

TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday June 20, 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: Mr. Cavagnero, Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Merola, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Rovero, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Traub, Mrs. Domanico, Mr. Joslyn, Mrs. Kloczko, Kevin Finn

Absent: Mayor Bingham, Mrs. Batchelder, Austin Kelson, Sorceus Rivera-Tamarez

ITEM OF ACTION

National External Diploma Program Graduation

The Board awarded the graduates of the NEDP with their diplomas.

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Public Participation

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

There were two (2) speakers. Doug O'Connell spoke about Mr. David Oliver's service with the Board of Education. Rachel Traub spoke about the schedule.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Oliver made a motion to amend and approve the amended agenda. Item 6.4e was added and items 8.4, 8.5, and 8.6 were added. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cavagnero made a motion to approve the May 16, 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve the May 30, 2012 special meeting minutes. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote passed with two (2) abstentions from Mr. Traub and Mr. Merola.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

6.1 Announcement of Kindergarten Fire Truck Ride, August 2012

A student from Vogel-Wetmore won the fire truck ride.

6.2 Student Representatives

Introduction of the new BOE Student Representatives

Executive President: Austin Kelson

Executive Vice-President: Kevin Finn

Class President: Sorceres Rivera-Tamarez

6.3 Recognition

The BOE recognized nine (9) retiring teachers. Catherine Chasse, Susan Craig, Judith Hammer, Elizabeth Lyons, Kathleen Murphy, Susan Pelchat, Lisa Proffitt, Holly Simpson, and Donald Whitley.

6.4 Superintendent Report

Mrs. Domanico gave a brief overview of the Education Reform Law and spoke about the future impact on the district from it. Mr. Cavagnero commented on the number of students dropping out of the district or not finishing high school. He voiced concerns regarding this Reform Law and how to keep students in school. Mr. Merola had concerns regarding school choice. Mr. Nargi commented on the performance of students and how out of district students/parents may be enticed to go to Torrington Public Schools to receive a top education and go on to good college/university. He wanted the data concerning seniors/graduates and where they have been accepted to college/university. Mr. Rovero wanted to know about qualifying for grants and funding.

Mrs. Kloczko informed the board that the BOE policies on the website have been updated.

The Board received an update on the improvements to the facilities and grounds. Traffic at the High School was discussed. Ownership of the road from the Little Theatre down was discussed.

Mrs. Kloczko gave the Board an update regarding Online Learning. The subject of Social Studies was discussed.

Two (2) students made a presentation to the Board regarding the Civic Life Project. Ideas for incorporating future Civic Life Projects into the curriculum were discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:58pm Mr. Rovero made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Legal Updates and Non-bargaining contracts. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

At 9:26pm Mr. Oliver made a motion to end the Executive Session. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 A motion was made by Mr. Oliver to approve the Board of Education meeting schedule for 2012-2013. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- 8.2 Mr. Cavagnero made a motion to approve the live TV broadcast of the BOE meetings with a spending cap of \$6000.00. Mr. Nargi seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed by Mr. Thibault. Costs and time slots were discussed.
- 8.3 Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the financial statements as submitted. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- 8.4 A motion was made by Mr. Oliver to approve the ratified Contract Local 1579. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed by Mr. Cavagnero, and two (2) abstentions by Mr. Merola and Mr. Kissko. Mr. Thibault reviewed the terms for the Board.
- 8.5 Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the Senior Administration Contract. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote passed with two (2) opposed by Mr. Cavagnero and Mr. Nargi and three (3) abstentions by Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, and Mr. Merola.
- 8.6 Mr. David Oliver's Resignation

Mr. Traub and Mrs. Kloczko presented Mr. Oliver with a gift from the Board and Administration for his service as a Board member.

At this time, 9:49pm, Mr. Thibault made a motion to extend the BOE meeting. Mrs.

Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed by Mr. Oliver.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignations/Appointments

E. Mary Rolfe, Music LT/Sub Teacher, TF/SW, (4 FTE), Appt. Eff. 4/16/12
Beverly Cyr, Wilson Reading Inst., FB, (4.5 hr per wk), Appt. Eff. 4/16/12
Sarah Smedick, Gr. 4 LT/Sub Teacher, SW, Appt. Eff. 4/23/12-6/18/12
Stefanie Thompson, Spanish LT/Sub Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 5/4/12
Loretta Trocchi, Math LT/Sub Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 5/7/12
Lisa Lee, Social Studies LT/Sub Teacher, HS, Appt. Eff. 5/21/12
Kristen Wabrek, Literacy Sup. LT/Sub Teacher, VO, Appt. Eff. 5/14/12-6/18/12
Kristen Parente, Lang. Arts LT/Sub Teacher, MS, Appt. Eff. 6/12/12
Dora Carr, Spec. Ed., Summer School, TFD, Appt. Eff. 7/2/12-7/26/12
Sharon DeWitt, Spec. Ed., Summer School, TFD, Appt. Eff. 7/2/12-7/26/12
Erin DuCotey, Spec. Ed., Summer School, HS, Appt. Eff. 7/2/12-7/26/12
Jennifer Lopez, Spec. Ed., Summer School, TFD, Appt. Eff. 7/2/12-7/26/12
Mark Moulton, Spec. Ed., Summer School, TFD, Appt. Eff. 7/2/12-7/26/12
Kathleen Pelkey, Spec. Ed., Summer School, HS, Appt. Eff. 7/2/12-7/26/12
Elaine Surveski, Spec. Ed., Summer School, TFD, Appt. Eff. 7/2/12-7/26/12
Jill Tedesco, Spec. Ed., Summer School, TFD, Appt. Eff. 7/2/12-7/26/12
Michelle Steck, Spec. Ed., Summer School, TFD/HS, Appt. Eff. 7/2/12-7/26/12
Christine Abbott, Guid. Prog., 6-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Michael Asal, Guid. Prog., 6-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Johanna DeZurik, Guid. Prog., 6-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Robert Maggi, Guid. Prog., 6-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Betty Jo McDonnell, Guid. Prog., 6-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Jessica Odlum, Guid. Prog., 6-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Elena Sileo, Guid. Prog., 6-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Jessica Fayer, Art, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Cynthia Jerram, Art, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Debbie Phelps, Art, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Elaine Towne, Art, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Elaine Wall, Art, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Marilyn Hoitt, Library/Media, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Robin Magistrali, Library/Media, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Andrew Marchand, Library/Media, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Dawn Pollutro, Library/Media, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Mary Lee Quinn, Library/Media, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Matthew Bell, Music, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Ashlee Casco, Music, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Lynn Morin, Music, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Wayne Spletstoeszer, Music, K-12 Curriculum, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Barbara Beebe, Mgr., Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Adla Keywan, Tutor, Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012

