

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cavagnero at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Broverman, Mr. Cavagnero, Miss Laus, Mr. Mattiello, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Raymond, Prof. Royals, Mr. Rubino, Mr. Good, Ms. Palladino, Dr. O'Brien, Dr. Campbell, Ms. Haynes

Members Absent: Mr. Lyons, Mayor Bingham, Ms. Kruse

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

There were no citizen requests to address the Board on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve tonight's agenda

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

Motion to approve minutes

Mr. Rubino moved and Prof. Royals supported the approval of the regular BOE minutes of December 19, 2007. The motion carried. Mr. Mattiello and Mr. Oliver abstained. Miss Laus moved and Mrs. Raymond supported the approval of the special meeting minutes of January 5, 2008. The motion carried. Mr. Mattiello abstained. Mr. Broverman moved and Prof. Royals supported the approval of the grievance hearing minutes of January 9, 2008. The motion carried. Mr. Mattiello, Mr. Cavagnero, Prof. Royals, and Mr. Rubino abstained. Mrs. Raymond moved and Prof. Royals supported the approval of the regular BOE minutes of January 9, 2008. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous. Prof. Royals moved and Miss Laus supported the approval of the special meeting minutes of January 16, 2008. The motion carried. Those in favor were Miss Laus, Prof. Royals, Mr. Broverman. Mrs. Raymond, Mr. Rubino, Mr. Cavagnero, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Mattiello, Mr. Oliver abstained.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

Student Representative Reports

Ms. Palladino and Mr. Good gave reports regarding Southwest School, Vogel-Wetmore School, and THS.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. O'Brien reported that administration is making good progress on the development of the proposed budget for 2008-2009.

CONSENT AGENDA

Certified Staff Resignations/Hires

Taylor M. Musselman, Physical Education-ES, hired eff 1/8/09

Contract Addenda

Marilyn Hoitt, Master Mentor-DW, eff 2007-2008

Coaching Appointments

Richard Dubois, Head Boys' Track-HS, eff 2007-2008 Spring Sports

Jada Mattiello, Asst. Girls' Track-HS, eff 2007-2008 Spring Sports

Michael C. Fritch, Basketball Winter Intramurals-MS, eff 2007-2008 Winter Sports

Notices Received for Home Schooling: INMRAC08

Miss Laus moved and Mrs. Raymond supported approval of the consent agenda. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS

7.1 RECEIVE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL 1579 CONTRACT FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES – 2007-2010 (APPROVAL AT THE BOARD'S REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6)

Mr. Broverman moved and Mr. Oliver supported receiving the recommendation of the negotiating committee regarding the proposed changes to the Local 1579 contract for classified employees – 2007-2010. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

7.2 RECEIVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT – NOVEMBER 2007 AND DECEMBER 2007

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported receiving the monthly financial statements for November 2007 and December 2007. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

7.3 APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported the approval of budget transfer 2008-017. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported the approval of budget transfer 2008-018. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

7.4 APPROVE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS

Mr. Broverman moved and Prof. Royals supported the approval of the proposed revisions to the by-laws. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

7.5 APPROVE STUDENT WORKERS/CAMERA TECHNICIANS' FEE

Mrs. Raymond moved and Miss Laus supported the approval of the student workers/camera technicians' fee. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

7.6 APPROVE REVISED BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Miss Laus moved and Mr. Rubino supported the approval of the revised Board committee assignments. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 THS – SPED ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

- a. CORE+ Program Update**
- b. LINKS Program Update**
- c. PAVE Program Update**

Mrs. Babcock, Ms. Del'Bene, Ms. MacDonald, and Mitch Foote updated the Board on the current status of the LINKS, CORE+, and PAVE programs. No specific action is to be taken.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Broverman reported that he and Mr. Lyons attended the CAFE breakfast at Ed Connections, and he provided a copy of the legislative update for the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Oliver reported that the personnel committee is meeting Friday. Miss Laus reported that the administrator's contract was approved by the City Council last night. Mr. Rubino, as budget committee chair, reported that the Board of Finance did not approve funding for the vehicle replacement fund, but Ms. Haynes stated she believes there may still be a way they could tap in to pay that bill. She will report the results at the next budget committee.

ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA

Mr. Cavagnero stated the next agenda will include approval of the contract that they received tonight for the classified employees, receiving of the school calendar for 2009-2010. For discussion, they will have the TMS alternative education program for grades 7 and 8, the extended year/extended day proposal to address at-risk kids, and TAG program at TMS.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cavagnero adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.