

TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
7:00 pm

Torrington High School
Major Besse Drive

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mr. Merola, Mayor Bingham, Christine Keywan

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Public Participation

Mr. Traub read aloud the purpose of the School/Community Session. Then he related all emergency exit information.

There was one (1) speaker, Tanya Fitcher, who discussed the Governance Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to modify the agenda by moving items 6.1 and 6.2 to after the Executive Session and to approve the modified agenda was made by Mr. Thibault and seconded by Mr. Rovero. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from December 14, 2011 was made by Mr. Cavagnero and seconded by Mr. Rovero. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

5.1 Student Representatives: Maggie Finn and Matt Cavagnero presented.

5.2 Board of Education Recognitions

The Board recognized seven (7) members of the THS Football team, five (5) members of the Girl's Soccer team, two (2) members of the Boy's Soccer team, five (5) members of the Girl's Swimming team, one (1) member of the Cross Country team, and two (2) members of the Girl's Volleyball team.

5.3 Superintendent Report

a. December Enrollment Report:

The Board members discussed the differences in the Enrollment Reports over the past four (4) years and the enforcement of the school rules.

b. School Governance Councils:

A grant in the amount of \$30,000 was given to THS and Oliver Wolcott Tech to collaborate on a birth to graduation program.

The purpose, benefits, and responsibilities of a School Governance Council were discussed.

c. Technology Department Structure:

Mrs. Kloczko presented a diagram of Torrington's Technology Organization.

d. Update on iPad Pilot:

Mrs. Domanico presented an update on the uses and challenges of the iPad Pilot Program.

e. Materials to BOE Guide Book:

Mrs. Kloczko outlined the new additions to the BOE Guide Book.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 This item was moved to after the Executive Session.

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6.3 A motion to approve the December 2011 Financial Statements was made by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Mrs. Cappabianca. The vote was unanimous.

6.4 A motion was made by Mr. Oliver to approve the budget transfer of LAS Links Scoring to Instructional Materials and seconded by Mrs. Cappabianca. The vote

was unanimous. There was discussion concerning ESL programs and the success of ESL students.

- 6.5 A motion to accept the Insurance Cost document was made by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Mr. Thibault. The vote was unanimous.
- 6.6 A motion was made to accept the Out of State Field Trip information by Mr. Thibault and seconded by Mr. Kissko. The vote was unanimous. There was discussion concerning costs and policies of overnight and out of state field trips.
- 6.6a A motion to approve the field trip to the Boston Museum of Science, contingent upon a medical person, was made by Mr. Kissko and seconded by Mr. Thibault. The vote was unanimous. There was discussion concerning foreign language curriculum and field trips, costs, insurance, and an emergency medical person. A field trip data base was also discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Mr. Cavagnero to enter into Executive at this time, 9:28PM, to discuss Negotiation Updates, Personnel Matters and Hearing Updates. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cappabianca and seconded by Mrs. Hoehne to end the Executive Session at 10:44PM. The vote was unanimous.

- Item 6.1 A motion to approve Local 1579, Council #4 (Custodian, Maintenance, Cafeteria, Paraprofessionals and Secretarial Employees) was made by Mr. Thibault. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- Item 6.2 A motion was made by Mr. Cavagnero and seconded by Mr. Rovero to approve Local 1579, Council #4, (Non-teaching Registered Nurses). The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignations/Appointments

Sharon DeWitt, Special Ed. Teacher (0.5), VW, Appt. Eff. 01/03/12
Monika Fryc, L/T Math Sub. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 12/13/11
Gail Masters, L/T Math Sub. Teacher, MS, Appt. Eff. 12/19/11
Edward Hinman, L/T SS. Sub. Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 12/19/11
Nancy Priemer, PE/Health Teacher (0.25), MS, Appt. Eff. 1/9/12
Leonard Ferris, Tech. Ed Teacher (0.25), MS, Appt. Eff. 1/3/12
Jill Baranowitz, Special Ed. Coord. (2nd position), HS, (continual)

Barbara Zulkeski, Tech. Operations Mgr., District, Appt. Eff. 1/9/12

Coaching Appointments

Erin Sullivan, Ass't. Coach, Boy's Swim, HS, Appt. Eff. Winter 11-12

Notices for Homeschooling

Johnson, Taylor 2011-2012

Strickland, Brynne 2011-2012

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mrs. Hoehne and seconded by Mrs. Cappabianca. The vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Traub announced that Christopher Murphy would be making a presentation at East School on January, 19, 2012 about funding for schools.

Mr. Nargi was concerned with the situation that transpired with the girl's cheerleading squad. He wanted to know if the superintendent could make a public statement clearing up any issues, he also wondered about the disciplinary actions for the students and commented on the culture of today's youth and how they have to understand that bad behavior leads to negative consequences. Mr. Traub said he sent out emails concerning this issue. He then went on to explain the situation to the other Board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee: Minutes from December 7, 2012

Personnel Committee: Minutes from December 7, 2012

Grievance Committee:

Policy Committee:

School Improvement Committee:

Blue Ribbon Commission:

School Capacity Committee:

ITEMS FOR UPCOMMING AGENDA

February 15, 2012

Update on Credit Recovery

Budget Time Line

Committee Reports

Receipt of Monthly Financial Statement

Mr. Crowley will be added to update the Board on technology every other month beginning in February.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Board of Education Retreat: January 21, 2012

Policy Committee Meeting: February 1, 2012

School Improvement Committee Meeting: February 1, 2012

Budget Committee Meeting: February 8, 2012

Personnel Committee Meeting: February 8, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Hoehne at 10:57PM. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cappabianca. The vote was unanimous.