

TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday February 19, 2014
Torrington High School
Major Besse Drive

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Brady, Mayor Carbone, Mr. Hinman, Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Rovero, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Traub, Mrs. Batchelder, Mr. Campolieta, Mrs. Kloczko

Absent: Mrs. Cappabianca, Mr. Raider

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Mr. Traub explained the purpose and rules of the School/Community Session.

There was one (1) speaker, Mr. William Battle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to amend and approve the amended agenda. Item 5D. Approval of Sub Committees. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION SHARING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Student Representative Reports

No Report

B. Recognition of Marilyn Hoitt, TMS Library Media Specialist

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

C. Superintendent Report

1. 2014 CIRMA Risk Management Achievement Award

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

2. Educator Certification Compliance Report

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

3. Focus Monitoring Activities Satisfied

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

4. CAFE Sponsors – A Day on the Hill

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

D. Common Core Standards in the Classroom

A presentation was made to the Board members.

E. Turf Field Discussion

The Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions regarding this issue.

Mr. Rovero asked where the numbers being used are coming from. He asked if all the items listed were necessary. He asked if the Board of Education would be responsible for any overages.

Mr. Nargi asked about financial responsibilities from the city. He asked if this project needed the approval of the Board of Education. He asked about changing plans of the project and the financial aspects. He stated he does not want this project to be delayed. He asked about the impact of construction on the Track and Field season.

Mr. Thibault asked about maintenance equipment. He asked about wild animals and clean up. He asked about concussion mats. He asked if there were any structures that need to be reviewed before construction.

Mr. Hinman stated he would like to see this project move forward.

Mayor Carbone brought up the electrical aspects of the project. She asked about the time frame of the project.

Mrs. Hoehne asked about cost of maintenance after installation.

F. CIAC Meeting

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

G. Options for All Day Kindergarten

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

The Board heard a presentation on this subject.

School busses were discussed.

Mr. Rovero asked about financial issues. He asked about time limits for students on busses.

The moving of Central Office was discussed.

Mr. Nargi asked about the Administrative building costs. He asked if adding more classrooms to each school would diminish the learning of other students. He asked about the size of each classroom.

Mr. Kissko asked about imminent domain.

Mr. Thibault asked for clarification on one of the options.

The timing and referendums were discussed.

Mr. Traub asked each Board member which option they would like to pursue.

Physical space in each school was discussed.

H. Legal Opinion Process

Mr. Nargi stated a process he would like to see.

Mr. Rovero stated he likes the way things are.

Mr. Kissko asked if the Board attorney ever tried to deny any advice they may have given.

Confidentiality issues were discussed.

I. Tech Grant Update

Mrs. Kloczko updated.

J. Process for Hiring Tutors

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

Mr. Rovero asked for clarification on certification. He asked about non-continuance.

Mr. Kissko asked what a typical reason for non-continuance would be. He asked who matches the students and tutors.

Tutoring schedules were discussed.

Mrs. Hoehne asked about certification.

Mr. Thibault asked about employee status.

Mayor Carbone asked about grading. She also asked about termination of tutors and consulting with teachers. She asked about the building the students are being taught in.

Mr. Nargi spoke about the treatment of employees. He asked about certification.

Mr. Traub asked if the Board wants to create a policy for this process.

K. Grading Procedures

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

L. Meeting Posting Requirements

Mr. Traub reported.

M. BOE Monthly Packets – Electronic vs. Paper

Mr. Traub reported.

Cost savings were discussed.

At 8:57 pm Mr. Rovero made a motion to extend the meeting fifteen (15) minutes. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Statement

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the financial statement. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

B. Approval of Certificate of Resolution

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the Certificate of Resolution with a correction of the language. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thibault asked for clarification on language.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of January 22, 2014 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of January 30, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting (a)
3. Approval of January 30, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting (b)
4. Approval of Sub Committee Minutes
 - a. Policy Committee – No Report
 - b. School Improvement Committee – No Report
 - c. Personnel Committee – December 4, 2013 (Jan. 8, 2014 cancelled)
 - d. Budget Committee – January 15, 2014
 - e. Grievance Committee – January 27, 2014 – No Report
5. Appointments and Resignations

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

D. Approval of Sub Committee Assignments

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve the sub committee assignments. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion.

Mr. Kissko spoke about violation of bylaws.

Amending the bylaws was discussed.

Mrs. Hohne withdrew her motion.

Mr. Rovero withdrew his second.

Mr. Nargi made a motion to approve the sub committee assignments with the exclusion of the expulsion committee. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Kissko.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Brady spoke about cost savings and state mandates.

Mr. Kissko reminded the Board members about an event at the high school.

Mayor Carbone congratulated the Board for being recognized.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel Committee – Mr. Thibault reported.
2. Policy Committee – Mrs. Hoehne reported.
3. Grievance Committee – No report.
4. School Improvement Committee – Mr. Brady reported.
5. Budget Committee – Mr. Rovero reported.
6. Education Connection – Mr. Kissko reported.
7. THS Oversight Panel – Mr. Kissko reported.
8. Turf Field Committee – Mr. Traub reported.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDA

- 1 Financial Statement
- 2 Committee Reports

FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Policy Committee Meeting – March 5, 2014
2. School Improvement Committee – March 5, 2014
3. Personnel Committee Meeting – March 12, 2014
4. Budget Committee Meeting – March 12, 2014
5. Regular BOE Meeting – March 19, 2014
6. Special Budget Committee Meeting – March 24, 2014
7. Special Budget Committee Meeting – March 26, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion at 9:15 pm to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.