cunningham – spoke about concerns over the recent employee survey and his disappointment in the design of the survey, wording of certain questions, and the lack of space in the document for written comments. Mr. Cunningham was asked to submit questions to Mr. O'Sullivan that he wanted to see incorporated in the survey.

Mr. Harvey - spoke regarding Drug Awareness Programs that the Norwich Elks conducts and his desire to distribute drug prevention materials within the District.

Mr. Hollifield – alerted the Board about the upcoming "Movie Night" – this coming Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Colonial Cinema, admission is only \$ 2.00.

VI. ACTION ITEMS –

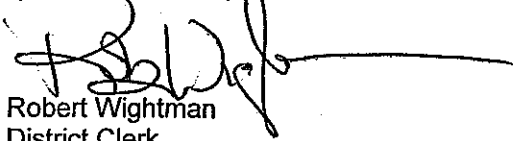
A. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2012-2013 SCHOOL BUDGET – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Dr. Horovitz and carried 7-0, the Board of Education adopted the 2012-2013 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$37,781,355.

B. ADOPTION OF GUERNSEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2012-2013 BUDGET - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 7-0, the Board of Education adopted the 2012-2013 Guernsey Memorial Library Budget in the amount of \$973,200.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - On a motion by Mr. Stagliano, seconded by Dr. Horovitz and carried 7-0, the Board went into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss the employment history of an employee.

On a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Stagliano and carried 7-0, the Board left Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. and returned to the Work Session.

On a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 7-0, the Work Session of the Board of Education adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Robert Wightman
District Clerk
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