

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday September 19, 2012**  
**7:00 pm**

**Torrington High School**  
**Major Besse Drive**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: Mr. Merola, Mr. Rovero, Mayor Bingham, Austin Kelson, Kevin Finn,  
Sorceres Rivera-Tamarez

**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION**

Public Participation

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

Troop Four (4) Boy Scouts spoke to the Board regarding note taking for their communications merit badges.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to amend the agenda by adding item number 5I. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Cavagnero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 15, 2012. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) abstention from Mrs. Cappabianca.

## INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

### 5.1 Student Representatives/School News

There was no news.

### 5.2 Superintendent Report

Mrs. Kloczko recognized Southwest School for receiving a grant for \$15,000 to construct a playscape.

### 5.3 CMT/CAPT Results

Mrs. Domanico presented the Board with the results of the CMT/CAPT tests. Mr. Nargi had a question regarding other data not presented to them. Mr. Nargi observed that most students' scores, who are progressing through the middle school, are slightly declining.

Mr. Brady questioned the word "proficient", wanting to know what exactly that means.

Mrs. Cappabianca had a question about content.

### 5.4 Performance Index/CT Accountability Metrics

Mrs. Domanico gave the Board a presentation regarding Torrington Public School Districts Performance Index and Connecticut Accountability Metrics.

Mr. Nargi had a question about graduation rates and accountability.

Mr. Traub asked how the numbers were ascertained.

Mr. Kissko commented on the definition of the word graduation. He asked how the ethnicity or race of the student is reported.

Mr. Cavagnero commented that the State will be coming down hard on the district to improve graduation rates and suggested having a more detailed discussion on this topic.

Mrs. Cappabianca asked what number constitutes a sub-group.

There was further discussion on this topic among the Board members and also discussion regarding liaisons with the city and communication with the State.

### 5.5 LAS/LINKS

Mrs. Domanico gave the Board a presentation on LAS/LINKS.

## 5.6 Alternative Energy

The Board got an update on all the Alternative Energy issues.

Mr. Cavagnero asked about geo-thermal.

Mr. Nargi asked if they went ahead with a major renovation would the energy costs fall under the 72% reimbursement from the state or are they stand alone projects.

## 5.7 AP and College Credit Courses

Mrs. Domanico informed the Board of all the AP and College Credit Courses available in Torrington.

Mr. Traub asked about what period during the day these classes were offered.

Mrs. Cappabianca asked about the number of students who were not able to take all the AP or College Credit Courses they wanted to.

Mr. Nargi asked about how full these classes are. He also asked about online AP courses.

## 5.8 Committees and Work Groups

Mr. Traub spoke to the Board about developing sub-committee work groups along with the committees. He then went over the liaison assignments.

Mr. Cavagnero was concerned about work groups reporting to the full Board.

Mrs. Cappabianca asked if the work groups should be structured based on the Board's goals.

Mrs. Hoehne said some of the bylaws would need to be changed to incorporate the work groups.

Mr. Nargi was concerned that the work groups should not be tied only to the Board goals but to any problems or concerns that may arise throughout the school year.

There was further discussion regarding information requests and how much power a work group would hold. The bylaws were also discussed briefly.

The purpose of a liaison was also discussed.

## 5.9 Executive Board of Education Special Meeting on September 14, 2012

Mr. Traub gave the Board an explanation of the Special Meeting held on September 14, 2012 regarding Forbes School PTO.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS**

### 6.1 Financial Statement

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

Mr. Nargi talked about tutors and online learning.

### 6.2 Consent Agenda

#### Resignations/Appointments

Mary McVerry, Drama Director, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Matthew Bell, Drama Music Dir., HS, .50, Appt. Eff. Spring 2012-2013  
Lynn Morin, Drama Music Dir., HS, .50, Appt. Eff. Spring 2012-2013  
Bonnie Owen, Drama Costumer, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Cynthia Jerram, Drama Producer, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Victor Leger, Backstage Super., HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Gerald Carbone, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Christine Del Bene, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
James Dziekan, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Elaine Good, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Robert Maggi, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Andrew Marchand, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Mark Moulton, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Brian Nass, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Art Richardson, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Patrick Richarson, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Elena Sileo, Lunch Room Monitors, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Michael Asal, Lunch Room Monitors, MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Debra Carroll, Lunch Room Monitors, MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Tara D'Iorio, Lunch Room Monitors, MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Michael C. Fritch, Lunch Room Monitors, MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Jason Lafreniere, Lunch Room Monitors, MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
William Siss, Lunch Room Monitors, MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Mark Mangelinky, Lunch Room Monitors, MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Doreen O'Brien, Teacher, School-Age Parents, HS, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Teresa McKenna, Teacher, French, (0.6 FTE), HS, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Thomas Pepe, Teacher, Science, HS, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Sarah Reilly, Teacher, Literacy Support, (0.6FTE), TF, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Teri Bradshaw, Teacher, Math, MS, Appt. Eff. 8/29/12  
Sara Carmon, Teacher, PE/Health, (0.4 FTE), HS, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12

