



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 6:30 PM
THS Media Center, 50 Major Besse Drive**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: 630PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Corey, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Spino, Ms. Todor
Administrators Present: Mr. Bascetta, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Schulte
Board Members Absent: Mr. Thibault, Mr. Arum (excused), Ms. Perzan
4. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Hoehne made the motion to amend the agenda adding in items 7I – Board Calendar and 9G- Board Calendar, Mr. Kissko second the motion. All in favor.
5. Recognitions: The Superintendent and Chair passed out certificates of achievement.
6. School/Community Service/Public Participation: None.
7. Information Sharing Session:
 - A. Recognition: Skip (Duplicate)
 - B. Superintendent’s Report: Thank all of our custodians and David Bascetta – there was a delay but they did a great job. Central office has been working hard, it is almost budget season. Ms. Lubomski reported on all the new course proposals. We are moving in the right direction. A lot of great things going on.
 - C. Coherence Review: A review done by a group of Superintendents to see what is going on in the district. This is a reflection of the past and we have already addressed some of these issues and moved in the positive direction. They found that we are a district in transition. Ms. Lubomski presented a PowerPoint on the findings and opportunities for growth. Next step is to build a 2-5 year plan based on the identified areas cited in the report.
 - D. Monthly Financials: Mr. Maniccia gave a quick overview.
 - E. Capital Projects – Update – Mr. Bascetta presented a sheet that outlines all the projects that we have. The biggest project we have is building the elevator in the B building.
 - F. Turf Field – The City is ready to turn the turf field to Board of Education. There is about \$550 left in the account. There is wear and tear on miscellaneous cosmetics on the turf field. Fixing the few minor cosmetic projects will be a little bit over the \$550 but we were assured we would be able to find the little bit of overage.
 - G. DC Field Trip: Same field trip as before and Mr. Lafreniere wants to meet with parents early next week and we wanted to make sure this had board approval before that.
 - H. Executive Session for an MOA Regarding a TPSAA Position: Mr. Kissko made a motion to enter in to executive session for an MOA regarding a TPSAA position inviting in Kim Schulte and Superintendent Lubomski, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
The board entered executive session at 7:14PM.
The board returned to open session at 7:41PM.
 - I. Board Calendar: We have to submit our calendar to the City by the end of January. It is pretty almost the same as before with the exception of the holiday month. Amendments were made.
8. Committee Reports:

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- A. Policy Committee: Ms. Hoehne reported that they are going through all our policies so that we have all the ones that we are supposed to have. We have several in the mean time that we will look at.
 - B. School Improvement Committee: Mr. Kissko reported that the new courses we have looked at and discussed were reported on tonight. Distinguished alumnus award is coming up.
 - C. Budget Committee: Mr. Maniccia reported that they are getting break downs of analysis of sections of the budget.
 - D. Personnel Committee: No meeting.
 - E. Grievance Committee: No meeting.
 - F. Ed-Advance: Mr. Kissko reported that we will start again in February on the first Thursday.
 - G. Curriculum Committee: Mr. Maniccia reported that they met and a lot was discussed.
 - H. Secondary Ad-Hoc Committee: The Chair reported that they are working hard on facilities - talking a lot about the modeling. Everyone is liking the 7-12 model so far.
 - I. School Liaison Reports:
 - Forbes – Mr. Todor reported that they are building a community and having monthly assemblies. They were excited to get their new cafetieria tables.
 - TMS – Mr. Maniccia reported that they sold holiday wreath in December. The new resource office was interviewd by a student and the student thanked him for being there - a positive interview. Coming up in March – Susan B Anthony will be discussing conflict resolution in classrooms.
 - THS- Ms. Richardson reported on the THS Care Closet. The Student Council sponsored Deck the Halls concert and the student turnout was tremendous. In January the students were excited to pick a school wide project for the entire school. The students have begun practicing the winter play.
 - Southwest- Ms. Spino reported that the social workers have been working together to get high school students to work as volunteers. Few events – NWEA testing coming up and the extended day program. At the end of February the students will see the Lion King at the Warner Theater.
 - Vogel-Wetmore- Ms Hohene reported that they started Eagle of the Week Recognition for students who made a positive contributions. One of her grandkids was chosen.
9. Action Items:
- A. Possible Action for an MOA Regarding a TPSAA Position: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the MOA regarding the TPSAA position, Ms. Todor second the motion. All in favor.
 - B. Monthly Financials: Ms. Spino made a motion to approve the monthly financials, Mr. Kissko second the motion. All in favor.
 - C. DC Field Trip: Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the fieldtrip as presented, Ms. Spino second the motion. All in favor.
 - D. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes: December 19, 2018 – Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the minutes with the following amendment “9-A action item Ms. Richardson was opposed,” Ms. Spino second the motion. All in favor.
 - E. Receive Subcommittee Minutes: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the subcommittee minutes, Ms. Spino second the motion. All in favor.
 - i. School Improvement Committee – December 2, 2018
 - ii. Policy Committee – December 2, 2018
 - iii. Budget Committee – December 12, 2018
 - iv. Personnel Committee – December 12, 2018
 - v. Secondary Ad-Hoc Committee – December 13, 2018

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- F. Consent Agenda: Appointments & Resignations: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Manicca second. All in favor.
 - G. Board Calendar: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the board calendar with the changes, Ms. Spino second the motion. All in favor.
10. Comments for the Good of the Order
- Gary – Thanked the Superintendent for doing a great job.
 - Armand- Wished everyone a happy New Year!
 - John – Stated that he has been loving efficient meetings.
11. Items for Upcoming Agenda
- A. Monthly financials
 - B. Budget
 - C. Board goals
 - D. Policy
12. Future Meetings:
- Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (at Forbes)**
 - 6:00 p.m. – School Improvement and Community Relations Committee
 - 7:00 p.m. – Policy Committee
 - Wednesday, February 13, 2019 (at Migeon Ave.)**
 - 6:30 p.m. – Personnel Committee
 - 7:00 p.m. – Budget Committee
 - Wednesday, February 27, 2019 (at THS)**
 - 6:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
13. Adjournment: Mr. Kissko made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.