



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 6:00 PM
THS Media Center, 50 Major Besse Drive**

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Corey, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Todor, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Spino, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Fappiano, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Klimaszewski
Absent: Mr. Arum
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Hoehne made a motion to amend the agenda fixing the date of 12-I-6 to December 9th not December 19th, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
4. Student Representatives: Julia McCarthy gave a report on THS. The students finished exams, are selecting classes for next year, NASA scientist gave a presentation and the cast was selected for Spring Musical.
5. Recognitions: Ms. Lubomski and Ms. Cappabianca recognized various teachers, staff and students for achievements this month.
6. School/Community Service/Public Participation: Mr. Lafreniere spoke about the Washington DC Trip for next year and had questions on the proposed school calendar.
7. Executive Session Regarding Superintendent Evaluation: Mr. Kissko made a motion to go into executive session inviting in Ms. Lubomski, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
The board entered into executive session at 6:16 P.M.
The board returned in open session at 6:22 P.M.
8. Executive Session Regarding Board of Education Evaluation: Mr. Kissko made a motion to go into executive session inviting in Ms. Lubomski, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
The board entered into executive session at 6:23 P.M.
The board returned in open session at 6:26 P.M.
9. Information Sharing Session:
 - A. Superintendent's Report: Ms. Lubomski reported on things that are happening in the district. February is professional development and the focus is training on new data management system. She shared her appreciation for the central office staff.
 - B. Monthly Financials: Mr. Maniccia reported on the financials. There is currently a deficit. The first round of requests for state reimbursements have been submitted.
 - C. Torrington Middle School Roof Update: The state approved the plan and we can let the city know that they approved it. We can move forward with bids in March. Only a portion of the roof is being replaced.
 - D. Torrington Middle School Windows Update: The Fire Marshall stated that it is not a code violation we can begin our selection. The next budget meeting we will discuss our options.
 - E. Alliance Funding: The allocation of money in different places was presented.
 - F. Field Trips: The board looked at the forms in the packet.
 1. Museo del Barrio Museum, NYC, April 8, 2020
 2. Washington DC, May 25, 2021 – May 28, 2021
 - G. Special Education Update: Ms. Klimaszewski passed out the Student Services Special Education numbers through 1/27/2020: 37 Students have exited this year, no longer

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requiring special education services. 86 Children have moved into Torrington with an IEP for in district programming. 24 students with IEP have moved out of Torrington. For every 1 identified child that has moved out of district, 3.6 identified children have moved in. There was discussion on pre-K and the conclusion was that there is not a large influx from out of town, its more children from birth to 3 coming in. We are working on a Special Education contingency fund with the city currently. The board discussed different methods of what can be done to prevent going into SPED budget deficit.

