

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

**September 26, 2011**

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 Monday, September 26, 2011.

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Heather Fredenburg, President; Dr. Linda Horovitz, Vice-President; Mr. Thomas Morrone; Mr. Perry Owen; Mr. Robert Wightman, District Clerk and Mrs. Marylu O'Reilly, Clerk Pro-Tem.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Mr. Joseph McBride and Mr. Joseph Stagliano.

Mrs. 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 Mr. Morrone, seconded by Dr. Horovitz and carried 4-0, the minutes from the September 12, 2011 Work Session of the Board of Education were approved.

**II. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – none

**III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. General** – none

**B. Positive Points** – Mr. Wightman shared the following positive points: Commended the teachers and administrators for working together under adverse conditions. Busing issues are settling down and schedules are falling into place. He thanked Mrs. Giglio for her efforts in coordinating teams to help put together “cleaning baskets” for those unfortunate during the flooding. Baskets are being distributed during athletic events to those districts affected. Mr. O'Sullivan's letter to the Evening Sun on the Music schedule update was well-received by the Board Members and public.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Vacant Board Member Seat** – On a motion by Mr. Morrone to nominate Mr. Luke Murphy to fill the unexpired term of Sally Chirlin, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 4-0, the Board of Education elected Luke Murphy to fill the vacant Board seat.

It has been noted that Mr. Murphy, has filed his Oath of Office and has been seated on the Board of Education.

It is noted that Mr. McBride, arrived at 6:35 p.m. and apologized for his lateness. Since there was already a quorum he asked to be dismissed around 6:45 p.m. to attend to a family emergency.

Mr. McBride left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**B. Students** – Rich Turnbull discussed the Student Leadership Group and the various activities they have done. A presentation was given by two seniors, Patrick Taylor and Ian Weaver. Dr. Horovitz asked what the process was for joining the group. A packet of information outlining the process is attached to the official minutes of the District.

C. **Academics** – Ms. Gerchman reviewed information regarding the topics below. Her PowerPoint presentation is attached to the official minutes of the District. Ms. Gerchman advised anyone who had questions on the data presented to forward them to Mr. O’Sullivan. There was discussion on how many students got credit in college for the AP courses taken so a suggestion was made to track this information. It was noted that in 2007 Norwich was underperforming in AP courses and in 2011 the data showed that Norwich exceeded the Global numbers. Various institutions were impressed with Mr. Bonczkowski’s curriculum for Project Lead the Way. Dr. Horovitz had concern about the drop-out rate and how it affected the data. Mrs. Fredenburg asked for clarification on Accountability so Ms. Gerchman explained it to the Board members. Norwich’s numbers are low compared to DCMO and Broome-Tioga BOCES data. Overall, what this data means is that the District has a lot of work to do.

**AP Scores**  
**AP 5-Year Scores Summary**  
**Regent’s 3-Year Trent**  
**Grades 3-8 Testing**  
**Math Results**  
**DCMO BOCES Math**  
**BROOME TIOGA BOCES ELA**

**AP Current Year Scores Summary**  
**Regents Results**  
**Regents Teacher Data**  
**ELA Results**  
**DCMO BOCES ELA**  
**BROOME TIOGA BOCES Math**  
**LINKS Plan Overview**

D. **Finance** – Mr. Wightman gave an overview of Operations and Maintenance. This PowerPoint presentation is attached to the official minutes of the District. Overall it costs about \$1 million to maintain our facilities. Mr. Owen expressed concern about the cost of supplies decreasing and the effect this would have on the cleanliness of our buildings. Any questions about our facilities should be sent to Mrs. Fredenburg.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Dr. Richard Elam addressed the Board on the topic of Excellence. He expressed appreciation to Mr. O’Sullivan for contacting him and Mrs. Giglio for her efforts in revising the Music schedule.

Sue Fertig addressed the Board on the topic of textbooks and the need to order more for her Effective Citizenship class.

Robin Weaver addressed the Board on the topic of the Student Leadership Group. She expressed appreciation for the District’s support of this program. Action Plan is phenomenal.

Don Chirlin addressed the Board on the topic of what goes on in the classroom. (Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.)

Sally Chirlin addressed the Board on the topic of the Music program. Great effort by Mrs. Giglio and community to come together with a solution.

Mary Mayo addressed the Board on the topic of the Miracle and Student Leadership Group.

Betsy Mahannah addressed the Board on the topic of the Music program. Very appreciative of the outcome.

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

**Support Staff**

**Appointments - Substitute**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Nellene Palmere	LPN	09/19/11
Maurice Dunham	Cleaner	09/27/11

**Appointment – Probationary Correction**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Kristen Mills	Teaching Asst.	\$9.60 p/hr	09/15/11

**Appointment – Bus Driver**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Jeanne Stukel	Bus Driver	\$11.27 p/hr	09/20/11

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

**A. BOCES Monthly Bill for August**

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS –**

**A. BOARD POLICIES** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Dr. Horovitz, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved for First Reading Board Policy B700.3 Emergency & Disaster Management. (Information is attached to the official minutes.)

**B. PETTY CASH FUNDS** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 5-0, the Board of Education established the following petty cash fund for the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Middle School	\$100	Principal

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE** – Information is attached to the official minutes of the District.

On a motion by Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Owen and carried 5-0, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Marylu O'Reilly  
Clerk Pro-Tem  
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