

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on April 24, 2019.



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, March 27, 2018, 6:30 PM  
THS Media Center, 50 Major Besse Drive**

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: 6:30PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:  
Board: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Spino, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Todor, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Richardson  
Absent: Mr. Corey, Mr. Thibault  
Administrators: Ms. Lubomski, Mr. Arum, Ms. Schulte, Mr. Bascetta  
Absent: Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Perzan
4. Agenda approval: Ms. Richardson made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
5. Student reps: Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Mattiello: Both representatives gave a detailed report of events happening at Torrington High School.
6. Recognitions: Ms. Lubomski & Ms. Cappabianca - Music, Art & History Day Awards.
7. School/Community Service/Public Participation:  
Three Students spoke on behalf of Tech Ed Teacher, Tom Lutka of Torrington High School  
Lili Palmer – Torrington High School  
Miles Sletner-Sanderson – Torrington High School  
Kate Hass – Torrington High School
8. Information Sharing:
  - a. Superintendent's Report – Ms. Lubomski shared the Mayors Committee on Youth initiative and thanked the staff who supported the success of the St. Jude Telethon; Spring Edition – Celebrating Excellence - "It's Our Time to Shine"
  - b. Next Generation Accountability 2017-2018: Graduation rates are being tracked. Southwest received School of Distinction. Torrington improving attendance with parental involvement. Bridges in Elementary and Open Up Math in the Middle School are increasing scores. Arts Access near perfect score district wide. SAT's were just administered to 176 students today. PSAT's given earlier will help students practice taking the test.
  - c. Monthly Financials: Tracking financials, monitoring through the end of year.
  - d. Course Proposals: Intro to Coding is technology based with math as the foundation.
  - e. Policy #6170 Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Policy and Reporting Procedure presented complete with all the appropriate corrections and edits.
  - f. Policy #7025 School Volunteers, Student Interns and other Non-Employees presented complete with all the appropriate corrections and edits.
  - g. Policy #4005 Torrington FMLA – brought out of date policy to committee to update. Updated and legally compliant.
  - h. Policy #6008 – Add 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. Updated and compliant.

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- i. District calendar – need to align with surrounding districts. Will bring to committee in the Fall 2019.
  - j. Field trips:
    - i. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC
    - ii. Innovation Expo Fest & Film Festival, Wallingford
9. Committee Reports:
- a. Policy Committee - Reviewing 7 policies on Harassment at next meeting.
  - b. SIC – Board Goals - due June 2019.
  - c. Budget –Special Meeting on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00PM
  - d. Personnel – none
  - e. Grievance – none
  - f. Ed-Advance - Grant funding a bus for a Field Trip.
  - g. Curriculum – none
  - h. Secondary Ad Hoc – Reviewed the summary of the student survey. \*RFQ review architects and qualifications, costs, enrollment projects outside of building. Narrow down to 4, interviews and form and proposal which will be opened at the interview. Referendum will be before June, 2020\
  - i. School Liaison Reports
    - THS – Mr. Mattiello and Ms. McCarthy, spoke of the upcoming Prom, Biannual Raider Rally, Production of *Oklahoma*, Spring Sports, CIAC Athletics Merit Award.
    - TMS - Production of *Bye Bye Birdie* with support from Torrington Alumni & High School students.
    - Forbes - Pilobulus & American Mural Project with student and staff involvement, with a performance on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Warner Theatre. Daily Positivity.
    - Southwest - PTO sponsored events, New England Air Museum Field trip, Spring Concert.
    - Vogel Wetmore - School Assembly, Gratitude cards.
    - Torrington – Yoga event, Library-PJ bedtime stories, dance team performed at St. Jude's, Kindergarten Readiness Fair.
10. Action Items:
- a. Monthly Financials - Mr. Kissko made the motion, second by Ms. Spino. Unanimous.
  - b. Course Proposal – Introduction to Coding – Mr. Kissko made the motion to approve the course proposal, second by Ms. Spino. Unanimous.
  - c. Policy #6170 – Ms. Hoehne made the motion to approve the policy, second by Mr. Kissko. Unanimous.
  - d. Policy #7025 – Ms. Hoehne made the motion to approve the policy, second by Mr. Kissko. Unanimous.
  - e. Policy #4005 – Ms. Hoehne made the motion to approve the policy, second by Mr. Kissko. Unanimous.
  - f. Policy #6008 – Ms. Hoehne made the motion to approve the, second by Mr. Kissko. Unanimous.
  - g. Field Trip:
    - i. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC: Ms. Spino made the motion to approve the field trip, second by Mr. Eucalitto. Unanimous.
    - ii. Innovation Expo Fest & Film Festival, Wallingford: Ms. Spino made the motion to approve the field trip, second by Mr. Kissko. Unanimous.

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- h. Regular Board of Education Minutes – Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment to fix 13c change Mr. to Ms., second by Mr. Kissko. Unanimous.
  - i. Special Mtg – Mr. Kissko made the motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Spino. Unanimous.
  - j. Special Mtg – Mr. Kissko made the motion to approve the minutes with the amendment to fix #4 was voted in open session, second by Ms. Hoehne. Unanimous.
  - k. Sub-Committee mtg – Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment to fix v. Policy Committee – Teacher Rep. Mr. Mangalinkx absent, second by Mr. Kissko. Unanimous.
  - l. Consent Agenda – Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve, second by Ms. Spino. Unanimous.
11. Comments – none
  12. Upcoming agenda
    - a. Board goals
    - b. Budget
    - c. Monthly Financials
    - d. Harassment Policies – 7
    - e. Board Eval
    - f. Personnel
    - g. Superintendent Eval
    - h. Non-Renewals
  13. Future Meetings ADD: Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Special Budget Meeting @ 6pm Migeon and Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Board Meeting @ 6pm Migeon
  14. Adjournment: Mr. Kissko made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Spino. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.