

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 15, 2012**  
**7:00 pm**

**Torrington High School**  
**Major Besse Drive**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

**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, Matt Cavagnero,  
Maggie Finn, Christine Keywan

Absent: Mayor Bingham

**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION**

Public Participation

Mr. Traub read aloud the purpose of the School/Community Session.

A motion to amend the agenda was made at this time by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Mrs. Hoehne. Items 6.5 and 6.6 were added. Item 7.3 was added and another name was added to the Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Mrs. Hoehne to approve the amended agenda. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Cavagnero and seconded by Mrs. Cappabianca to approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from January 18, 2012. The vote was unanimous.

**INFORMATION SHARING SESSION**

5.1 Student Representatives: Maggie Finn, Matt Cavagnero and Christine Keywan presented.

5.2 Board of Education Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized four (4) students from THS for receiving Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards.

5.3 Superintendent Report

- a. The Enrollment/Discipline Report is available on the TPS website and will be presented quarterly.
- b. An eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grader from TMS gave a presentation on his community initiative called Kids Growing Food for Kids. He also requested starting community gardens at TMS and some of the elementary schools.

5.4 Mrs. Domanico and Jerry Crowley gave an overview of the District Technology Plan for Torrington Public Schools. Informational packets were distributed to the Board members. Costs and the timeline mandated by the state were discussed.

Mr. Cavagnero made a motion for the Board to direct the Administration to find out if there is a consensus throughout other school districts that would like to request an extension for the deadline of June 2012 to approve a technology plan. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The motion passed with three (3) opposed, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Kissko and Mrs. Cappabianca.

5.5 An update on Student Credit Recovery Program was given. The hours spent by students and the educational supervision of the students in this program was discussed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 A motion was made by Mr. Cavagnero to approve the redistribution of the Professional Development days for 2012-2013. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Coordinating the school calendar with Oliver Wolcott Tech was discussed. Different times of the year for professional development days were discussed.

6.2 Mr. Joslyn presented the Board with the Safe School Climate Plan and the importance of all educators protecting students from bullying. Compliance/Non-compliance with the state was discussed. The legal definition of bullying was discussed.

6.3 Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the RFP for the THS backstop. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Costs were discussed.

- 6.4 A motion to approve the Chiller RFP was made by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Mr. Rovero. The vote was unanimous. Energy efficiency, incentives and costs were discussed.
- 6.5 Mr. Oliver made a motion to receive the January financials. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Transportation costs and unemployment were discussed. Legal costs for expulsion hearings and negotiations were discussed.
- 6.6 Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve the movement of the early retirement deadline. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At this time a motion was made by Mr. Oliver to go into Executive Session to discuss a grievance, contract negotiations, and the superintendent search update. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

At this time a motion to end the Executive Session was made by Mr. Thibault and seconded by Mr. Cavagnero. The vote was unanimous.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### Resignations/Appointments

Catherine Chasse, LA Teacher, TMS, Retired, Eff. 6/30/12  
Donald Whitley, PE/Health, TMS, Retired, Eff. 6/30/12  
David Prahm, Custodian, THS, Retired, Eff. 1/6/12  
Susan Craig, Wld. Lang. Teacher, THS, Retired, Eff. 6/30/12  
Virginia Lovig, ELL Teacher, (0.5 FTE) Appt. Eff. 2/1/12  
Kristen Wabrek, Gr. 3, L/T Sub Teacher, VW, EA, Appt. Eff. 2/13/12  
Amber Manfredi, L/T Sub Teacher, Learn. Ctr., EA, Appt. Eff. 1/3/12  
Anne Laing, Math L/T Sub Teacher, TMS, Appt. Eff. 1/23/12  
Jamie Rowland, Contract Add.Psyc., THS, Appt. Eff. 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

#### Notices for Homeschooling

G.Z. 2011-2012

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

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

Mr. Traub announced that the new Board members would be touring the buildings on February 24, 2012.

Mr. Nargi questioned the health benefit costs in the contract negotiations that were presented to him by Mr. Oliver.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Budget Committee: Minutes from January 11, 2012  
Personnel Committee: Minutes from January 18, 2012  
Policy Committee: Minutes from January 4, 2012  
School Improvement Committee: Minutes from January 4, 2012  
Grievance Committee: Grievance filed on 2/12/2012, not settled yet  
Blue Ribbon Commission  
School Capacity Committee

### **ITEMS FOR UPCOMMING AGENDA: March 14, 2012**

Out of District Transportation Bid  
2012-2013 Budget  
Committee Reports

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Special Budget Meeting: February 28, 2012  
Policy Committee: February 29, 2012  
School Improvement Committee Meeting: February 29, 2012  
Budget Committee Meeting: March 7, 2012  
Personnel Committee Meeting: March 7, 2012

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 PM was made by Mr. Thibault and seconded by Mr. Oliver. The vote was unanimous.