

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

**April 8, 2014**

A Regular 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 Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Joseph Stagliano, President; Mr. Luke Murphy, Vice-President; Mr. John Klockowski; Mr. Thomas Morrone; Mr. Perry Owen; Mr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Superintendent; and Mr. Robert Wightman, District Clerk.

**ABSENT:** Mr. George Carnrike; and Hon. Howard Sullivan.

Mr. Joseph Stagliano, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – On a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 5-0, the minutes from the March 18, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education were approved.

**II. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None

**III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS -**

**A. General** - Mr. O'Sullivan introduced Mr. Downey, Norwich Athletic Coordinator and Todd Nelson Assistant Director NYSPHAA. Mr. Nelson presented Mr. Downey with the "Battle of the Fan's Competition Award" and commemorative Banner. Norwich was the first recipient to win this award. This is a new initiative to promote school pride, positive fan interaction and good sportsmanship during sporting events.

This past winter interscholastic sports season was one for everyone to remember. Many if not all teams achieved significant successes in addition to breaking existing school records, winning Sectional Titles and producing two State Champions. Student athletes and their coaches were present for this recognition and represented Cheerleading – Coach DeSarro (Aislinn Smith, Olivia Thompson & Tasha Furman - Cheerleaders); Girls Basketball – Coach Bennett (Caitlyn Brown and Breanna Cashman - players); Boys Basketball – Coach Collier (Michael Sutton and Michael Oralls - players); Boys Swimming – Coach Diefenbacher (Joseph Stagliano, Greg Todd, Curtis Woodard - swimmers); Boys Wrestling – Coach Hagenbuch (Tristen Rifanburg, Frankie Garcia - wrestlers) and Indoor Track – Coach Jeffrey.

**B. Positive Points** – Mr. O'Sullivan offered many positive points (see attached sheet) including the following: HS Musical "Damn Yankees" performances this past weekend – was a tremendous success; 6 MS students qualified in NYS archery competition and will heading to the NASP National Competition in Kentucky in May; Iron Chef Competition will be held again this year, the finals venue will be hosted at the Chenango Valley Home with Executive Chef Sue Ryan.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS –**

**A. Finance -**

**Guernsey Memorial Library Budget Review** – (Connie Dalrymple) – Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.

**Norwich City School District Budget Review** – (Gerard O'Sullivan) – Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT -** None

**VI. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS** – On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Morrone and carried 5-0, the Board approved the following instructional staff and support staff recommendations:

### Instructional Staff

#### END OF EMPLOYMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Howell, Lauren	Elementary	Retirement	11/25/14
Burke, Eva	Elementary	Retirement	06/30/14

#### UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Parker, Sarah	English	04/08/14 – 06/30/14

### Support Staff

#### END OF EMPLOYMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Newkirk, Wayne	Cleaner	Retirement	09/01/14

#### UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Carey, Kim	Teaching Asst.	02/27/14-03/31/14

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. Morrone and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the following actions within the Consent Agenda: (Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.)

**Special Education and Preschool Special Education Reports  
Treasurer's Report  
BOCES Bill**

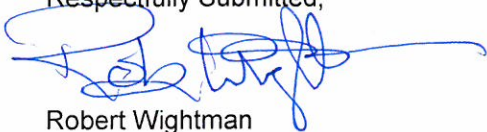
**VIII. ACTION ITEMS –**

- A. Adoption of Proposed School Budget** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 5-0, the Board of Education adopted the 2014-2015 General Fund Budget in the amount of **\$39,716,535**.
- B. Guernsey Memorial Library Budget** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 5-0, the Board of Education adopted the 2014-2015 Guernsey Memorial Library Budget in the amount of **\$1,088,990**.
- C. Resolutions – NYSMEC** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the resolutions authorizing participation in the cooperative energy purchasing service for electricity and natural gas. (Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.)
- D. Impartial Hearing Officer** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Michael D. Sherwood as Impartial Hearing Officer for hearing pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
- E. Scholarship** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Patrick O'Sullivan Scholarship in the amount of \$500. (Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.)
- F. Resolution – Uncollected Taxes** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Resolution certifying uncollected taxes to be turned over to the City of Norwich and Chenango County. (Resolution is attached to the official minutes of the District.)

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Morrone and carried 5-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular employee.

On a motion by Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. Morrone and carried 5-0, the Board of Education adjourned the Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. With no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Wightman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Wightman  
District Clerk

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