



**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 18, 2015
Torrington High School
50 Major Besse Drive**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was held for a deceased district employee.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mr. Traub

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Ms. Cappabianca outlined the purpose and rules of the School/Community Session.

There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. All in favor.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

A. Student's Report

Emreen Bharara reported.

B. Superintendent's Report/District program presentations

1. Job Shadow Day (R. Ledversis)

Ms. Ledversis spoke to the Board.

2. Naugatuck Valley League Champion Girls Basketball Team (Coach Mike Fritch with team members)

Coach Fritch spoke to the Board.

3. TMS Invention Convention (TMS teacher Tyler Videtto; James Inman, TMS 7th grader and his invention)

Mr. Videtto and the student spoke to the Board.

C. NEASC (New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc.) Accreditation (E. Baim)

Mr. Baim presented to the Board.

A Board member asked when the reports would be ready.

Ms. Cappabianca asked for clarification on specific changes.

Mr. Thibault asked how long data was collected.

D. February Budget Report

Mr. Potter reported.

Mr. Nargi asked about reclassification.

E. State Uniform Chart of Accounts

Mr. Potter reported.

F. Student Services Presentation: Special Education, School Choice, Paraprofessionals

Ms. Aird presented.

Mr. Potter spoke about the Medicaid account.

Mayor Carbone asked about a specific account.

Mr. Knight asked what the Medicaid account is used for.

Software programs were discussed.

Ms. Cappabianca asked for clarification on the hand out.

Mr. Hinman asked about costs “as of 3/10”

Tuition costs vs. transportation costs were discussed.

Ms. Richardson asked about reimbursements.

Mr. Nargi asked about requirements for other schools under school choice. He asked how the cost per student was calculated versus other districts.

Costs for magnet schools were discussed.

G. New and revised policies (By Laws – 0000, Graduation Requirements – 6095, Students with Outstanding Food Service Account Balances – 6194

Mr. Campolieta reported.

Mr. Hinman asked about eliminating cash transactions.

Ms. Cappabianca asked about outstanding balances. She also asked about forecasted costs for hot lunches.

Concerns over not punishing the student for outstanding balances were discussed.

Reimbursement lunches were discussed.

Mr. Thibault asked about ad hoc committees being responsible for evaluations.

H. Update on SBAC testing

Ms. Lubomski reported.

Mr. Kissko asked about testing results from the state.

Standardized testing was discussed.

Technology and availability to students was discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Financial Statement

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the financial statement. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. All in favor.

B. Approval of By Laws Update

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the bylaws update. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. The vote did not pass with five (5) opposed, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Hinman, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Knight and Mr. Nargi.

Revisiting the issue was discussed.

C. Approval of Graduation Requirements policy update

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the graduation requirements policy update. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. The vote did not pass with six (6) opposed, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Hinman, Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Knight and Mr. Nargi.

Requirements from the state were discussed.

Credits were discussed.

Study halls and noncredit courses were discussed.

D. Approval of Students with Outstanding Food Service Account Balances policy

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the students with outstanding food service account balances policy with deletion of the last sentence, "Outstanding balances can prohibit a student from being allowed to participate in school activities" Ms. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Kissko and one (1) abstention, Ms. Richardson.

E. Consent Agenda

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the deletion of the name "Daniel Burk." Mr. Kissko seconded the motion. All in favor.

1. Approval of February 18, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting, minutes
2. Approval of February 25, 2015 Special Board of Education Meeting minutes, Student A minutes
3. Approval of February 25, 2015 Special Board of Education Meeting minutes, Student B minutes
4. Approval of Subcommittee minutes
 - a. Budget Committee Meeting – January 14, 2015
 - b. Policy Committee Meeting – February 4, 2015
 - c. School Improvement and Community Relations Committee Meeting – February 4, 2015
 - d. Personnel Committee Meeting minutes – February 11, 2015
 - e. Budget Committee Meeting minutes – February 11, 2015
5. Appointments and Resignations
6. Notices for Homeschooling
 - a. D.H., (Grade 9), Eff. 2015-2016

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Nargi asked for permission to speak to the Board attorney privately regarding a board procedural matter. If this was not okay he asked the attorney be available at a Board

meeting. He wanted to speak to the attorney regarding how to discuss the conduct of a person in a Board meeting.

Executive sessions were discussed.

A straw poll regarding this issue was discussed.

Mr. Nargi requested all invoices for snow removal from private vendors for the last eight (8) years, the list of vendors on the call list for the last eight (8) years, public notices requesting bids for snow removal for the last eight (8) years, how were the expenses budgeted and if any of these were emergency expenses and procedures for compliance.

Ms. Cappabianca had concerns about getting this information in a timely manner due to budget season.

Mr. Knight spoke about Torrington Elementary School.

Ms. Richardson spoke about the budget.

Ms. Hoehne spoke about TMS and East School.

Mr. Kissko spoke about a ceremony he attended.

Ms. Cappabianca spoke about having items on the agenda and gave a school update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Budget Committee – Ms. Cappabianca reported.
- B. Grievance Committee – Ms. Cappabianca reported.
- C. Personnel Committee – Mr. Thibault reported.
- D. Policy Committee – Ms. Hoehne reported.
- E. School Improvement Committee – Mr. Kissko reported.
- F. THS Oversight Panel – Mr. Kissko reported.
- G. Education Connection – Mr. Kissko reported.
- H. Turf Field Committee – Mr. Nargi reported.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDA

- A. Financial Statement
- B. Committee Reports

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. Thurs, March 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – Budget Committee Mtg., Budget Vetting (Migeon)
- B. Mon., March 23, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – Special BOE Mtg., Public Hearing on Budget (2 of 2) (Vogel-Wetmore)
- C. Wed., March 25, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – Special BOE Mtg., Final Budget Discussion (THS)

- D. Tues., March 31, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – Special BOE Mtg., Review of Final Budget (THS)
- E. Wed., April 1, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Budget Committee Mtg. (Migeon)
- F. Wed., April 1, 2015 7:00 p.m. – School Improvement and Community Relations Committee (Migeon)
- G. Tues., April 7, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – Special BOE Mtg. Budget as needed (THS)
- H. Wed., April 8, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – Personnel Committee Mtg., (Migeon)
- I. Wed., April 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m. – Budget Committee Mtg., (Migeon)
- J. Wed., April 22, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Mtg., (THS)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Ms. Hoehne seconded the motion. All in favor.