



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 19, 2015
355 Migeon Avenue**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Fiona Cappabianca, Ellen Hoehne, John Kissko, Bill Knight, Jim Lamoin, Andrew Nargi, Jessica Richardson, Daniel Thibault, Kenneth P. Traub (6:10 p.m.)

Administration: David Bascetta, Joseph L. Campolieta, Susan M. Lubomski, Hugh W. Potter, Lynda T. Reitman

Absent: Jeremy Hinman, Mayor Carbone

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

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

There was one (1) speaker, William Battle, regarding community excellence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments; 4F, "Protected Harbor MOA" to be held in Executive Session, District Calendar changes, and the change to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. All in favor.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

A. Superintendent's Report

1. TPS Convocation 2015-16 – August 24, 2015

The Board was informed of the details of the event.

2. Staffing: new hires

An update was provided to the Board of new hires.

Ms. Cappabianca asked about a certain position in Southwest and THS. She asked about two (2) non-renewal positions. Budget concerns and new hires were addressed.

Ms. Richardson asked about a position at THS and East School.

A revised salary schedule was requested.

A list of open positions was requested.

Mr. Nargi asked if all employees were identified during the budget process. He asked what has transpired with the budget regarding new hires.

3. District Annual Performance Report
 - a. CAPT Science

Results are expected soon, but SBAC results will take longer to receive.

4. Secondary level handbooks

Board members were asked to review the updated handbooks.

5. PowerSchool status

The Board received an update regarding the status of PowerSchool.

6. District Improvement Plan

The administrative retreat was productive and positive. Goals were addressed.

B. Southeast School

Mr. Bascetta asked the Board to table this item. The item was tabled.

C. Torrington Girls softball field –capital improvement project

Mr. Bascetta informed the Board of the project.

Costs were discussed.

Night games were discussed.

D. ED=099 Healthy Food Certification

Mr. Potter informed the Board of the Certification.

E. Bylaws revision

Ms. Hoehne informed the Board of the revisions.

Ms. Cappabianca said she would like to add alternates to the committees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:47 pm Mr. Knight made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Protected Harbor MOA inviting in Interim Superintendent Reitman and Richard Luna of Protected Harbor. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote did not carry with four (4) opposed, Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Nargi, and Ms. Richardson. The Chair abstained.

Mr. Kissko asked for justification for the executive session.

Mr. Nargi wanted to invite in the Business Manager.

Ms. Cappabianca did not want to invite anyone into the executive session until the Board had a chance to hear the information first.

At 6:50 pm Ms. Cappabianca made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Protected Harbor MOA and to join after ten (10) minutes Interim Superintendent Reitman and Richard Luna of Protected Harbor. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. The vote passed with three (3) opposed, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Knight, and Mr. Nargi. The Chair abstained.

Mr. Kissko said they do not have to go into executive session if they do not want to.

At 8:14 pm Mr. Traub declared the meeting back in open session.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of change in District calendar for 2015-16

Mr. Knight made a motion to approve the changes to the District Calendar. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. All in favor.

1. Welcome Back Night moved from 9/23/15 to 9/24/15 due to Yom Kippur
2. PD moved from 2/16/16 to 10/13/15 due to needed NWEA training
3. 11/13/15 now full day instead of early dismissal parent conf.
4. "Marks Close" changes
 - a. Quarter 1: 8/26/15 – 10/29/15 – 44 days
 - b. Quarter 2: 10/30/15-1/15/16 – 44 days (October 13th is no longer a student day: it is a PD day)
 - c. Quarter 3: 1/19/16-3/21/16 – 44 days ((February 16th is no longer a PD day; it is a school day)
 - d. Quarter 4: 3/22/16-6/16/16 – 44 days

Coordinated professional days were discussed.

Holiday weekends were discussed.

B. Approval of Bylaws revision

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the revisions to the Bylaws. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Nargi and the Chair abstained.

C. Approval of ED-099 Healthy Food Certification

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve ED-099 Healthy Food Certification. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. All in favor.

D. Approval of Protected Harbor MOA

This action item was tabled.

E. Consent Agenda

Mr. Knight made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as initially sent in to the Board of Education meeting packet (rescinding the change discussed during agenda approval). Mr. Kissko seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Kissko stated the June 18, 2015 meeting he did not vote to extend the meeting past allotted time.

Ms. Richardson stated the July 22, 2015 meeting she was not present via Skype, she was there in person.

Mr. Nargi asked for clarification for a specific resignation.

1. Approval of June 17, 2015, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes
2. Approval of June 18, 2015 Special Board of Education meeting minutes
3. Approval of July 1, 2015 Special Board of Education meeting minutes
4. Approval of July 15, 2015 Special Board of Education meeting minutes
5. Approval of July 22, 2015 Special Board of Education meeting minutes
6. Approval of July 23, 2015 Special Board of Education meeting minutes
7. Approval of July 27, 2015 Special Board of Education meeting minutes
8. Approval of July 29, 2015 Special Board of Education meeting minutes
9. Approval of August 12, 2015 Special Board of Education meeting minutes
10. Approval of Subcommittee minutes
 - a. Budget Committee meeting – May 13, 2015
 - b. Personnel Committee meeting – May 13, 2015
 - c. Policy Committee meeting – June 3, 2015
 - d. School Improvement Committee meeting – June 10, 2015
11. Appointments & Resignations
12. Notices for Homeschooling
 - a. D.S. (grade 9) eff. 2015-16
 - b. Z.R. (grade 5) eff. 2015-16

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Kissko spoke about an article he had read regarding Torrington.

Mr. Thibault welcomed Ms. Reitman.

Ms. Richardson spoke about hiring a Latin teacher.

Mr. Knight welcomed Ms. Reitman.

Mr. Traub welcomed Ms. Reitman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Budget Committee – Ms. Cappabianca reported.
- B. Grievance Committee – Mr. Lamoin 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 – No report.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDA

- A. Financial Statement
- B. Committee Reports
- C. Food Service Presentation
- D. Softball Fields

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. School Improvement and Community Relations Committee, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2015 (Migeon)
- B. Policy Committee, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2015 (Migeon)
- C. Personnel Committee, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (Migeon)
- D. Budget Committee, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (Migeon)
- E. Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2015 (THS)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:28 p.m. Mr. Thibault made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. All in favor.