

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 2, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cavagnero at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Broverman, Mr. Cavagnero, Miss Laus, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mattiello, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Raymond, Prof. Royals, Mr. Rubino, Mr. Nocera (for Mayor Bingham), Ms. Hurley (left at 8:40), Ms. Kruse (left @ 8:40), Dr. O'Brien, Dr. Campbell, Ms. Haynes

Members Absent: Mayor Bingham, Mr. Good, Ms. Palladino

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Ms. Petersen spoke in support of Mr. Harnett's Upward Bound Program and the APL Program. Ms. Fedor also spoke in support of these 2 programs.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve tonight's agenda

Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Broverman supported the approval of tonight's agenda. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve minutes

Mr. Oliver moved and Mrs. Raymond supported the approval of the regular BOE minutes of March 19, 2008, as amended. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous except for Mr. Nargi who was opposed.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

Student Representative Reports

Ms. Kruse and Ms. Hurley gave reports regarding Southwest School, THS, and Torrington School.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. O'Brien spoke briefly about a newspaper article regarding Torrington's elementary TAG program, Board members attending the TMS alternative program Upward Bound just outside of Albany, New York, and continuing efforts to increase enrollment in Torrington's Air Force JROTC Program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Prof. Royals moved and Mr. Rubino supported approving the consent agenda as modified. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

1. *Certified Staff Resignations/Appointments*
Catherine M. Reinhardt, English-HS, resigned eff 6/30/08

2. *Coaching Resignations/Appointments*
Gerard Carbone, Head Baseball Coach-HS, Spring 2008
Sports season, resigned eff 3/19/08
Patrick Richardson, Acting Head Baseball Coach-HS,
eff 2007-2008 Spring Sports Season

ACTION ITEMS

8.1 RECEIVE PROPOSAL FOR APL (ACCELERATED PATHWAY TO LEARNING) FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS AT TMS EFFECTIVE 2008-2009

Miss Laus moved and Prof. Royals supported receiving the proposal for APL (Accelerated Pathway to Learning) for gifted and talented students at TMS effective 2008-2009. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.2 APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR APL (ACCELERATED PATHWAY TO LEARNING) FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS AT TMS EFFECTIVE 2008-2009

Mr. Lyons moved and Miss Laus supported the approval of the proposal for APL (Accelerated Pathway to Learning) for gifted and talented students at TMS effective 2008-2009. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous except for Mr. Oliver who opposed.

8.3 RECEIVE PROPOSAL FOR UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM AT TMS EFFECTIVE 2008-2009

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported receiving the proposal for the Upward Bound Program at TMS effective 2008-2009. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.4 APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM AT TMS EFFECTIVE 2008-2009

Miss Laus moved and Mr. Lyons supported approving the proposal for the Upward Bound Program at TMS effective 2008-2009. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.5 APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET FOR 2008-2009

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported approving the Board of Education Budget for 2008-2009 amended to \$63,575,805. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Steve Nocera read a letter from Mayor Bingham which asked the Board to take a hard look at the budget tonight and create the most fiscally responsible budget possible. Mr. Cavagnero summarized the Board's responsibilities in trimming the budget.

Board members then discussed their concerns regarding the budget including the issues related to the following motions.

Mr. Nargi moved and Mr. Rubino supported the motion to add \$155,000 for food program renovations, \$7,900 and \$6,400 security upgrades for the high school and middle school, and \$162,000 for an equipment garage. The total is \$331,300. The motion did not carry. The vote was unanimously opposed with the exception of Mr. Nargi.

Mr. Mattiello moved and Miss Laus supported the motion to add \$29,356 to reintroduce the summer school program for 1st and 2nd grade. The motion did not carry. Mr. Mattiello, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Broverman, Mr. Cavagnero, and Miss Laus were in favor. Mr. Oliver, Mr. Lyons, Prof. Royals, Mr. Rubino, and Mrs. Raymond were opposed.

Prof. Royals moved and Mr. Broverman supported a motion to move the question regarding the previous motion. The motion carried. Mr. Nargi, Mr. Broverman, Mr. Lyons, Prof. Royals, Mr. Rubino, Mrs. Raymond, and Miss Laus were in favor. Mr. Cavagnero, Mr. Mattiello, and Mr. Oliver were opposed.

Mr. Lyons moved and Prof. Royals supported a motion to reduce the budget by the items administration mentioned which amount to \$10,700. These include \$2200 in sports and athletic insurance, \$2500 for the IAL for the tech ed program secondary to an alternate funding source, and \$6,000 in the TAG program field trips which will be funded by an outside source. The motion carried. Mr. Oliver, Mr. Mattiello, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Broverman, Mr. Cavagnero, Prof. Royals, Mr. Rubino, Mrs. Raymond. Miss Laus and Mr. Lyons were opposed.

Mr. Lyons moved to call the question on the above motion. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Broverman moved and Mr. Nargi supported a motion to reconsider reinstating the 1st and 2nd grade summer program at \$29,000. The motion did not carry. Mr. Mattiello, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Broverman, Mr. Cavagnero, Miss Laus were in favor. Mrs. Raymond, Mr. Rubino, Prof. Royals, Mr. Lyons, and Mr. Oliver were opposed.

Mr. Nargi moved and Mr. Oliver supported a motion to cut 5 teachers from the budget at \$45,000 per teacher, \$225,000 total. The motion did not carry. The vote was uananimously opposed except for Mr. Nargi who was in favor.

*Miss Laus moved to call the question on the above motion. The motion carried.
The vote was unanimous.*

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Broverman commended Mr. Rubino and the budget committee, including Ms. Haynes and her staff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Broverman suggested a Board discussion to give the policy committee direction, given the nature of the minutes.

Mr. Oliver reported the personnel committee will be meeting on April 23rd at 6:30.

ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA

Dr. O'Brien reported there will be 2 presentations given. One will be regarding Pre-K program planning and one regarding the TAG multiple year plan. Action items will be to receive the monthly financial statement, approve any budget transfers, and to receive the transportation agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cavagnero adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.