

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday August, 20, 2014  
355 Migeon Avenue**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introduction of new Central Office Administrators**

Hugh Potter, Director of Business Services

Evette Aird, Director of Student Services

**Introduction of new Vogel-Wetmore Principal**

Andrew Tripaldi

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mr. Brady, Mayor Carbone, Mr. Hinman, Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Raider, Mr. Rovero, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Traub, Mr. Campolieta, Mrs. Kloczko, Mr. Potter

**Absent:** Mrs. Cappabianca

**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION**

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

There were no speakers.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to amend the agenda by adding item 7.I.10, Approval of Supervisor of Enhancement Programs and Initiative and item 7.I.11, Approval of Director of School Counselors, Lawrence Rich; and to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**INFORMATION SHARING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Recognition of Teachers of the Year – Individual TPS Schools**

Mrs. Kloczko presented.

**Recognition of Teacher of the Year – Torrington Public Schools, Dawn Pollutro**

Mrs. Kloczko presented.

**B. Superintendent's Report**

1. Camp Invention Dream Team – Summer 2014

Mrs. Kloczko and a few teachers reported. Some students presented their inventions to the Board.

2. Schools Chosen for Statewide Expansion of SRBI

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

Mayor Carbone asked about a safety committee.

3. TPS All-Hazards School Security and Safety Plan

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

4. Application for Refund of Excess Tax Payment

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

**C. District Annual Performance Reports on CT State Performance Plan 2012-2013**

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

Mr. Traub asked if this was just for students in special education.

Mr. Nargi asked about what the target numbers actually are; he felt they were low. He asked how the target numbers were issued by the state.

Mr. Thibault asked about DCF placements.

**D. District Improvement Plan – Superintendent**

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

Mr. Nargi asked what the Superintendent plans to do to cut down on the “drama” in Torrington High School.

## **E. Board of Education Goals – 2015-2016**

Mr. Traub reviewed the Board of Education goals established at the previous special meeting for the 2014-2015 school year.

He explained the Board would be establishing the goals for the 2015-2016 school year. He reviewed two (2) of these potential goals discussed at the previous special meeting.

**Goal 1:** To design and implement at least three (3) programs of study leading to respected concentrations for THS graduates; for example health care, human services or manufacturing.

**Goal 2:** The Board will oversee the revision of curriculum based on the Common Core with principals of transparency with the opportunity for public input and the involvement of all classroom teachers who wish to participate.

**Goal 3:** A review and implementation of the Student Services programs.

Mr. Nargi spoke about having a partnership with Oliver Wolcott Technical School.

Mayor Carbone spoke about the District Improvement Plan being goals.

Mr. Nargi asked about the East School Project being a Board goal.

Mr. Rovero suggested making Goal number three (3) a two (2) year goal.

Mr. Nargi spoke about expanding athletics without using tax payer money.

Mr. Traub reviewed all the goal ideas.

Creating a diverse school system was discussed.

**Goal 4:** Marketing and branding Torrington School District.

## **F. THS and TMS Handbooks**

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

Mr. Raider asked if each student gets one each year.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Raider made a motion to go into Executive Session for a review of Local 1579, Council 4 Contract Ratification, inviting in Mr. Campolieta. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Traub declared the meeting back in open session at 7:59.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Rovero made a motion to go into Executive Session to review Non-Bargaining Unit Contracts. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Traub declared the meeting back in open session at 8:59.

Mr. Thibault made a motion to extend the meeting for one (1) hour. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with two (2) opposed, Mr. Kissko and Mr. Raider.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Approval of Financial Statement**

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the financial statement. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **B. Approval of Local 1579, Council 4 Contracts**

Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve Local 1579, Council 4 Contracts. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **C. Approval of Non-Union Contracts**

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the Director of Facilities. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Nargi.

Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve the Director of Human Resources. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Nargi.

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the Grant Writer. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote did not pass with six (6) opposed and three (3) yea.

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the Accountant. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote did not pass with six (6) opposed and three (3) yea.

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the Technical Facilitator. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote did not pass with five (5) opposed and four (4) yea. Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the Tech. App. Fac. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote did not pass with five (5) opposed and four (4) yea.

D. Approval of Torrington Board of Education Goals 2014-2015

Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve the Torrington Board of Education Goals 2014-2015. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

E. Approval of Torrington Board of Education Goals 2015-2016

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the Board of Education Goals for 2015-2016. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

F. Approval of Primary Mental health Program Grant (Forbes Elementary School)

Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve the Primary Mental Health Program. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

G. Approval of Signature Change Form, Danielle Batchelder to Hugh Potter

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the Signature change form. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

H. Approval of Policy 6010, Bullying Prevention, Intervention and Safe School Climate

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve Policy 6010. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

I. Consent Agenda

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

1. Approval of May 13, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting
2. Approval of June 10, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting-Student A
3. Approval of June 10, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting-Student B
4. Approval of June 10, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting-Student C
5. Approval of June 18, 2014 Board of Education Meeting
6. Approval of July 17, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting

7. Approval of July 19, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting
8. Approval of Sub Committee Minutes
  - a. Personnel Committee-June 11, 2014
  - b. Policy Committee-No Meeting, July or Aug 2014
  - c. School Improvement Committee-No Meeting July or Aug 2014
  - d. Budget Committee-No Meeting July 2014
  - e. Grievance Committee-No Report
9. Appointment & Resignations
10. Approval of Supervisor of Enhancement Programs and Initiative
11. Approval of Director of School Councilors
12. Notices for Homeschooling
  - a. M.J., grade 1, Eff. 2014-2015
  - b. Z.R., grade 4, Eff. 2014-2015

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

Mr. Traub announced he received the resignation for Mr. Karl Brady. Effective September 1, 2014.

Mr. Traub spoke about moving the band when football games are moved. Mr. Traub spoke about not seeing the corrections from the press coverage of the last Special Meeting.

The band and transportation and costs were discussed.

Mr. Nargi asked about budget money for upkeep of the athletic fields. Is money budgeted which will not be utilized, and the Turf Committee wondered if that money could be used towards the fields, if needed.

Mr. Raider spoke about the accomplishments of the last meeting and voiced his dismay at the press coverage.

Mr. Brady spoke about his resignation.

Mr. Kissko spoke about summer school graduates.

Mayor Carbone spoke about Mr. Brady's resignation.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Personnel Committee-Mr. Thibault reported.
2. Policy Committee-Mrs. Hoehne reported.
3. Grievance Committee-No Report
4. School Improvement Committee-Mr. Brady reported.
5. Budget Committee-Mr. Rovero reported.
6. Education Connection-Mr. Kissko reported.

7. THS Oversight Panel-Mr. Kissko reported.
8. Turf Field Committee-Mr. Nargi reported.

### **ITEMS FOR UPCOMMING AGENDA**

Financial Statement  
Committee Reports  
Purposes of Functions of Root Sub Committees  
APS Courses-Success  
Accept Colleges

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. Policy Committee Meeting-September 3, 2014
2. School Improvement Committee Meeting-September 3, 2014
3. Personnel Committee Meeting-September 10, 2014
4. Budget Committee Meeting-September 10, 2014
5. Regular Board of Education Meeting-September 17, 2014

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:28 Mr. Thibault made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.