

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 20, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cavagnero at 7:06 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. Good (left at 8:30), Ms. Palladino, Dr. O'Brien, Dr. Campbell, Ms. Haynes

Members Absent: Mayor Bingham, Ms. Kruse

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Cathy Coyle, administrator of Brooker-Memorial, spoke in support of increasing transportation services in order to serve more families in Torrington. Kevin M. Purcell, from Brooker-Memorial, spoke in support of increasing transportation services and attending performances at the Warner Theatre.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve tonight's agenda

Mr. Oliver moved and Miss Laus supported the approval of tonight's agenda. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve minutes

Mr. Broverman moved and Miss Laus supported the approval of the regular BOE minutes of February 6, 2008, as amended. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

Student Representative Reports

Mr. Good and Ms. Palladino gave reports regarding THS.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. O'Brien reported that she excused Dr. Metallo tonight because of the girl's championship game.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 EXTENDED YEAR/EXTENDED DAY PROPOSAL - DR. CAMPBELL, ASST. SUPT.

Dr. Campbell gave a presentation regarding proposals for extended year/extended day programming. Dr. Campbell and the Board then discussed possible problems

with offering summer school to only special ed students, THS summer school, the special ed students to be included in the program, effects of the parent contract, effects of removing the traditional summer school in the elementary grades, reasons for deficiencies, systemic considerations from the data, budget implications, funding sources to offset costs, parent contract draft, Board oversight of parent contract content, State requirements for the program, standard assessment tools, Title I program funding, if same kids will be in both programs, success estimations, costs for a gold standard program, enhancement periods, starting the THS proposal in the junior year, and the growing costs of mandated programs.

7.2 UPDATE ON HIGH SCHOOL REFORM – MR. LYONS, VICE-CHAIR, BOE

Mr. Lyons briefly highlighted what Mark McQuillan, the State Commissioner of Education, presented on high school reform. Board and administration discussed how this would be paid for, program recommendations, “one size fits all” approach, college preparation of necessary math, science, and language teachers, recommendations in relation to the state-wide, fact-based findings, giving feedback regarding the recommendations as a Board, and realistic outcome measures.

ACTION ITEMS

8.1 RECEIVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY 2008 – MR. RUBINO, CHAIR, BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported receiving the monthly financial report – January 2008. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.2 APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS – MR. RUBINO, CHAIR, BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported approving budget transfer 2008-019. The motion carries. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported approving budget transfer 2008-020. The motion carries. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported approving budget transfer 2008-021. The motion carries. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported approving budget transfer 2008-022. The motion carries. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported approving budget transfer 2008-023. The motion carries. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported approving budget transfer 2008-024. The motion carries. The vote was unanimous.

8.3 APPROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2009-2010 – MR. JOSLYN, DIR.

Mr. Oliver moved and Miss Laus supported approving the school calendar for 2009-2010. The motion carries. The vote was unanimous.

8.4 RECEIVE SUPERINTENDENT’S BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2008-2009 – DR. O’BRIEN, SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported receiving the Superintendent’s budget proposal for 2008-2009. Dr. O’Brien proposed increasing the budget by \$4,250,175 or 7.15%, and explained the increases in detail. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The budget committee will have a scheduled public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26th at Torrington School to review Forbes, Southwest, Vogel-Wetmore, Torrington, and East budgets. Another meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. on March 3rd at THS to review the athletic and high school budget. The middle school budget will be held March 5th at TMS at 6:45 p.m. Dr. Campbell’s budget will be discussed on Thursday, March 6th. Further dates will be announced as they are locked in.

ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA

Dr. O’Brien stated that the middle school budget will be the focus of the March 5th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cavagnero adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.