

The regular meeting of the New London Board of Education was held in the Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School Library on January 10, 2008

## PRESENT:

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Ms. Elaine Maynard-Adams, Vice President  
 Dr. Christopher P. Clouet, Superintendent of Schools  
 Mrs. Susan Connolly  
 Mr. Alvin Kinsall, President  
 Mr. William Morse  
 Mr. Anthony Nolan  
 Mr. James Pearce

## ABSENT:

Mrs. Elizabeth Garcia-Gonzalez, Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Kinsall called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Maynard-Adams led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Tasheenah Brown, a senior at New London High School, was recognized as the NLPS' Student of the Month.
- Heidi Marshall, a Special Education Educational Assistant at New London High School, was recognized as the NLPS' Employee of the Month
- Jaimee Topkin, a junior at the STMHS, was recognized for being selected by The Weather Channel as an Eco-Ambassador and attending the Forecast Earth Summit in Washington, D.C.
- The New London High School Football Team was presented the Whaler Pride Award for an outstanding 2007 season. Certificates were presented to Jack Cochran and his coaching staff, as well as the following:

Anthony Basilica  
 Micahla Bowe  
 Calan Bryant  
 Bryce Childs  
 Jazmin Cox  
 Stephan Dance  
 Jamie Daniels  
 Isaiah Dixon  
 Jeremy Dubose  
 Craig Dysart

Ricky Fort  
 Dominique Griffin  
 Samuel Guiney  
 Danny Hill  
 Tywan Jenkins  
 Marvin Jones  
 Gerald Luter  
 Tyler Major  
 Kevin McKinnon  
 Garrick McQueen

Jordan Reed  
 William Satti  
 Anthony Schiavone  
 Eduardo Sierra  
 Nicholas Singleton  
 Ajene Tillman  
 Herbert Villarini  
 Richard Vitale  
 Tyron White  
 Earl Wilson

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tommy Major, School Street, New London, thanked the Board for recognizing the NLHS Football Team. Mr. Major also asked the Board to continue to fund the SAT Program at NLHS.

Rayna Dunham, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at NLHS, spoke in support of the winter session at NLHS.

Lauren Stavropoulos, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at NLHS, stated that the winter session at NLHS has proven to be very helpful, especially the CAPT Class.

Jonai Phillips, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at NLHS, spoke in support of the winter session at NLHS.

Connor Vendetto, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at NLHS, stated that he was originally pessimistic about the winter session, but he has seen how beneficial it is. Offering the SAT Program at no cost to the students is great, and it will definitely help him improve his SAT score.

Jorge Barberan and Justin Tarr, both 11<sup>th</sup> grade students at NLHS, support the winter session, and stated that the SAT Prep Class was very helpful.

Tasheenah Brown, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at NLHS, supports the winter session and likes the fact that it allows her to do more independent study.

Brittany English, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at NLHS, supports the winter session and stated that she wished it was available when she was a freshman.

Mayor Kevin Cavanagh, Greenway Road, New London, stated:

- The Board is doing an excellent job.
- At its meeting of January 7<sup>th</sup>, the New London City Council referred the following matter to the Education, Parks and Recreation Committee:
  - The City Council desires to work with the Board of Education in developing mutually agreeable policy statements that call for : 1) the merging of the two Finance Departments under one management structure; 2) the merging of the two Technology Departments under one management structure; and 3) the evaluation of the functional and economic feasibility of combining legal services.

Some Board members may be invited to join the sub committee to assist with the development of the policy statements for the proposed management structure.

- He looks forward to meeting on a monthly basis to discuss school facilities
- Two new firefighters will be sworn in on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- On January 14<sup>th</sup> 3 police officers will be promoted: Peg Ackley will be promoted to Captain, Jeffrey Kalolo to Lieutenant and George Potts to Sargent. Captain Ackley will be the first female Captain in the NLPD.

Fiona Hook, an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at NLHS, stated that she likes the winter session and that she is getting more out of her classes.

Christina Velzaquez, an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at NLHS, supports the winter sessions and likes the fact that the students have more time to gain a better understanding of things in class.

Jamalyne Rhodes, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at NLHS, stated that the winter session has helped her improve her math skills and she expects to get a high score on the CAPT.

Ramonita Ramos, an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at NLHS, spoke in support of the winter session.

Dom Griffin, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at NLHS, spoke in support of the winter session.

