

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Torrington High School
355 Migeon Ave.**

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

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Cappabianca, Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Raider, Mr. Rovero, Mr. Traub, Mrs. Batchelder, Mrs. Kloczko

Absent: Mr. Brady, Mayor Carbone, Mr. Hinman, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Campolieta

TURF COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Mr. Traub explained the purpose of this special meeting. The Turf Committee is requesting from the Board of Education a bridge loan of \$117,000.

Mr. Edward Arum presented.

Mr. Raider asked if this is just a loan on paper. He also asked if this money could actually be used.

Mr. Traub spoke about building times and cost savings.

Alternate biddings and rebidding was discussed.

Mr. Traub spoke about holding the funds in escrow on the advice of the BOE attorney. The attorney said the BOE is not a lending institution.

Mr. Rovero spoke about funding from the Board. He asked about procedures.

Mr. Nargi spoke about priorities. He asked if the BOE has any assets to encumber for this loan. He asked how long it would take the attorney to draft a legal document regarding the length and conditions of this loan.

Legal opinions were discussed.

Mr. Kissko spoke of responsibility.

Mr. Traub said they cannot loan money but they can create a line item for it.

Mr. Nargi asked what the line item would be for.

Mrs. Hoehne asked about having to go through the Finance Committee because the budget is frozen. She asked about corporate sponsors.

Mr. Kissko asked what happens to the kids if they don't allocate the money.

ADA compliance was discussed.

Mr. Rovero asked how long the project would be delayed if the project went out to bid again.

Mrs. Cappabianca asked about the letter from Corporate Council.

Mr. Rovero asked about the BOE protocol regarding BOE projects and rebidding.

Mrs. Kloczko spoke about transparency.

Athletic events and games were discussed.

APPROVAL OF TURF COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Mr. Nargi made a motion to have the Board of Education Attorney draft a document allowing the Board to allocate the money for the Turf Committee including a \$1,000.00 cap on fees. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote did not pass with five (5) against and one (1) approval, Mr. Nargi.

Mr. Rovero said the Board should not be allocating the money for a city project.

Mr. Kissko asked if they would have to meet again to approve this motion.

Mrs. Hoehne asked when the Turf Committee needed their decision.

Mr. Kissko made a motion to thank Mr. Arum and the Turf Committee. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

BOE MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON TURF COMMITTEE/APPROVAL OF BOE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TURF COMMITTEE

Mr. Traub officially resigned from the Turf Committee.

Mrs. Cappabianca nominated Mr. Nargi. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Nargi accepted the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rovero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at an unrecorded time. Mr. Raider seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.