

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

April 9, 2013

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 9, 2013.

PRESENT: Mrs. Heather Fredenburg, President; Mr. Thomas Morrone; Mr. Luke Murphy; Mr. Perry Owen; Mr. Joseph Stagliano; Hon. Howard Sullivan; Mr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Superintendent and Mr. Robert Wightman, District Clerk.

ABSENT: Dr. Linda Horovitz

Heather Fredenburg rescinded her resignation as Board President.

Heather Fredenburg, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Perry Owen, second by Tom Morrone and carried 5-0 the Board agreed to appoint a community member to the vacant seat created by Joe McBride.

On a motion by Perry Owen, second by Tom Morrone and carried 5-0, Howard Sullivan was nominated for the vacancy of Joe McBride.

Robert Wightman administered the Oath of Office to Howard Sullivan, who was then seated on the Board.

I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – On a motion by Perry Owen, seconded by Joe Stagliano and carried 5-0-1 (Sullivan), the minutes from the March 28, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was approved.

II. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – A written request was presented by NACASP, NEO and NESSA to be invited into Executive Session with the Board of Education. Perry Owen expressed the need for more information to be provided to the Board prior to meeting. Motion failed, (did not have a second).

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. General - None

B. Positive Points – Mr. O'Sullivan offered the following positive points: HS Musical "Tom Sawyer" performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; Business After Hours in the HS Library on April 16th; the District hosted Unisom computer training for 60 employees in the HS Library over vacation; Assemblyman Cliff Crouch will be visiting the HS on Friday to speak to the Citizenship classes; Mr. Crouch has arranged for a HS tour of the Capital Building; Spring sports – Modified Track 30 students last year and over 60 students this year; and Rosie Moreau – "Happy Birthday"; Mrs. Giglio recently conducted a number of parent meetings in the HS highlighting Career Tech, BOCES New Visions and AP Course offerings – presentations entitled "Pathways to Success".

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS –

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

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - Sue Fertig raised questions concerning the status of the HS Principal Search, Athletic Director and the award of Advanced Placement Credit when a course syllabus is not AP approved. Mrs. Fertig also expressed her concerns about bullying in the District.

Misty Davis expressed her concerns about bullying and its long-term effects on students.

Don Chirlin spoke about recent news articles and concerns statewide about High Stakes Testing, Teacher Evaluations and the Board's role in addressing educational issues in the District.

Eric Cunningham, Dara Lewis and Michael Girgenti – with Mr. Cunningham speaking as the representative, renewed their concerns and request for an Executive Session with the Board.

On a motion by Perry Owen, second by Luke Murphy and carried 6-0, the Board agreed to an executive session at the conclusion of the regular meeting to hear the groups concerns.

A concerned resident (name withheld) spoke about her concerns over the Dismissal Policy and the Open Meetings Law.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Perry Owen, seconded by Tom Morrone and carried 6-0, the Board of Education approved the following actions within the Consent Agenda: (Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.)

A. Discard of Surplus Items in accordance with the Board of Education Policy A703.4.

VII. ACTION ITEMS –

A. Adoption of Proposed School Budget - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Joseph Stagliano, seconded by Tom Morrone and carried 6-0, the Board of Education adopted the 2013-2014 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$38,679,591.

B. Guernsey Memorial Library Budget – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Perry Owen, seconded by Joseph Stagliano and carried 6-0, the Board of Education adopted the 2013-2014 Guernsey Memorial Library Budget in the amount of \$1,073,150.

C. Resolution – Uncollected Taxes – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Tom Morone, seconded by Joseph Stagliano and carried 6-0, 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.)

D. Board Member Resignation – On a motion by Perry Owen, seconded by Tom Morrone and carried 6-0, to amend the original resolution and separate out the resignation of Linda Horovitz. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Perry Owen, seconded by Joseph Stagliano and carried 5-1 (Fredenburg), the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Linda Horovitz with regret effective March 28, 2013. (Resignation is attached to the official minutes of the District.)

On a motion by Tom Morrone, seconded by Perry Owen and carried 6-0 the Board of Education will keep vacant the seat formerly held by Linda Horovitz until the May 21st, 2013 election.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Gerard O'Sullivan discussed the updates with the Board.

On a motion by Joseph Stagliano, seconded by Perry Owen and carried 6-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss matters of a particular employee. Eric Cunningham, Dara Lewis and Michael Girgenti were invited into Executive Session.

On a motion by Joseph Stagliano, seconded by Luke Murphy and carried 6-0, the Board of Education adjourned the Executive Session 9:06 p.m. With no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Robert Wightman
District Clerk