

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lyons at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Broverman, Miss Laus, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mattiello, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Raymond, Prof. Royals, Mr. Rubino, Mr. Good (left @ 7:30), Ms. Kruse (left @ 8:30), Dr. O'Brien, Dr. Campbell, Ms. Haynes

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

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

No one present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve tonight's agenda

Prof. Royals moved and Mr. Broverman supported the approval of tonight's agenda as amended. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve minutes

Miss Laus moved and Mr. Rubino supported the approval of the special meeting minutes of February 20, 2008. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with the exception of Prof. Royals and Mr. Nargi who abstained. Miss Laus moved and Prof. Royals supported the approval of the regular BOE minutes of February 20, 2008. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with the exception of Mr. Nargi who abstained.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

Student Representative Reports

Ms. Kruse and Mr. Good gave reports regarding THS, TMS, and Vogel-Wetmore.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. O'Brien congratulated the district on their tremendous response to the United Way Food for Your Neighbors campaign. She also reported she received a letter from the commanding officer of all the Air Force/JROTC units in the nation putting Torrington's unit on probation. The problem is regarding meeting the minimum enrollment quotas which is 100 students. Torrington presently has 96 students enrolled. Administration plans to partner with neighboring districts in order to meet this quota.

CONSENT AGENDA

Miss Laus moved and Mr. Broverman supported approving the consent agenda. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

1. *Certified Staff Resignations/Appointments*
Charles Alex, Technology Education-HS, resigned eff 6/30/08
Thomas Werner, Math-HS, retire eff 6/30/08
Patricia Stanton, Grade 5-FB, retire eff 6/30/08
Erin Dombek, English-L/T Substitute, resigned eff 6/30/08
2. *Notification of Home Schooling: LUBMAT08*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 MARCH MADNESS – CMT & CAPT TESTING – PROCESS AND PRODUCT – Dr. Campbell

Dr. Campbell gave a presentation regarding CMT & CAPT testing. Dr. Campbell and the Board then discussed out-of-pocket expenses in test administration, alternatives to present methods of administration which would improve the worthiness of the data, the need for flexibility in testing between districts because of differing populations, and the retesting of students who don't meet proficiency standards. A statistical correlation does not necessarily exist between test scores and school grades.

7.2 FACILITIES REPORT – PROGRESS ON 2007-2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Mr. Bascetta

Mr. Bascetta gave a quick overview on the progress regarding 2007-2008 capital improvements. The Board asked if Mr. Bascetta anticipated any budget problems and if projects would be completed by June 31, 2008. Mr. Bascetta responded that things seemed to be on target at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

8.1 RECEIVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported receiving the monthly financial statement for February 2008. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.2 APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFER

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported the approval of budget transfer 2008-025. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.3 RECEIVE & APPROVE PROPOSED POLICY AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR, POLICY NO. 2004.

Mr. Broverman moved and Mr. Oliver supported receiving and approving proposed policy Automatic External Defibrillator, Policy No. 2004. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.4 RECEIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATION FOR 2008-2009

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Raymond supported receiving the budget committee's budget recommendations for 2008-2009. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. O'Brien and Ms. Haynes explained proposed budget changes and answered Board questions.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Lyons reported from the School Improvement and Community Relations Committee that the High School Distinguished Alumni Award will be given on May 22nd. The Committee is asking for recommendations from the faculty and the Torrington community to assist in identifying worthy candidates for consideration as a recipient of the Torrington High School Distinguished Alumni Award. The deadline for submission of recommendation(s) is Friday, April 11, 2008.

Mr. Rubino reported that the budget committee has decided to take a look at the capital improvement plan in relation to improving the presentation of the budget.

ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING AGENDA

Dr. O'Brien stated an update on the TAG multiple year plan will be presented. Also, a report from the kindergarten readiness fair, and discussion about the full-day Kindergarten survey that the Board requested for parents as well as the public forum. The APL (Accelerated Pathway to Learning) and Upward Bound programs will also be discussed pending decisions made at agenda setting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lyons adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.