

TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
Wednesday March 28, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:12PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Cappabianca, Mr. Cavagnero, Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Merola, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Rovero, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Traub, Mrs. Batchelder, Mrs. Domanico, Mr. Joslyn, Mrs. Kloczko, Maggie Finn

Absent: Mayor Bingham, Matt Cavagnero, Christine Keywan

INTRODUCTION AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Thibault made a motion to accept the appointment effective July 1, 2012 of Cheryl Kloczko as the new superintendent. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S 2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mrs. Kloczko presented the Board with areas of reduction in the Superintendent's proposed budget and proposed options in the 2012-2013 proposed budget.

Mr. Traub explained that the budget amount stays the same. This is an internal moving of numbers because of an insurance savings.

At 7:24PM Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the proposed budget of \$67,215,957.00. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cappabianca to reduce Special Education Salary by \$10,000. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Merola made a motion to add the TMS late bus back into the budget. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote carried with two (2) opposed by Mr. Cavagnero and Mr. Rovero.

A motion was made by Mr. Cavagnero to reduce \$15,000 from the Athletic budget. Mr. Nargi seconded the motion. Mr. Traub clarified that the motion made by Mr. Cavagnero

is to reduce the Athletic budget by its increase minus the custodial costs that were forced on them. Mrs. Cappabianca, Mrs. Hoehne, and Mr. Cavagnero voted yea. Mr. Traub, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Rovero, Mr. Kissko, and Mr. Merola voted nay. The vote did not carry. There was one (1) abstention by Mr. Nargi.

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to reduce \$48,000 from the Athletic budget. There was no second and the motion did not carry.

A motion to remove three (3) Numeracy (K-5, 6-12)/Literacy(6-12) coaches and add two (2) vice principals at TMS and THS was made by Mrs. Cappabianca and seconded by Mr. Oliver. Mrs. Cappabianca withdrew the motion.

A motion to amend the agenda to add a public discussion was made by Mr. Merola and seconded by Mr. Oliver. The vote was unanimous.

At this time 8:20PM a public discussion was held. There were six (6) participants.

Mr. Nargi made a motion to reduce three (3) Numeracy (K-5, 6-12)/Literacy (6-12) coaches. Mr. Cavagnero seconded the motion. The motion did not carry with nine (9) opposed and one (1) yea by Mr. Nargi.

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to add a vice principal at THS and letting the administration determine the funding source. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. Mr. Oliver made a motion to end the discussion on this vote. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) board member opposed. Mrs. Cappabianca's motion passed with two (2) board members opposed.

Mr. Rovero made a motion to eliminate a 6-12 Numeracy/Literacy coach. Mr. Nargi seconded the motion. The vote did not carry with two (2) yeas by Mr. Rovero and Mr. Nargi and eight (8) opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Cavagnero to cut the Director of Special Programs position. Mr. Nargi seconded the motion. The vote did not pass with two (2) yeas by Mr. Cavagnero and Mr. Rovero and eight (8) opposed.

Mr. Nargi made a motion to reduce the salary of the Director of Special Programs by \$50,000. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with one (1) yea by Mr. Nargi and nine (9) opposed.

Mr. Traub made a motion to send the budget of \$67,215,957.00 to the Board of Finance. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. Mr. Traub withdrew the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Nargi to eliminate the \$25.00 fee (Pay for Participate) for music programs and athletic programs. Mr. Cavagnero seconded the motion. The motion was amended by Mr. Nargi to reduce the music budget by \$13,000 and reduce the

athletic budget by \$22,000 and eliminate Pay for Participate fee. The vote passed with seven (7) yeas and three (3) opposed.

Mr. Traub made a motion to send the budget of \$67,179,957 to the Board of Finance. Mr. Oliver seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:37PM Mr. Merola made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Oliver seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.