Christa Conway, Teacher, Music, (0.4 FTE), DW, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Renata Ahearn, .5 Coord. Sped. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Jill Baranowitz, .5 Coors. Sped. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Stephanie Schubert, LT/Sub Teacher, SS, MS, Appt. Eff. 8/29/12  
Holly Simpson, Teacher, Science, (0.4 FTE), HS, Appt. Eff. 8/28/12  
Giulio Romano, LT/Sub Teacher, Wld. Lang., HS, Appt. Eff. 9/11/12  
Michael C. Fritch, Ass't Athletic Dir., MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Angelo Calabrese, Head Girls Soccer Coach, MS, Appt. Eff. Fall 2012  
Chris Gamari, Head Girls Volleyball Coach, HS, Appt. Eff. Fall 2012  
Brian Kiernan, Head Boys Soccer Coach, MS, Appt. Eff. Fall 2012  
David Lopardo, Head Cross Country Coach, MS, Appt. Eff. Fall 2012  
Henry Marchand, Head Girls Volleyball Coach, MS, Appt. Eff. Fall 2012  
Mario Longobucco, Head Girls Soccer Coach, MS, Appt. Eff. Fall 2012  
James Fitzgerald, Teacher, Math MS, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Brain Nass, Student Council Advisor, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Erin Sullivan, Student Council Advisor, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Caitlin Suchenski, Psychologist, DW, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Aljean Owens, Speech, (.45 FTE), FC, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Joanna Bravo, Teacher, TESOL, VO, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Patricia Dawson, Teacher, Science, MS, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Michael McKenna, Athletic Director, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Diana Morales, Teacher, ELE Bilingual, FB, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Loretta Trocchi, Teacher, Math, HS, Appt. Eff. 8/23/12  
Rebecca Martin, L/T Sub. Teacher, Grade 2, EA, Appt. Eff. 8/27/12  
Beverly Cyr, Wilson Reading Inst., (FTE Only), FB, Appt. Eff. 8/29/12  
Barbara Zulkeski, Tech. Operations Mgr., DW, Appt. Eff. 7/1/12  
Barbara Beebe, Online Credit Rec. Prog., HS, Appt. Eff. 8/29/12  
Donna Labbe, Early Childhood Coord., DW, Appt. Eff. 8/20/12  
Lisa Lee, L/T Sub Teacher, SS, HS, Appt. Eff. 8/27/12  
Andrew Marchand, Career Tech. Coord. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Mary Mc Verry, Eng. Coord. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Janet Giampaolo, PE/Health Coord. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Mary Grace Hanusch, Wld. Lang. Coord. Teach., HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Johanna DeZurik, Guidance Coord. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Margeret McGuillicuddy, Science Coord. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Patrick Richardson, SS. Coord. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Patricia Strawson, Math Coord. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013  
Cara Bordonaro, Psychologist, DW, Resignation, Eff. 8/7/12  
Dr. Jeffrey Shannon, Assistant Principal, (266 days), HS, Appt. Eff. 10/1/12

#### Notices for Homeschooling

T.R., Grade 5, Eff. 2012-2013  
E.B., Grade 11, Eff. 2012-2013  
S.M., Eff. 2012-2013  
E.M., Eff. 2012-2013  
L.M., Eff. 2012-2013  
P., Grade K Eff. 2012-2013

P., Grade 7 Eff. 2012-2013  
S.P., Grade 10 Eff. 2012-2013  
M.Z., Grade 6 Eff. 2012-2013  
A.S., Grade 9 Eff. 2012-2013

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

### **COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mr. Nargi spoke about assault vs. fighting.

Mrs. Kloczko said an assault occurs when someone gets arrested.

The Board discussed protecting kids in school. Mrs. Kloczko said the parents need to report any incidences of violence to the principals.

Mr. Traub said the facts come out at expulsion hearings.

At this time Mr. Thibault made a motion to extend the meeting past 10:00 PM. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES**

- 8.1 Personnel Committee: July 11, 2012 and August 22, 2012
- 8.2 Policy Committee: July 23, 2012 and August 22, 2012
- 8.3 School Improvement Committee: July 25, 2012
- 8.4 Budget Committee: August 8, 2012
- 8.5 Special BOE Meetings: Expulsion Hearings: August 21, 2012
- 8.6 Grievance Committee: August 29, 2012
- 8.7 Education Connection Update

### **ITEMS FOR UPCOMMING AGENDA**

- 9.1 Financial Statement
- 9.2 Committee Reports
- 9.3 Parent/Guardian Survey
- 9.4 Attorney Questions

- 9.5 THS Profile
- 9.6 Summary of Staffing
- 9.7 Over Site Panel for THS
- 9.8 Transfer Rate – Effects on graduation rate
- 9.9 Community donating technology to the schools

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Personnel Committee Meeting: October 10, 2012
- 10.2 Budget Committee Meeting: October 10, 2012
- 10.3 Regular BOE Meeting: October 17, 2012
- 10.4 School Improvement Committee Meeting: October 24, 2012
- 10.5 Policy Committee Meeting: October 24, 2012

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 PM. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.