

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

**December 18, 2012**

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 High School Cafeteria, 49 Midland Drive, Norwich, New York, in said District on Tuesday, December 18, 2012.

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Heather Fredenburg, President; Dr. Linda Horovitz, Vice-President; Mr. Thomas Morrone; Mr. Perry Owen; Mr. Joseph Stagliano; Mr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Superintendent and Mr. Robert Wightman, District Clerk.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Joseph McBride and Mr. Luke Murphy.

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

**I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – On a motion by Joseph Stagliano, seconded by Perry Owen and carried 5-0, the minutes from the November 13, 2012 Regular Meeting and November 27, 2012 Special Meeting of the Board of Education were approved.

**II. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None

**III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** –

**A. General** – Mr. O'Sullivan spoke to the Board about the impending Fiscal Cliff and its adverse financial impact on NYS Schools, estimated Hurricane Sandy Relief of one billion dollars requested from the Federal Government and the upcoming school budget season. Mr. O'Sullivan alerted the Board that Governor Cuomo would be releasing his budget within the next 4 – 6 weeks, we will all be watching intently for impact on state aid.

**B. Positive Points** – Mr. O'Sullivan mentioned that tonight at 7:30 there is a Holiday Concert in the High School; the District just received two notable donations one from the Norwich Fire Fighters Association and one from Miller Movers in the amounts of \$1,000 each. Mr. O'Sullivan was in the High School main office today and observed many piles of donations ready to go out to local families for the holidays. The Building Leadership Team recently held their second meeting and have approximately 64 people signed up. There are currently 14-15 future meetings scheduled for this group. The winter sports program is in full swing and will be hosting a variety of events over the holidays, including boys and girls basketball, wrestling and swimming.

John Antonowicz was asked by Mr. O'Sullivan to speak briefly to the Board and Public about his work at the Chenango County Historical Society and recent project he completed in which he published a book entitled, "A Rare Look into the Archives". Cost of the book is \$15.00 with proceeds benefiting the Chenango County Historical Society.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS** –

**A. SUNY Morrisville (Marcia Cornelius)** – Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.

**B. Finance – Special Education (Rob Wightman)** – Mr. Wightman reviewed a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT** -

Sadhna Corey – spoke about her concerns of a safe school environment.

Donald Chirlin – spoke about his concerns for safety, emergency preparedness and local policies to address security within the District in the aftermath of the elementary school tragedy in Newtown, CT.

Peter Smith – Spoke about his observations of recent events and Board Meetings.

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

**Instructional Staff**

**Leave of Absence - Unpaid**

Name	Area	Effective
Laura Grady	Elementary	11/5/12-1/28/13
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Amanda Downey	Physical	12/5/12-1/2/13

**Appointment – Substitute**

Name	Effective
Sheila Brussell	12/19/12

**Appointments - Coaching**

Name	Position	Stipend
Teresa Woodard	Boys Diving Coach	\$4,089
Marie DeSarro	Winter Cheerleading Coach	\$6,254

**Appointment - Regular Substitute**

Name	Position	Salary	Effective
Felicia Tynan	Science	\$39,500 (Prorated)	11/5/12 – 6/21/13

**Support Staff**

**Appointments – Substitute**

Name	Position	Effective
Kevin Coleman	Cleaner	12/19/12
Timothy Timke	Cleaner	12/19/12
Linda Meyer	Cleaner	12/19/12

**Appointment – Probationary**

Name	Position	Salary	Effective
Samantha LoPiccolo	Teaching Assistant	\$11.01	1/2/13

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Joseph Stagliano, seconded by Perry Owen 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.)

- A. BOCES Monthly Bill
- B. Special Education & Preschool Special Education Reports
- C. Treasurer’s Report

- D. Facilities Request for Perkins School of the Arts

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS –**

- A. Approval of Donation** - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Linda Horovitz, seconded by Joseph Stagliano and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approve a donation from the Norwich City Firefighters Association in the amount of \$1,000.
- B. Approval of Donation** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Linda Horovitz, seconded by Joseph Stagliano and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved a donation from Miller Movers in the amount of \$1,000.

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE** – Gerard O’Sullivan discussed the updates with the Board.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

On a motion by Joseph Stagliano, seconded by Linda Horovitz and carried 5-0, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Robert Wightman  
District Clerk

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