

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

November 14, 2011

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, November 14, 2011.

PRESENT: 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: Mrs. Heather Fredenburg, President.

Dr. Horovitz, Vice-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 Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 6-0, the minutes from the October 24, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was approved.

II. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS –

A. General – None

B. Positive Points – Mr. O'Sullivan shared the following positive points: Congratulations to the Girl's Basketball Boosters at the YMCA this past Saturday, third year with 125 young ladies participated, Chobani sponsored this event.

High School Marching Band and the Music Choir were in the Veteran's Day Parade on Friday.

Four seniors participated in the NYS Cross Country Championship on Saturday in Vernon-Verona-Sherrill.

C. Discuss Audit (Stan Cwynar) – Mr. Cwynar highlighted the audit findings with the Board and reviewed each finding.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS –

A. Students – On-Line Courses – College Credit Courses

Phil Sheridan, Dir. of Technology @ DCMO BOCES reviewed the high school's online AP courses.

Stephanie Todd, Student – shared her experience with taking online AP Euro course.

B. Academics –

Principal Building Reviews – (Scott Ryan, Lisa Schuchman) - Presentation attached to the official minutes.

C. Finance -

Rob Wightman – Co-Curricular/Athletics – Presentation attached to the official minutes.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Kathy Pfeifer – Spoke about activities of the SAME Group (Save Music and Art Education Parents).

Don Chirlin – Spoke about Tracking students in the HS and evaluating effectiveness of the HS program for post secondary education students; and concern for At-Risk children and follow through, are we meeting their needs for success later in life.

Pete Smith – Spoke about current learning climate.

VI. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS - (None)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – (None)

VIII. ACTION ITEMS –

- A. BOARD POLICY** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried 6-0, the Board of Education approved for Second Reading the following Board Policy: (Information attached to the official minutes.)

A209.2 – Competitive Bidding or Quotations

- B. BOARD POLICY** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Morrone and carried 6-0, the Board of Education approved for First Reading of Board Policy on Social Networking Technology. (Information attached to the official minutes.)

- C. ACCEPTANCE OF EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Owen, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 6-0, the Board of Education approved the resolution accepting the External Audit Report for the Norwich City School District for the 2010-2011 fiscal year as submitted by the District's independent auditors:

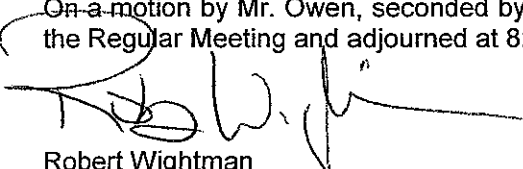
“**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Norwich accept the External Audit Report of its independent auditors, Cwynar & Company, and order that it be filed.”

- IX. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE** – Mr. O'Sullivan reviewed the two updates with the Board. (Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.)

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION -

Mr. Stagliano made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 6-0, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Owen, seconded by Dr. Horovitz and carried 6-0, the Board left Executive Session, returned to the Regular Meeting and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


Robert Wightman
District Clerk

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