

**NEW LONDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT**

**AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**BENNIE DOVER JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. STUDENT, STAFF AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION**

- Silvia Sumba – Adult & Continuing Education - Student of the Month
- Norma Velez – Adult & Continuing Education - Employee of the Month
- DeAnte Bruton – Special. Recognition

**4. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

- 4.a President's Report
- 4.b. Superintendent's Report
- 4.c. Student Representative's Report

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Responses to Public Comments

**6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- Regular meeting of January 8, 2009

**7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

CAM: That the following items, as set forth on the Consent Agenda for the regular Board of Education meeting of February 12, 2009, be approved or received for the record, unless removed by a Board member or the Superintendent of Schools.

## **7.1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **7.2. BRIEF INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

CAM: That the following reports be submitted to the Board of Education and received for the record and/or referred to committee:

- 7.2.a. Black History Month Activities
- 7.2.b. Winter Sessions
- 7.2.c. Human Resources Report
- 7.2.d. Operations Report
- 7.2.e. Board Committees:
  - 7.2.e.1. Administration
  - 7.2.e.2. Finance
  - 7.2.e.3. Personnel/Legal
  - 7.2.e.4. School Building and Maintenance/Technology
  - 7.2.e.5. Special Services
  - 7.2.e.6. Early Childhood
  - 7.2.e.7. Curriculum Standards Development and Implementation
- 7.2.f. Challenger Learning Center of SECT

## **7.3. ACTION ITEMS**

### **7.3.a. Field Trips and Excursions - 6153**

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the request for the Dual Language Arts Academy to travel to Puerto Rico during the April 2010 vacation, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.a.

### **7.3.b. School Improvement Plans**

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the following School Improvement Plans, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.b.

- Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School
- New London High School

### **7.3.c. Superintendent's Resignation**

CAM: That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dr. Christopher P. Clouet as Superintendent of the New London Public Schools, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.c.

7.3.d. Superintendent Search

CAM: That the Board of Education form an Executive Personnel Search Committee consisting of all members of the Board of Education. The Executive Personnel Search Committee is charged with recommending the hiring of a search consultant to the Board of Education, and recommending no more than three candidates for the position of Superintendent of Schools. (No exhibit)

7.3.e. School Year/School Calendar

CAM: That the Board of Education table the proposed 2009-2010 School Calendar, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.e. for the purpose of referring the calendar to the Administrative Council and the New London Education Association for their input.

7.3.f. Education Funding Resolution

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the resolution which requests that all DRG I districts be exempt from any state cuts in education funding, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.f.

7.3.g. Policy Adoption  
Board Organizational Meeting: 9100

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the proposed changes to the Board Organizational Meeting Policy, for their first and final reading, as recommended by the Policy Committee in Exhibit 7.3.g.

7.3.h. Policy Adoption  
Board Committees: 9130

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the proposed changes to the Board Committees Policy, for their first and final reading, as recommended in Exhibit 7.3.h.

7.3.i. Policy Adoption  
Regular Board Meetings: 9320

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the proposed changes to the Regular Board Meetings Policy, for their first and final reading, as recommended in Exhibit 7.3.i.

7.3.j. Policy Adoption  
Board Meeting Conduct: 9325

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the proposed changes to the Board Meeting Conduct Policy, for their first and final reading, as recommended in Exhibit 7.3.j.

7.3.k. Private Grant Funding:

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the application for the Arts Presentation Grant through the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Clouet, to establish a funds accrual account when the grant is approved, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.k.

7.3.l Private Grant Funding

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the Frank Loomis Palmer Fund grant application to support the NLHS Literary and Arts Magazine, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Clouet, to establish a funds accrual account when the grant is approved, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.l.

7.3.m Private Grant Funding

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the Frank Loomis Palmer Fund grant application to support the after-school drama program for Jennings Elementary School students, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Clouet, to establish a funds accrual account when the grant is approved, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.m.

7.3.n Private Grant Funding

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the Frank Loomis Palmer Fund grant application to support scholarships for the Friendship School after-school child care program and authorize the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Clouet, to establish a funds accrual account when the grant is approved, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.n

7.3.o. Private Grant Funding

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the Society of Manufacturing Engineering (SME) Gateway Academy grant application to support the STMHS and authorize the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Clouet, to establish a funds accrual account when the grant is approved, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.o

7.3.p. Budget Planning – 3110

CAM: That the Board of Education refer the issue of potential reductions of current personnel, benefits and compensation to the Legal/Personnel Committee for discussion and action. (No exhibit)

7.3.q. NLHS Whaler Football Team

CAM: That the Board of Education allocate \$2,000 towards the purchase of championship rings for the NLHS Whaler Football Team. (No exhibit)

7.3.r. Nonresident Students – 5118

CAM: That the Board of Education approve the request of a temporary guardian who resides in Waterford to allow her niece to remain at BDJMS through the end of the 08-09 School Year tuition free, provided the guardian transports the student to and from school at her own expense, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.r.

**8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS AND SETTING OF FUTURE BUSINESS**

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**ALL CONSENT ITEMS NOT REMOVED HAVING THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE HEREBY ADOPTED WITH A SINGLE ROLL CALL VOTE.**