

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

May 17, 2012

The 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 in the District Office Conference Rooms #1 & #2, 89 Midland Drive, Norwich, New York, in said District on Thursday, May 17, 2012.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Thomas Morrone and Mr. Perry Owen.

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. Murphy and carried 5-0, the minutes from the May 7, 2012 Work Session and Public Hearing of the Board of Education were approved.

II. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS -

A. General – Dr. Horovitz inquired as to when was the next date for a Legal RFP (Request for Proposal) to be sent out soliciting bids for the School Attorney. Mr. Wightman responded that, "the District was is year 2 of a 3 year commitment, therefore RFP's would be sent out at the end of the 2012/13 school year".

B. Positive Points – Mr. O'Sullivan spoke about recent communication from Kathy Pfiefer acknowledging the various awards and honors received by her Perry Browne Photo Journalism students, Mary Mayo's Gold with Distinction Awards at Level 6 for her students in recent vocal competitions and Brenna Grey's students who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the DCMO BOCES media festival. Mr. O'Sullivan expressed his gratitude to the community on the recent budget passage with an approximate 80% acceptance margin.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS –

A. Students -

Odyssey of the Mind (Beth Nassar's group) – John Antonowicz, Victoria Giglio, Kiana Harrell, Allison Krush, Gina Martinez, Megan Reynolds, and Thomas Whitney. Mrs. Nassar's students provided the Board with a video of their performance that they recently produced during competition. The students performance was a political satire based upon a number of contemporary social and political issues.

Philanthropy Club (Sue Fertig's group) – John Antonowicz, Amanda Caulfield, Jeffrey Burlew, Angelina Festarini, Allison Krush, Casey Marson, Patricia McNeil, Jacob Misch, Allyson Morehead, Kristiana Orioli, Tambria Schroeder, and Philip Trevisani. Mrs. Fertig's students provided the Board with an overview of club activities and their mission and goals. The club has been in existence for the past 4 years and is a partner with the United Way and Community Foundation of South Central New York. Each year the club receives a number of proposals for review. Based upon the merit of those proposals and need, students in the club decide upon proposals to be for awarded to local applicants and the amount of funding to be provided.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Mrs. Nassar addressed the Board about her concerns and support for the addition of a technology support position in the High School. Mr. Wightman indicated that Mr. Somich, Director of Technology was currently reviewing applications and scheduling interviews to quickly find a person for the position.

Mrs. Fertig addressed the Board about her concerns of Norwich students taking AP Classes from SUNY Morrisville – see statement attached.

Mr. Smith addressed the Board about his concerns of omissions in a recent Community Honors Banquet letter that he received from Joe Connolly. Mr. O’Sullivan indicated that he would contact Mr. Connolly directly to help in getting some of the problems addressed. Mr. Connolly is not directly affiliated with Norwich City Schools.

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

Instructional Staff

Appointments - Tenure

Name	Area	Effective
Mark Ward	Home Economics	09/07/12
Michael Chrystie	Social Studies	09/08/12
Amanda Clark	Counseling & Guidance	09/08/12
Scott Montreuil	Social Studies	09/08/12
Julie Salerno	Elementary	09/08/12
Bethany Stephens	Social Studies	09/08/12

Support Staff

End of Employment

Name	Position	Effective
Leticia Lopez	Cleaner	5/11/12
Ellery Gager	Custodian	04/27/12

Appointments – Provisional

Name	Position	Effective
Julita Cushman	School Lunch Cashier	05/01/12
Ellery Gager	Senior Custodian	04/28/12
Kathy Shuman	Secretary II	05/17/12
Laura Sears	Secretary II	05/17/12

VII. CONSENT AGENDA - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Dr. Horovitz, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the following actions within the Consent Agenda:

- A. BOCES Monthly Bill
- B. Special Education and Pre-School Education Reports

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Canvass of Ballots and Certification of the May 15th School District Budget Vote, Board of Member Election and Proposition #1.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Stagliano, seconded by Dr. Horovitz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education accepted the results of the canvass of the voting according to the tabulation attached to the official minutes of the District.
- B. **Canvass of Ballots and Certification of the May 15th Guernsey Memorial Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Stagliano, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 5-0, the Board of Education accepted the results of the canvass of the voting according to the tabulation attached to the official minutes of the District.

C. **Curriculum Blueprint** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Stagliano, seconded by Dr. Horovitz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the course curriculum blueprints for new high school electives.

D. **Board Policies – First Reading**

On a motion by Dr. Horovitz, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 5-0, First Reading of Board Policy **A300.10 Summer School**, was approved.

On a motion by Mr. Stagliano, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 5-0, First Reading of Board Policy **A301.2 Basic Testing Programs**, was approved.

On a motion by Mr. Stagliano, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 5-0, First Reading of Board Policy **A301.10 Academic Intervention Services, Response to Intervention**, was approved.

On a motion by Mr. Stagliano, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 5-0, First Reading of Board Policy **New Anaphylaxis Policy**, was approved.

IX. **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE** – Gerard O'Sullivan reviewed the updates with the Board.

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

On a motion by Dr. Horovitz, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 5-0, the Board went into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss negotiations & the history of three employees.

On a motion by Mr. Stagliano, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 5-0, the Board left Executive Session at 9:00 and returned to the Regular Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. McBride, seconded by Dr. Horovitz and carried 5-0, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



Robert Wightman
District Clerk

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