

TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday June 18, 2014
Torrington High School
Major Besse Drive

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Traub (arrived at 6:53), Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Rovero, Mr. Thibault, Mr., Kissko, Mr. Raider, Mr. Nargi (arrived at 6:11), Mr. Brady, Mr. Hinman, Mayor Carbone, Mr. Campolieta, Mrs. Kloczko

Absent: Mrs. Cappabianca, Mrs. Batchelder

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Mrs. Hoehne explained the purpose and rules of the School/Community Session.

There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rovero made a motion to amend the agenda by removing number five (5), Executive Session, and to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION SHARING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Student Representative Reports

No Reports.

B. Recognition of Jolene Lesniewski, Paraeducator of the Year

Mrs. Kloczko presented.

C. Recognition of Mary Enright, National Board Certification Exam

Mrs. Kloczko presented.

D. Recognition of Retiring Teachers

Each member read aloud a summary of each retiring teacher.

E. Superintendent Report

1. Raffle for Incoming Kdg for Fire Truck Ride on First Day of School

Mrs. Kloczko held the raffle and announced the winner.

2. 2014 Governor's Scholars News Release

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

3. THS 2nd place – Education Connections – Student Innovation Science Challenge

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

4. Young Entrepreneurs Academy Ceremony

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

5. THS 2014 Scholarship and Award Ceremony

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

6. THS Halo Awards – 2014

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

F. 2013 Public School District Racial Statistics

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

Mr. Rovero asked how the data was reported. He also asked how a bi-racial student was classified.

Mr. Kissko asked if anyone in Torrington thought there was a problem with racial imbalance in the schools.

G. Information Technology Services Agreement

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

H. Forbes Roof Solar Project Update

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Review of Local 1579, Council 4 Contract Ratification

Mr. Rovero made a motion to suspend the rules and add back item number five (5). Mr.

Brady seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Kissko.

At 7:14 Mr. Rovero made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Traub declared the Board was out of Executive Session at an unrecorded time.

Mr. Rovero made a motion to go into Executive Session, inviting in the Superintendent, to discuss the review of Non-Union Contracts. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Open Session and Executive Session was discussed.

In an open session the Board discussed the last position on the handout.

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to accept the Non-Union Contract for this position. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote did not pass with two (2) yeas, Mrs. Hoehne and Mr. Rovero.

Mayor Carbone had questions regarding retirement.

Mr. Nargi asked for the contracts to be resent to the Board members.

The format of the new contracts was discussed.

Addendums were discussed.

Monetary compensation of this position was discussed.

At 7:35 Mr. Rovero made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the review of Non-Union Contracts. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote did not pass.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Financial Statement

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

B. Approval 2014-2015 Adult Education Program Improvement Projects

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve 2014-2015 Adult Education Program Improvement Project. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

C. Approval of Information Technology Services Agreement

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve Information Technology Services Agreement. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

D. Approval of Non-Union Contracts

Mr. Brady made a motion to table the approval of non-union contracts until the next Board of Education meeting. Mr. Kissko seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Rovero.

E. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of Man 15, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting, Student A
2. Approval of May 15, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting, Student B
3. Approval of May 21, 2014 Board of Education Meeting
4. Approval of Sub Committee Minutes
 - a. Grievance Committee – May 19, 2014
 - b. Policy Committee – May 7, 2014
 - c. Personnel Committee – Special Meeting – May 8, 2014
 - d. Personnel Committee – May 14, 2014
 - e. School Improvement Committee – May 7, 2014
 - f. Budget Committee – May 14, 2014 and June 11, 2014
5. Appointments and Resignations

Mr. Hinman made a motion to add item F: Approval of Principal – Vogel Wetmore. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Kissko.

F. Approval of Principal – Vogel Wetmore

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve a principal for Vogel Wetmore. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kissko and Mr. Brady spoke about the interview process.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Nargi spoke about getting refunds from the tax collector.

Mr. Brady spoke about Board member professional development.

Mrs. Hoehne spoke about East School.

Mr. Kissko spoke about an event at the park.

Mayor Carbone spoke about post-employment benefits.

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. Nargi reported.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDA

- Financial Statement
- Committee Reports
- Non-Union Contracts
- Local 1579 Approval

FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Policy Committee Meeting – No July 2014 Meeting
2. School Improvement Committee Meeting – No July 2014 Meeting
3. Personnel Committee Meeting – No July 2014 Meeting
4. Budget Committee Meeting – No July 2014 Meeting
5. Regular Board of Education Meeting – Annual Retreat –July 17, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nargi made a motion to adjourn at 8:47. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.