Edward Lestinsky, Tutor, Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Mary Z'bell, Tutor, Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Bruce Betts, Tutor, Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Pat Conroy, Teacher, SS, Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Mary DeMarchi, Teacher, Eng., Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Diane Dove, Teacher, Eng., Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Janice Gregori, Teach., Science, Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
M. McGillicuddy, Teach., Sci., Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Gretchen Mosca, Teacher, Math, Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Erin Sullivan, Teacher, Eng., Online Credit Recovery, THS, Appt. Eff. Summer 2012
Kathy Martin-Ocain, Curriculum, Appt. Eff. July 2012
Francesca Lascari, Curriculum, Appt. Eff. July 2012
Mary-Grace Hannsch, Curriculum, Appt. Eff. July 2012
Norma Derosa, Spanish, Curriculum, Appt. Eff. July 2012
Michele Clare, Spanish, Curriculum, Appt. Eff. July 2012
Kati Block, PE/Health Curriculum, Appt. Eff. July 2012
Beth Daley, PE/Health, Curriculum, Appt. Eff. July 2012
Eric Mahar, PE/Health, Curriculum, Appt. Eff. July 2012
James Pepper, PE/Health, Curriculum, Appt. Eff. July 2012
Jean Beck, Teacher, Integrated Arts Prog., FB, Appt. Eff. 4/23/12-6/29/12
Kelley Browning, Teacher, Integrated Arts Prog., FB, Appt. Eff. 4/23/12-6/29/12
Mary Enright, Teacher, Integrated Arts Prog., FB, Appt. Eff. 4/23/12-6/29/12
Dawn Pollutro, Teacher, Integrated Arts Prog., FB, Appt. Eff. 4/23/12-6/29/12
Leanne Russell, Teacher, Integrated Arts Prog., FB, Appt. Eff. 4/23/12-6/29/12
Mary Svetz-Juliano, Teacher, Integrated Arts Prog., FB, Appt. Eff. 4/23/12-6/29/12
Elisa Eaton, Artist in Residence Integ. Arts Prog., FB, Appt. Eff. 4/23/12-6/29/12
Jill Giles, Artist in Residence Integ. Arts Prog., FB, Appt. Eff. 4/23/12-6/29/12
Jamie Ruiz-Sacharko, Artist in Res. Integ. Arts Prog., FB, Appt. Eff. 4/23/12-6/29/12
Matthew Valenti, Teacher, Elem. Orchestra Director, DW, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Dan Hodgkins, Teacher, Band Director, MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Dan Hodgkins, Coord. Teacher for the Arts, MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Lynn Morin, Coord. Teacher for the Arts, .5 HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Cynthia Jerram, Coord. Teacher for the Arts, .5 HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Mary Enright, Coord. Teacher, Secondary Bilingual/ELL, DW, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Janice Harrington, Coord. Teacher for Elementary PE, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Wayne Spletstoeszer, Teacher, Band Director, HS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Matthew Bell, Coord. Teacher for the Arts, Elementary, DW, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Joe Campolieta, Teacher, Band Director, Elementary, DW, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Beth Daley, Coord. Teacher for PE, Secondary, MS, Appt. Eff. 2012-2013
Justin Ehrenberg, Teacher, Italian/French, HS, Resignation Eff. 6/30/12
Karen Sullivan, Sp/Lg Pathologist, MS/HS, Resignation Eff. 6/30/12
Debrah Pollutro, Admin. Ass't. Super., Clerk BOE, MI, Appt. Eff. 10/7/12
Debrah Pollutro, Exec. Admin. Ass't. Super., Clerk BOE, MI, Continuance 7/1/12

Nonrenewal

Nicole Nass, Teacher, Math, MS, Eff. 6/30/12

Patrick Taylor, Teacher, SS, MS, Eff. 6/30/12
Nancy Tracy, Teacher, ELL(TESOL), VO, Eff. 6/30/12
Sally Yoga, Teacher, Spec. Ed., MS, Eff. 6/30/12
Nicole Caron-Lichaj, Science, MS, Eff. 6/30/12
Susan Kraut, Science, MS, Eff. 6/30/12

Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Nargi had questions about some positions being filled by teachers vs. tutors. Mr. Cavagnero asked if the staff could evaluate alternative online programs.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Traub inquired about the time of day for the upcoming BOE Retreat to be held at Migeon Ave.

Mr. Nargi expanded on Mr. Cavagnero's comments regarding alternative online learning vendors. He suggested that a top administrator, like the superintendent, should do the evaluating.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee: Mr. Rovero was named as the new Chairman for the budget committee. Minutes from May 9, 2012

Personnel Committee: Minutes from April 23, 2012

Policy Committee: Minutes from May 2, 2012 and May 29, 2012

School Improvement Committee: Minutes from May 2, 2012

Special BOE meeting: Expulsion Hearing, May 24, 2012

Grievance Committee: No Report

ITEMS FOR UPCOMMING AGENDA July 18, 2012

ECS Funding with Legislators

Smarter Balance Assessment
School Satisfaction Survey Results

9th Grade Academy/Small Learning Communities

Financial Statements

FUTURE MEETINGS

Policy Committee Meeting: July 25, 2012

School Improvement Committee Meeting: July 25, 2012

Budget Committee Meeting: July 11, 2012

Personnel Committee Meeting: July 11, 2012

Regular BOE Meeting: July 18, 2012

Mr. Traub made a motion to nominate Mrs. Cappabianca as the new vice-chairman of the Board of Education. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:04pm Mr. Traub made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Oliver seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.