



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 6:30PM  
50 Major Besse Drive**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Joanne Brogis; Fiona Cappabianca; Edward Corey; Ellen G. Hoehne; John Kissko, Armand Maniccia; Molly Spino; Peter Vergaro

Administration: David Bascetta, Director of Facilities; Judy Benson; Interm Special Education Director, Denise L. Clemons, Superintendent; Rose Forzano, Interim Business Director; Susan M. Lubomski, Assistant Superintendent; Kim Schulte, Human Resources Director

**Absent:** Daniel Thibault

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Kissko made the motion to amend the agenda adding G4-Non-Renewals. Ms. Richardson second. All in favor.

**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION**

Ms. Holland spoke on the communication between the administration and the community, East School and the budget.

**INFORMATION SHARING SESSION**

**A. Student Recognition:** The following students were presented with certificates from the Superintendent and the Chair for various great achievements: Adding a recycle bin, assisting TMS students with their play, and Superintendent Awardees from each school.

- **Jack Riley – Torrington**
- **Nate Zwart – THS**
- **Sage Buice – Painting**
- **Aubrie DellAgenese – THS**
- **Kaitlyn LaPierre – THS**
- **Alyssa Archambault – THS**
- **Emily Vasquez – THS**
- **Serena Rosado – THS**
- **Abbey Closson – THS**
- **Gianna Delmonte – THS**

- **Vivian Jiminez – THS**
- **Olivia Lemieux – THS**
- **Amelia Russell – TMS**
- **Paige Quartiero – East**
- **Desiree Morse – Southwest**
- **Faiyaz Hossain – Vogel-Wetmore**
- **Jack Erickson – Torrington**
- **Jaslene Torres – Forbes**

**B. Executive Session Attorney Client Document Regarding Pending Litigation**

Mr. Corey made a motion to go into executive session regarding attorney client document pending litigation. Dr. Brogis second. Mr. Corey amended his motion to go into executive session regarding attorney client document pending litigation inviting attorney Nicole Dorman. Dr. Brogis second. All in favor.

The board entered into executive session at 6:44PM.

The board returned into open session at 7:18PM.

**C. Superintendent's Report**

Ms. Clemons reported that they have been focusing on health and wellness. There is a fitness fair on May 18 at Forbes. Each school will be doing something fitness related. The administration is looking at student and teacher attendance to improve academic improvement. The budget was presented to the Board of Finance on April 17.

**D. Field Trips**

**1. East: Sturbridge, MA, June 2018**

**2. THS: Quebec City, Canada, June 2019**

The board discussed the field trip to Canada in June due to snow days.

**E. Superintendent's Evaluation Document**

The board and the Superintendent will come up with a mutual agreeable document for the evaluation.

**F. Board Evaluation Document**

The Chair states that imperative that the board evaluates themselves to make sure they are meeting the board goals and being fiscally responsible.

**G. Torrington Public School YTD Monthly Fill Rates**

The board discussed that a lot of money is being spent on substitutes and that attendance has to become a priority.

**H. Busing**

The board discussed returning to bus stops and cutting out loops. The bus company comes up with a plan where it is safe to create bus stops. We are paying by buss. The board took an unofficial note for Ms. Forzano to contact the bus company to come up with a contract – they were all in favor.

**I. Monthly Financials**

Mr. Maniccia reported that the hot spot is the Special Education costs. That is where the big overages are occurring and special transportation. They will looking in May for budget transfers to look at the overages.

**J. Executive Session for Discussion of Non Bargaining Unit Contracts**

Mr. Corey made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss non bargaining unit contracts inviting the Superintendent. Dr. Brogis second. The motion was retracted.

Ms. Richardson made a motion to extend the meeting to 9:15PM. Mr. Corey second. Y-

6, N-1 (Mr. Kissko). Motion carries. Meeting is extended to 9:15PM.  
Mr. Kissko made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss non bargaining unit contracts inviting the Superintendent. Dr. Brogis second. All in favor.  
The board entered into executive session at 8:46PM.  
The board returned into open session at 8:57PM.