- H. School Calendar 2020-2021: The board disused the changes presented. The board liked the idea of having school on Veteran's Day and doing Veteran's Day celebrations that day. The last teacher day is the last student day on June 17th = without the snow days is June 9th. Ms. Lubomski stated that they can post a new snow day update so people know when the last date is.
 - I. Board of Education Bylaws: The board wants to remove the Personnel Committee and replace it with Facilities and Technologies Committee. If we need a personnel matter discussed then we can make an ad-hoc. The language was cleaned up. Grievance and Expulsions are hearings and not committees. Everyone can come to those and be a part of those.
 - J. Committee Assignments were passed out.
 - K. Board of Education Meeting Calendar: The board disused the calendar and what changes they want to make.
10. Committee Reports:
- A. Policy Committee: The committee has been discussing student use of private use of technology devices, dress code, and grading policies.
 - B. School Improvement Committee: CAFTA presented very detailed description of the things they do within the school system. This month we will talk about the distinguished alumnus award.
 - C. Budget Committee: The committee discussed windows, roofs, and budget SPED costs.
 - D. Personnel Committee: The committee discussed fill rates, para teacher attendance, and finished the board and Superintendent's evaluations.
 - E. Grievance Hearing: None.
 - F. Ed-Advance: Mr. Kissko reported that the legislative breakfast was a good session. There was a report on what the schools and ed advance do together presented at the board of directors meeting.
 - G. Curriculum Committee: Mr. Maniccia reported that social studies and math met yesterday. The English committee is finalizing their draft for 6-12 curriculum for the Superintendent's review.
 - H. Secondary Ad-Hoc Committee: There will be a meeting scheduled once we have received Kaestle Boos Architects report.
 - I. SBAC Ad-Hoc Committee: They received a report on what is the significance of the guidelines that come from the board of education.
 - J. Insurance Review Ad-Hoc Committee: Not ready to have another meeting yet.
 - K. School Liaison Reports:
 - The board members talked about the events that happened at each school:
 - Vogel Wetmore – snowman game assembly, new message board, Sweetheart Dance on February 28th with a superhero theme and read along day on February 12th.
 - Southwest- D.A.R.E classes and the perfect attendance for December was 50%.
 - Forbes – vision screening, door decorating contest, D.A.R.E started, Jumprope for Heart, and Black History month will be recognized and celebrated.
 - TMS – the changes in bus dismissal have a great impact overall flow, sports drama club, the play is next weekend, unified sports, monthly drawing to Subway for perfect attendance.

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THS – Newsletter is on the High School Website. Congratulations who had 2 prominent articles, one student is going to YALE and the other is going to Carnage Hall. Torrington- celebrated Life of MLK, the students raised money in the act of kindness and the Torrington Tigers have a new Facebook page.

11. Action Items:

- A. Possible Action Regarding Superintendent Evaluation: Ms. Spino made a motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation, second by Ms. Todor. Ms. Fappiano abstained. Everyone else in favor. Motion passed.
- B. Possible Action Regarding Board of Education Evaluation: Ms. Spino made a motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation, second by Mr. Eucalitto. Ms. Fappiano abstained. Everyone else in favor. Motion passed.
- C. Monthly Financials: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to approve the monthly financials, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
- D. Field Trips:
 - 1. Museo del Barrio Museum, NYC, April 8, 2020: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the field trip, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.
 - 2. Washington DC, May 25, 2021 – May 28, 2021: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the field trip, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
- E. School Calendar 2020-2021: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the school calendar as presented, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.
- F. Board of Education Bylaws: removed.
- G. Board of Education Meeting Calendar: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the BOE Calendar with changes, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.
- H. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2019: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
- I. Receive Subcommittee Minutes: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
 - 1. Budget Committee – December 4, 2019
 - 2. Personnel Committee – November 18, 2019
 - 3. Personnel Committee – December 4, 2019
 - 4. School Improvement Committee – November 4, 2019
 - 5. Policy Committee – November 4, 2019
 - 6. SBAC Ad-Hoc Committee – December 9, 2019
- J. Consent Agenda: Appointments, Retirements & Resignations: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Mr. Corey. All in favor.

12. Comments for the Good of the Order:

Ms. Richardson and Mr. Maniccia thanked the board leadership and thanked Ms. Spino for her work on the evaluations

Mr. Kissko and the Chair recognized the Personnel Committee and the good job they have done this year.

The Chair also thanked everyone for coming to the retreat.

13. Items for Upcoming Agenda

- A. Monthly Financials
- B. Bylaws
- C. Report of SBAC
- D. SPED Update
- E. Budget
- F. Budget Presentation by the Superintendent

14. Future Meetings:

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 (at Forbes)

6:00 p.m. – School Improvement and Community Relations Committee

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7:00 p.m. – Policy Committee

Monday, February 10, 2020 (at Migeon Ave.)

6:00 p.m. – SBAC Ad-Hoc Committee

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 (at Migeon Ave.)

6:00 p.m. – Personnel Committee

6:30 p.m. – Budget Committee

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 (at THS)

6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting

15. Adjournment: Mr. Kissko made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:47 P.M.