

TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 14, 2012
7:00 pm

Torrington High School
Major Besse Drive

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:14 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

The School/Community Session took place after the Information Sharing Session. Mr. Traub read aloud the purpose of the School/Community Session.

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to extend the time for the School/Community Session. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There were twenty-six (26) speakers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to modify the agenda by moving the School/Community Session to after the budget presentation and moving item 5.5 to 5.1. The motion was also made to approve the modified agenda. Mr. Oliver seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from February 15, 2012. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

- 5.1 Mr. Traub relayed to the Board and spectators that the Board will not discuss any person or staff member specifically. The Board is there to discuss Protocol and Procedure only.
- 5.2 Mrs. Kloczko informed the Board that on March 12, 2012 the TEA Contract was presented to the City Council and approved.
- 5.3 Mrs. Batchelder informed the Board that a meeting with the Unions will take place on March 15, 2012 to discuss the Insurance and she will have more information after that meeting.
- 5.4 Mr. Traub informed the room that the Superintendents Budget for 2012-2013 is being received by the Board as a first (1st) read and will not be debated at this meeting. Two (2) open Community Sessions will be held on March 19, 2012 and March 21, 2012 to debate and discuss this topic. The Board will review this item on March 28th and vote or move it to a later date. Mrs. Kloczko presented the Superintendents 2012-2013 Budget to the Board. Mr. Traub explained to the spectators/speakers that mandates are up and funding is down. This budget packet is just a plan and will not go to the city until it has been voted on by the Board. He also reminded the people about the upcoming meetings to discuss and debate the budget on the 19th and the 21st of March. A motion to receive the Superintendents Budget for 2012-2013 was made by Mr. Thibault and seconded by Mr. Oliver. The vote was unanimous.
- 5.5 Mrs. Kloczko presented the Board with an update on the Credit Recovery Program. There are currently fifty-four (54) students enrolled and the majority of the enrolled students have passing grades.
- 5.6 Mr. Traub gave the Board an update on the status of the Superintendents Search. The first (1st) round of interviews have been conducted and call backs have been made for the second (2nd) round of interviews. He will discuss the candidates with the Board on the March 28, 2012 meeting.
- 5.7 Mr. Gerry Crowley gave an update to the Board regarding technology. He discussed connectivity for the school district and connectivity between the district and the city. Mr. Nargi had questions about updating old technological purchases and the cost of online learning. Mr. Thibault had questions regarding the average daily bandwidth usage, cable modems and power school. Mrs. Cappabianca inquired about the cost of equipment and repairs. Mr. Cavagnero asked if only text was being moved. Mr. Traub asked if Mr. Crowley could look at the buildings infrastructure and the cost of connecting all the students.

A motion was made by Mr. Oliver to add the Student Representatives to the agenda. Mr. Cavagnero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Mr. Oliver made a motion to table the approval of the Technology Plan until the next Board of Education meeting in April of 2012. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with three (3) opposed. Mr. Cavagnero asked the administration to inquire of the state to provide the results of their proposal. Mrs. Kloczko informed the Board that the Technology Plan had to be submitted to Education Connection by March 30, 2012, with or without the Board's approval, but the Board has to send in an approved Technology Plan to the state by June 30, 2012 or risk losing grants. Mr. Oliver did not want to submit a plan that does not concur with the Board.

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to allow the administration to submit the Technology Plan to Education Connection by the March 30, 2012 deadline without the Board's approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Merola. The vote was unanimous.

- 6.2 Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the Safe School Climate Plan. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Joslyn explained the Board has to submit an approved plan to the state by June 30, 2012. He also explained that new committee's will have to be formed to put this plan into action. Mr. Nargi inquired about staff and funding.
- 6.3 A motion to approve the out of district transportation bid was made by Mr. Thibault and seconded by Mr. Oliver. The vote was unanimous.
- 6.4 A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Mrs. Cappabianca. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Rovero made a motion at 10:03 PM to enter Executive Session to discuss Non-Renewals – Certified Staff and Personnel – Litigation Updates. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the vote. The vote was unanimous.

At 10:35 PM Mr. Oliver made a motion to end the Executive Session. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Traub made a motion to amend the Consent Agenda. The contract employment for Nicole Caron-Lichaj, Science Teacher, TMS, Eff. 6/30/2012, Susan Kraut, Science Teacher, TMS, Eff. 6/30/2012, Nicole Nass, Math Teacher, TMS, Eff. 6/30/2012, Patrick Taylor, Social Studies Teacher, TMS, Eff. 6/30/2012, Nancy Tracy, ELL Teacher, VW, Eff. 6/30/2012, Sally Yoga, Special Ed Teacher, TMS, Eff. 6/30/2012 not be renewed for

the 2012-2013 school year and the superintendent must advise these persons of this action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thibault. The vote was unanimous.

Resignations/Appointments

Kathleen Murphy, Grade 5 Teacher, VW, Retirement Eff. 6/30/12
Holly Simpson, Science Teacher, THS, Retirement Eff. 6/30/12
Lisa Proffitt, Grade 1 Teacher, VW, Retirement Eff. 6/30/12
Sabrina Shadeck, Behave. Special. DW, Resignation Eff. 2/21/12
Kristin Raymond, Ass't Cheerleader Coach, THS, Resignation Eff. Fall 2012-2013
Katlin Butryman, Kdg., L/T Sub Teacher, TF, Appt. Eff. 2/13/12
Carol Oberheim, Coor. Teacher, Pre-K, Special Ed. ½ Shared Eff. 2011-2012
Patti Harris, Coor. Teacher, Pre-K, Special Ed. ½ Shared Eff. 2011-2012

Coaching Appointments

Drake Waldron, Head Basketball Coach, TMS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Erika Pratt, Head Softball Coach, TMS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Andrew Marchand, Head Boys Trk/Field Coach, TMS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Henry Marchand, Ass't Boys Trk/Field Coach, TMS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
David Lopardo, Head Girls Trk/Field Coach, TMS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Michael C. Fritch, Intramurals Coach, TMS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Donald Whitley, Intramurals Coach, TMS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Jada Mattiello, Head Girls Outdoor Track Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Michael McKenna, Ass't. Baseball Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Art Richardson, Ass't Baseball Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Joe Minutillo, Head Golf Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Maryann Musselman, Head Softball Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Tammy Ostroski, Ass't Softball Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Mark Moulton, Head Boys Tennis Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
John Nickles, Head Girls Tennis Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Rick Dubois, Head Boys Outdoor Track Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
James Burns, Ass't Boys Outdoor Track Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012
Erin Sullivan, Ass't Girls Outdoor Track Coach, THS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2011-2012

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

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were no comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee: Minutes from February 8, 2012
Personnel Committee: Minutes from February 15, 2012
Grievance Committee: Minutes from February 28, 2012
Special BOE Meeting – Expulsion Hearings – November 22, 2011, December 7, 2011,

December 9, 2011, December 20, 2011, January 9, 2012, January 9, 2012,
January 20, 2012, February 7, 2012, February 7, 2012, February 10, 2012,
February 10, 2012

Policy Committee: Minutes from March 7, 2012

ITEMS FOR UPCOMMING AGENDA: April 18, 2012

Update on Credit Recovery Program

FUTURE MEETINGS

Policy Committee Meeting: April 4, 2012

School Improvement Committee Meeting: April 4, 2012

Budget Committee Meeting: April 11, 2012

Special Budget Committee Meetings: March 19, 2012, March 21, 2012

Special Board of Education Meeting: March 28, 2012

Personnel Committee Meeting: April 11, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn at 10:41 PM. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion.
The vote was unanimous.