

TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday July 18, 2012
7:00 pm

Administrative Building
355 Migeon Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Cappabianca, Mr. Cavagnero, Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Merola, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Traub, Mrs. Batchelder, Mrs. Domanico, Mr. Joslyn, Mrs. Kloczko

Absent: Mayor Bingham, Mr. Rovero

At this time Mr. Thibault made a motion to amend the agenda. Number six (6), Review of the BOE Retreat was added to the Information Sharing Session. Numbers four (4) and five (5) were added to the Discussion/Action Items. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Public Participation

Mr. Traub read aloud the purpose of the School/Community Session and related all emergency exit information.

There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from June 20, 2012. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) abstention from Mrs. Cappabianca.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

5.1 Smarter Balance Assessment

Sue Domanico presented. Testing elements were discussed. Pilot programs were discussed. IT capacity for testing students was discussed.

At this time Mr. Cavagnero made a motion to amend the agenda by adding a Public Information Sharing Session after the Information Sharing Session. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed from Mr. Merola.

5.2 THS School Profiles

Mrs. Kloczko presented the Board with the THS School Profiles. Enrollment was discussed.

5.3 Comparative Information-Online Learning Programs

Alternative Online learning program providers were discussed.

5.4 Small Learning Communities/9th Grade Academy

The Students Helping Students initiative and the National Honor Society were discussed. Coordination between TMS and THS was discussed.

5.5 Superintendent Report

Mrs. Kloczko reported the following:

Inter-district Cooperative 1st School Year Program-\$61,738

Inter-district Cooperative 1st Summer Program-\$58,533

Perkins ED 114 Budget-\$53,109

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables-\$25,972 and \$2,886

IDEA Part B-Grant for 2012-2014(2 year grant) \$97,567

IDEA Part B Pre K-Grant for 2012-2014 (2 year grant) \$28,838

5.6 Review of BOE Retreat

Mr. Traub reviewed the key aspects of the BOE Retreat.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

There was one (1) speaker regarding student testing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Estimated Cost-Live TV Production

The estimated costs and equipment were discussed. Student participation was also discussed. Mr. Thibault made a motion seconded by Mr. Rovero to use in-house production and broadcast at a later date from what they already have. Mr. Cavagnero made a motion to table this matter until a later date when the Board has more information. Mr. Nargi seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed from Mr. Merola. The first motion from Mr. Thibault was withdrawn unanimously.

6.2 Financial Statement

Mrs. Cappabianca and Mrs. Batchelder reported the financial statement to the Board. Insurance financial information was discussed. Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to accept the financial statement. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

6.3 Budget Transfer

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the budget transfer of Inst. Equip. – Tech Ed to Inst. Supp. – Tech Ed. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

6.4 Request from IT Department-RFP

Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve an RFP for the IT Department. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

6.5 Newspaper Article

Mr. Traub discussed various newspaper articles and clarified some information regarding tax-free organizations related to the Board of Education. He also clarified information regarding test scores in the Torrington School District that were questionable according to an Atlanta newspaper article. A third article was discussed regarding old record shredding.

At this time Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to extend the meeting beyond 10:00pm. Mr. Kissko seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignations/Appointments

Elizabeth Weingart, Coord. Teacher Sp. Ed., TMS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013

Doreen Ruggiero, Coord. Teacher Sp. Ed., VO, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013

Pavinee Shea, Coord. Teacher Sp. Ed., SW, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013

Jill Tedesco, Coord. Teacher Sp. Ed., TF, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013

Patti Harris, Coord. Teacher Sp. Ed., Pre-K District, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013

Carol Oberheim, Coord. Teacher Sp. Ed., Pre-K District, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013

Linda Podos, Coord. Teacher Sp. Ed., FB, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013

Jill Baranowitz, Coord. Teacher Sp. Ed., THS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Dora Carr, Coord. Teacher Sp. Ed., TMS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Diane Considine, Coord. Teacher Sp. Ed., EA, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Jessica Eaton, Teacher, Sp. Ed., TMS, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12
Catherine Ghee, Teacher, Sp. Ed., REACH, FB, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12
Mark Mangelinks, Teacher, Sp. Ed., TMS, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12
Brian Jackson, Teacher, Sp. Ed., Learning Center, DW, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12
Holly Wagner, Teacher, Sp. Ed., Resource, TF, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12
Jocelyn Van Buren, Math Teacher, THS, Resignation Eff. 7/1/12

Notices for Homeschooling

Z.R., Grade 2, Eff. 2012-2013

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Nargi wanted information regarding graduation rates and attendance for the months of May and June 2012. He also wanted information regarding TMS students getting into Wolcott Tech. Mr. Traub stated that Wolcott Tech does not want to partner with Torrington Public Schools. Mr. Traub also stated that they are looking into partnering with other alternative schools such as CJR. Mr. Cavagnero discussed “small learning communities.”

Mr. Merola asked about a follow up retreat.

Mrs. Cappabianca asked about the issue of changing attorneys.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee: Minutes from June 13, 2012
Special Personnel Committee: Minutes from June 20, 2012
Budget Committee: Minutes from June, 13, 2012
Grievance Committee: Minutes from June 4, 2012
Special BOE Meeting: Expulsion Hearing (Student A) June 11, 2012
Special BOE Meeting: Expulsion Hearing (Student B) June, 11, 2012
Policy Committee: No Report
School Improvement Committee: No Report

ITEMS FOR UPCOMMING AGENDA August 15, 2012

Financial Statement
Committee Reports
ECS Engineering Funding
Legislators

Forward Movement on Education
Over Site Panel for THS
Staffing Summary for all schools
AP and College credit course

FUTURE MEETINGS

Policy Committee: July 23, 2012
School Improvement Committee: July 25, 2012
Budget Committee: August 8, 2012
Personnel Committee: August 8, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:31pm Mr. Merola made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion.
The vote was unanimous.