## **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Policy Committee**

None.

### **B. School Improvement Committee**

Mr. Kissko reported that they chose the winner for the Distinguished Alumnus Award.  
Next meeting will focus on Board Goals.

### **C. Budget Committee**

Mr. Manniccia reported that they are working on budget transfers for overages and are waiting on what the Board of Finance decides.

### **D. Personnel Committee**

All the materials were covered in the meeting.

### **E. Grievance Committee**

None.

### **F. Ed-Advance**

Dr. Brogis reported that they are partnering with Yale to offer training to districts on emotional intelligence. They are offering board roles and responsibilities for free in the Fall for any districts.

### **G. Curriculum Committee**

Topic of discussion has been instruction.

### **H. Torrington Public Schools Redistrict Ad-Hoc Committee**

The Chair reported that they are working hard meeting on Thursdays and they will send reports to the board so they can get up to speed with what is happening.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Possible Action Regarding Attorney Client Document**

Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the agreement regarding attorney client document. Dr. Brogis second the motion. Y-6, N-0, Abstain-1 (Mr. Vergaro). Motion carries.

### **B. Field Trips**

#### **1. East: Sturbridge, MA, June 2018**

Ms. Spino made a motion to approve the field trip. Mr. Corey second the motion. All in favor.

#### **2. THS: Quebec City, Canada, June 2019**

Ms. Spino made a motion to approve the field trip. Mr. Corey second the motion. All in favor.

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### **~~C. Possible Action Regarding Superintendent's Evaluation Document~~**

~~Removed.~~

### **~~D. Possible Action Regarding Board Evaluation~~**

~~Removed.~~

**E. Non Bargaining Unit Contracts**

Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the non-bargaining unit contracts. Dr. Brogis second the motion. All in favor.

**F. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2018**

Dr. Brogis made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Corey second the motion. All in favor.

**G. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of Monthly Financials**

Ms. Spino made a motion to approve the monthly financials. Dr. Brogis second the motion. All in favor.

**2. Receive Subcommittee Minutes:**

**i. Budget Committee – March 14, 2018**

**ii. Personnel Committee – February 14, 2018**

**iii. School Improvement Committee – February 21, 2018**

Ms. Spino made a motion to approve the subcommittee minutes. Mr. Kissko second the motion. All in favor.

**3. Appointments & Resignations**

Ms. Spino made a motion to approve the appointments and resignations. Dr. Brogis second the motion. All in favor.

**4. Non-Renewals**

Mr. Kissko made a motion to move that the contract of employment of the attached list of names not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2017/2018 School Year and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such persons in writing of this action. Dr. Brogis second the motion. All in favor.

**7. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mr. Vergaro – talked about the acceptance rate at Vomogol.

Mr. Maniccia – talked about the good things that are happening at TMS.

Dr. Brogis – thanked Mr. Vergaro for volunteering his hours.

9:13PM Dr. Brogis made a motion to extend the meeting to 9:20PM. Mr. Corey second the motion. Y-5, N-2 (Kissko and Maniccia). Motion carries. Meeting is extended to 9:20PM.

Ms. Spino – talked about the Sweetheart dance at Torrington School and the events that will occur there.

Ms. Richardson – talked about the things that THS students were doing.

Ms. Hoehne – talked about East School and that the Elks Club poster winners were announced.

Mr. Corey – reiterated that the Central Office is closing.

The Chair – talked about how its really important for all the liasons to reach out to their school and find out what is going on within the school.

**8. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDA**

Budget

Evaluation

Board Goals

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on May 23, 2018.

9. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

***Wednesday, May 2, 2018 (at Vogel-Wetmore School)***

6:00 p.m. – School Improvement and Community Relations Committee

7:00 p.m. – Policy Committee

***Wednesday, May 9, 2018 (at Migeon Ave.)***

6:30 p.m. – Personnel Committee

7:00 p.m. – Budget Committee

***Wednesday, May 23, 2018 (at THS)***

6:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Brogis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Spino second the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:19PM.