



**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday December 17, 2014
Torrington High School
Major Besse Drive**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Cappabianca, Mr. Hinman, Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Nargi,
Mr. Knight, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Traub, Ms. Aird,
Mr. Bascetta, Mr. Campolieta, Ms. Kloczko, Ms. Lubomski, Mr. Potter

Absent: Mayor Carbone

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

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

There were no speakers.

INTRODUCTION & APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Traub read the introduction of Mr. Jim Lamoin. The Board unanimously voted Mr. Lamoin in as the new Board member. He was sworn in by Mrs. Hoehne.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to amend and approve the agenda by adding items 5.E.3, Budget Transfers, 5.F, Capital Budget, and 5.G, Energy Efficiency at Vogel-Wetmore. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION SHARING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Student Representative Reports

No Reports.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Recognition: Dan Hodgkins, TMS Band Director selected CT representative for School Band and Orchestra Magazine's 17th Annual "50 Directors Who Make a Difference"

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

2. "Going Beyond the Tests" – Hartford Courant, 12/7/14

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

3. Southeast School: How, If and When

Mrs. Kloczko presented.

Bus runs were discussed.

Demographic imbalances were discussed.

Requirements for redistricting were discussed.

Costs were discussed.

Special Education was discussed.

Revenue and physical buildings pertaining to early education was discussed.

Potential grievances were discussed.

Alternative programs and communication was discussed.

Mr. Nargi would like to see this project put on hold until he is informed of all the needs of the district.

Mr. Knight shared concerns of compliance.

Ms. Richardson spoke about grants and usage of the building.

Mr. Lamoin said he needs more information about the benefits of the students in regards to the usage of the building.

Mrs. Hoehne asked for more information regarding an alternative school.

Mrs. Cappabianca does not want to commit to anything at this point.

Mr. Hinman spoke about demographics and trends. He asked for clarification on special education numbers. He asked for more ideas about separate entities using one of the districts buildings.

Mr. Thibault wants information from the unions before moving forward.

Mr. Kissko asked about facility committee. He spoke about structured discussion.

C. STEM K-12

Robin Ledversis presented.

Career fairs for elementary schools were discussed.

D. In-District and out-of-district Student Services programs: Tuition and transportation costs

Evette Aird presented.

Programs and costs were discussed.

Pre-Kindergarten was discussed.

Mr. Thibault made a motion to extend the meeting for one (1) hour. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote passed with four (4) opposed, Mr. Hinman, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Knight and Ms. Richardson.

E. Monthly Business Services Report

1. Certified staff salaries

Hugh Potter reported.

2. Monthly Budget Report

Hugh Potter reported.

3. Budget Transfers

Hugh Potter reported.

F. Capital Budget Discussion

Mr. Bascetta presented.

Costs of renovating East school were discussed.

Mr. Nargi said he would like to remove East school from the capital budget and keep Southeast school project in it.

Mr. Knight wants to keep the Southeast school project in the Capital Budget.

Ms. Richardson asked if they were better served to shifting things around. She said she would like to remove East School.

Mr. Lamoin said he would like to remove East School as well.

Mrs. Thibault asked about the utilization of Southeast school.

Mr. Kissko said keep it the way it is, they can always change it. Mr. Traub agreed with Mr. Kissko.

G. Energy Efficiency at Vogel-Wetmore

Mr. Bascetta presented.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Financial Statement

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

B. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of November 13, 2014 Special BOE meeting, Student A minutes
2. Approval of November 19, 2014 Regular BOE meeting minutes
3. Approval of Sub Committee minutes
 - a. Policy Committee Meeting – November 5, 2014
4. Appointments & Resignations
5. Notices for Homeschooling
 - a. D.P., grade 2, Eff. 2014-2015
 - b. D.P., grade 9, Eff. 2014-2015
 - c. S.P., grade 12, Eff. 2014-2015
 - d. J.F., grade 7, Eff. 2014-2015

C. Moving East School from the 2015/16 Capital Budget to 2016/17

Mr. Nargi made a motion to move East School to the 2016/17 Capital Budget. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. The motion did not carry with five (5) opposed, Mr. Hinman, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Knight, Mr. Thibault and Mr. Traub.

D. Capital Budget

Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the Capital Budget as presented. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. The vote passed with three (3) opposed, Mr. Lamoin, Ms. Richardson and Mr. Nargi.

E. Energy Efficiency at Vogel-Wetmore

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve the energy efficiency at Vogel-Wetmore. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

F. Budget Transfers

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the budget transfers. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Kissko said the agenda was too long.

Mr. Traub thanked the people that shoveled for the football game.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Budget Committee – Mr. Traub reported.
2. Grievance Committee – Mrs. Cappabianca reported.
3. Personnel Committee – No report.
4. Policy Committee – Mrs. Hoehne reported.
5. School Improvement Committee – No report.
6. THS Oversight Panel – Mr. Kissko reported.
7. Turf Field Committee – Mr. Nargi reported.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDA

- Financial Statement
- Committee Reports
- Out of District Tuition and Transportation
- Sub-Committee Assignments

FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Policy Committee, Wednesday January 7, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Migeon
2. Personnel Committee, Wednesday January 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Migeon
3. Budget Committee, Wednesday January 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Migeon
4. Regular BOE, Wednesday January 21, 2015, 6:00 p.m., THS

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knight made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.