

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

November 27, 2012

A Special 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 High School Cafeteria, 49 Midland Drive, Norwich, New York, in said District on Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Joseph McBride; and Mr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Superintendent.

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

I. DISCUSSION ITEM –

- A. Mr. Wightman read a prepared statement on behalf of Mr. O'Sullivan summarizing the actions taken to date concerning recent events of fighting in the High School.
- B. Review of High School Actions – Mrs. Giglio reviewed a PowerPoint presentation provided at the November 16th student assembly and an overview of activities occurring in the High School to address recent events of fighting and disruptive behavior. (Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT -

Chris Maynard – Spoke about the AP and Honors courses in the High School compared with other schools similar in size to Norwich (Oneida, Johnson City and Oneonta). Mr. Maynard felt that the curriculum should be made more rigorous in the HS. He was concerned about the ability of credits from Morrisville to transferred to other schools such as SUNY Binghamton.

Sue Fenton – Spoke about the loss of instructional time and the adverse impact that it had on academic results and performance. – See statement attached.

Mark DeMellier – Shared his concerns from an alumni perspective and about the present atmosphere and environment. Mr. DeMellier referenced Mr. Chirlin's previous comments about building culture. Mr. DeMellier also spoke about his concerns for the lack of political presence and felt the district should be reaching out to our elected officials such as Cliff Crouch for assistance.

John Antonowitz – Spoke about seeing improvements in hallways in the last week, overall far less profanity and violence. He was glad to see there were consequences being imposed for disruptive students and actions. He thanked the Board for going in the right direction.

Sarah Stewart - Thanked the Board for their actions to date. She shared her concerns about the current Resource Room and that she felt it was not academically beneficial, she also indicated that she felt that Special Education Teachers hands were tied in many cases. Linda Horotvitz asked to see a presentation about the Resource Room Model and asked that it be placed on December Agenda.

Angela Buck – Spoke about creating a Student Advocate position. Student needs are all not the same, and that this position would be a student type counselor. Mrs. Buck indicated that she had spoken previously to Mr. O'Sullivan about this.

On a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Dr. Horovitz and carried 6-0, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss an individual employee's employment history.

Mr. McBride arrived at 7:10 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. McBride and carried 7-0, the Board ended Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and the Special Meeting was adjourned.

Robert Wightman
District Clerk

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