

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 22, 2015
Torrington High School
Major Besse Drive**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Hinman, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Knight, Mr. Lamoin, Mr. Nargi, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Traub, Mayor Carbone, Ms. Aird, Mr. Bascetta, Mr. Campolietta, Ms. Kloczko, Ms. Lubomski, Mr. Potter, Student Representative, Emreen Bharara

Absent: No absences.

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

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

There were two (2) speakers; Chase Jespersen and Patrick Cashman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Cappabianca made a motion to approve and amend the agenda by removing item 6.a. Financial Statement. The motion was seconded by another Board member. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

A. Student's Report

Ms. Emreen Bharara reported.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Forbes Kindergarten Circus

Ms. Kloczko reported and invited faculty from Forbes to speak to the Board.

2. 5th Grade Invention Convention

Ms. Kloczko and Alison Ide-Pech reported.

3. Student Entrepreneurs

Ms. Kloczko and two (2) members of the NW Chamber of Commerce reported.

4. Victor Leger – CT Outstanding Secondary Art Educator Award

Ms. Kloczko reported.

5. National Association of Music Merchants Foundation (NAMM) Award for Best Communities for Music Education

Ms. Kloczko and the music director reported.

6. CIRMA Member's Equity 2013-14 Distribution: \$58,134 to City and BOE

Mr. Potter and Ms. Kloczko reported.

7. Torrington Veterans Support Committee invitation to march

Ms. Kloczko reported.

8. 2014 Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate for Review

Ms. Kloczko reported.

Ms. Cappabianca asked how the school population, other than English language learners and special education students are doing.

Mr. Nargi asked about the number of seniors.

C. CT-DAS Forbes School project – bidding requirements

Mr. Bascetta reported.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Grant Writer Contract

Mr. Knight made a motion at 7:00 p.m. to go into Executive Session, inviting in the Superintendent, to discuss the grant writer contract. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was declared back in session at 7:40 p.m.

B. Superintendent's recommendation for non-renewal of four (4) teacher contracts

Mr. Kissko made a motion to go into Executive Session, inviting in the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources to discuss teacher contract

non-renewals at 7:40 pm. Mr. Hinman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was declared back in session at 7:47 p.m.

C. Pending litigation update

Ms. Cappabianca made a motion to go into Executive Session, inviting in the Superintendent and Attorney Nicole Dorman to discuss pending litigation. Ms. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was declared back in session at 8:28 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Financial Statement

Removed from agenda.

B. Approval of Grant Writer contract

Vote not taken.

C. Approval of non-renewal of teacher contracts

Mr. Thibault made a motion to take the Superintendent's recommendation to approve non-renewal teacher contracts. Mr. Hinman seconded the motion. The vote passed with three (3) opposed, Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, and one (1) abstention, Ms. Richardson.

D. Approval of new calendar for remainder of 2014-15 school year

Mr. Knight made a motion to approve the new calendar for the remainder of 2014-15 school year. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

E. Item removed from Consent Agenda February 18, 2015

Ms. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the item removed from the Consent Agenda on February 18, 2015. Ms. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) abstention, Mr. Knight.

F. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of March 18, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes

2. Approval of Special Board of Education meeting minutes
 - a. March 9, 2015
 - b. March 16, 2015
 - c. March 23, 2015
 - d. March 25, 2015
 - e. March 30, 2015
 - f. March 31, 2015
 - g. April 1, 2015
 - h. April 6, 2015
 - i. April 7, 2015
 - j. April 8, 2015
3. Approval of March 17, 2015 Special BOE Meeting, Student A minutes
4. Approval of April 2, 2015 Special BOE Meeting, Student B minutes
5. Approval of April 2, 2015 Special BOE Meeting, Student C minutes
6. Approval of April 9, 2015 Special BOE Meeting, Student D minutes
7. Approval of April 9, 2015 Special BOE Meeting, Student E minutes
8. Appointments & Resignations

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Cappabianca asked for a meeting to discuss the meeting minutes.

Ms. Hoehne reported on East School.

Ms. Richardson spoke about the softball fields and the request for help with the fields in the student report.

Mr. Knight spoke about the choral concert.

Mr. Nargi spoke about the skate park in front of the high school and the image of the building.

Mr. Traub spoke about the track invitational and public speaking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Budget Committee – Ms. Cappabianca reported.
- B. Grievance Committee – No report.
- C. Personnel Committee – No report.
- 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. Policy Committee, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2015 (Migeon)
- B. School Improvement and Community Relations Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday May 6, 2015 (Migeon)
- C. Personnel Committee, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2015 (Migeon)
- D. Budget Committee, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2015 (Migeon)
- E. Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2015
(THS)

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Ms. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.