#### **4.1. Responses to Public Comments**

None.

### **5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

#### **5.2. Student Representative's Report**

Dominique Griffin, the Student Representative to the Board, reported that the new winter session is underway at NLHS. The seniors are working on their senior class projects and the sophomores are involved in their SAT Prep Classes.

### **6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Connolly,  
that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 20, 2007,  
meeting, as submitted.

*Motion carried, 6 - 0*

### **7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Kinsall,  
that the following items as set forth on the consent agenda for the regular Board of  
Education meeting of January 10, 2008, be approved or received for the record,  
unless removed by a Board member or the Superintendent of Schools

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

*Motion carried, 6 - 0*

- 5.3. Board Chairperson's Report
- 5.4. Superintendent's Report
- 7.2.a. Budget Committee Report
- 7.2.b. Policy Committee Report
- 7.2.c. Public Relations Committee Report
  
- 7.3.b. State and Federal Aid Eligibility Determination – 3220/3230

The Board of Education approve the application for the EnergyNow Grant 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.b.

- 7.3.c. Policy Adoption – 9311 and Student Attendance -5113

The Board of Education referred the Student Attendance Policy to the Policy Committee, as submitted in Exhibit 7.3.c.

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***END OF CONSENT AGENDA***

**7.1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**7.2. BRIEF INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

- 7.2.d. Drop Out Report

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Kinsall,  
that the Drop Out Report be received for the record.

***Motion carried, 6 - 0***

- 7.2.e. Human Resources Report

Motion by Mr. Morse, seconded by Mr. Pearce,  
that the Human Resources Report be received for the record.

***Motion carried, 6 - 0***

- 7.2.f. Operations Report

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Nolan,  
that the Operations Report be received for the record.

***Motion carried, 6 - 0***

**7.3. ACTION ITEMS****7.3.a. State and Federal Aid Eligibility Determination – 3220/3230**

Motion by Mr. Morse, seconded by Mr. Kinsall,  
that the Board of Education approve the application for the 2007-2008 NL  
Storytelling Schools Program Grant 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.a.

***Motion carried, 6 - 0***

**7.3.d. Budget Planning - 3110**

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Kinsall,  
that the Board of Education divide the question.

***Motion carried, 6 - 0***

Motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Morse,  
to direct the administration to explore the possibility of offering a  
retirement incentive, as recommended by the Budget Sub-  
Committee.

***Motion carried, 6 – 0***

Motion by Mr. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Morse,  
to establish a parameter of 3.3% - 3.7% to be applied only to that  
portion of the Board's Budget that affects local tax dollars.

***Motion failed:           2 – 4***  
***Voting No:   Mrs. Connolly***  
***Mr. Kinsall***  
***Ms. Maynard-Adams***  
***Mr. Nolan***

**7.3. Adult Education: Non-Certified Staff Position – 4210**

Motion by Mr. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Kinsall,  
that the Board of Education approve the establishment of the position of Adult  
Education Safety/Intake Assistant and the accompanying job description, as  
submitted in Exhibit 7.3.c.

***Motion carried, 6 – 0***

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

Ms. Maynard-Adams requested a report outlining our after-school programs and the number of students involved in these programs.

Mr. Nolan asked for a report on the initiatives that are in place at BDJMS to assist students who are in need of academic support.

Mr. Kinsall advised the Board that:

1. The Policy Committee will meet on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.
2. The Public Relations Committee will be meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.
3. He, along with Ms. Maynard-Adams and Mrs. Connolly, will serve on the sub-committee to work with the City Council on the Consolidation Plan.

Dr. Clouet informed the Board that:

1. The trip to visit an elementary magnet school has been postponed.
2. On January 17<sup>th</sup> the STMHS will host the KnowHow2Go Program
3. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, State Representative Ted Moukawsher and Congressman Joe Courtney will hold a Crime Summit in New London.
4. College Goal Sunday will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the STMHS
5. Reminded Board members the he and Mr. Kinsall are hosting a talk show on Channel 21 every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

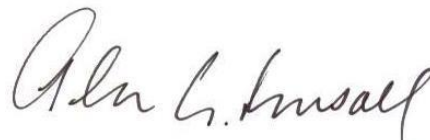
**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Connolly, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams,  
that the Board of Education adjourn its meeting.

*Motion carried, 6 – 0*

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin G. Kinsall, President