

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lyons at 7: 03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Broverman, Miss Laus (arrived @ 7:05 p.m.),
Mr. Lyons, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Raymond,
Prof. Royals (arrived @ 7:21 p.m.), Mr. Rubino,
Mr. Arum, Dr. Campbell

Absent: Mr. Cavagnero, Mr. Mattiello, Mayor Bingham

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Mindy Hobson, 125 New Litchfield St., spoke on behalf of the Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative. Two weekends ago, their clothing drive was held and they were able to raise enough funds to purchase over 300 backpacks which were stuffed and filled with school supplies for area residents and they were also able to give over 667 people back-to-school clothes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Miss Laus moved and Mr. Rubino supported a motion to approve tonight's agenda as amended. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lyons stated that action item 8.1 will be an actual by-law change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Miss Laus moved and Mrs. Raymond supported a motion to approve the regular BOE meeting minutes of June 17, 2009. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with the exception of Mr. Oliver who abstained.

Mr. Oliver moved and Mr. Nargi supported a motion to approve the special BOE meeting minutes from the expulsion hearing of July 20, 2009. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with the exception of Mr. Rubino, Miss Laus, Mr. Broverman, and Mrs. Raymond who abstained.

Mr. Rubino moved and Ms. Laus supported a motion to approve the special BOE meeting minutes of July 29, 2009. The motion carried. The

vote was unanimous with the exception of Mr. Oliver and Mr. Broverman who abstained.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Arum stated a meeting needs to take place with the Mayor, the Board of Finance, and some of their members within 30 days of September 17th. He will contact Vic Muschell and set up this meeting

He gave an update regarding the Futures HealthCore audit. They have been in Torrington on July 7th, July 14th, July 23rd, August 6th, and August 11th. They have done a number of record reviews and interviews. He will send a memo on this.

He explained that he would like to set up 3 committees, one dealing with the insurance fund, one dealing with the excess cost grant, and one dealing with the capital fund. He will send a memo regarding this.

He reported he attended 2 graduations, CJR on August 13th, and last night 5 students graduated from THS Summer Graduation.

He updated the Board regarding the 2008-2009 unaudited financial report. As of today, there is a surplus of \$24,724.91, but this may be more or less after adjustments are made by auditors.

He updated the Board regarding out-of-town field trips scheduled for the Forbes Flyers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Oliver moved and Mr. Broverman supported a motion to approve tonight's consent agenda. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

1. Resignations/Appointments/Non-renewals

Elizabeth White, Grade 3-TF, resigned eff 7/1/09

Richard Stirk, Science-MS, resigned eff 8/6/09

Tara D'lorio, Special Education Summer school Teacher-Pre-K (1/2 shared position), eff Summer, 2009

Mark Moulton, Special Education Summer School Teacher-Pre-K (1/2 shared position), eff Summer, 2009

Cynthia Moniz, Math-HS, re-appointment eff 8/25/09

Susan E Walsh, School Psychologist-DW(EA/TF), hired eff 8/21/09

Diane E. Haggis, Grade 2 Long Term Substitute, hired eff 8/25/09

Mary C. Enright, ESL-VO, hired eff 8/21/09

Patrick D. Taylor, Social Studies-MS, hired eff 8/21/09

Timothy J. Brandt, Music-V, hired eff 8/21/09

Stacey J. Deloy, Grade 4-TF, hired eff 8/21/09
Barbara A. Oles, Long-Term Substitute, ELL-FB, hired eff 8/25/09
Christel M. Doyle, School Social Worker, HS, hired eff 8/21/09

2. Contract Addenda

Alana Baio, Class Book Advisor,-HS, eff 2009-2010
Diane Considine, Coordinating Teacher for Special Education-EA,
eff 2009-2010
Doreen Ruggiero, Coordinating Teacher for Special Education-VO,
eff 2009-2010
Jill Baranowitz, Coordinating Teacher for Special Education-HS,
eff 2009-2010

3. Coaching Appointments - 2009-2010 Sports Season

Torrington High School

Glenn Aeschliman, Head Girls' Soccer Coach, Fall
Harry Dauphinais, Head Girls' Swimming, Fall
Katie Block, Asst. Girls Swimming, Fall
Elizabeth Brewer, Dance Team, Fall and Winter
Kristin Driscoll, Asst. Cheerleading, Fall and Winter
Melissa Viscariello,
Richard Dubois, Asst. Football, Fall
Daniel Dunaj, Head Football, Fall
Michael C. Fritch, Asst. Boys' Soccer, Fall
Michael J. Fritch, Head Boys' Soccer, Fall
Janet Giampaolo, Head Girls' Volleyball, Fall
Michael Guy, Asst. Football, Fall
Michael Lumpkin, Diving, Fall
Michael McKenna, Asst. Football, Fall
Maryann Musselman, Asst. Girls' Volleyball, Fall
Arthur Richardson, Asst. Girls' Soccer, Fall
Drake Waldron, Head Cross Country, Fall

Torrington Middle School

Henry Marchand, Head Girls' Volleyball, Fall
Susan Diaferio, Asst. Girls' Volleyball, Fall
Brian Kiernan, Boys' Soccer, Fall
David Lopardo, Cross Country, Fall
Jeanne Browne, Girls' Soccer, Fall

4. Notice of Approved Overnight/Out-of-Country Field Trips for 2009-2010

DISCUSSION ITEM

7.1 Board Retreat

Mr. Arum presented the Board with some goals and objectives and some action plans for the Board's perusal and discussion before the retreat.

ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of By-Law Meeting Change regarding Change to One Regular Board Meeting Per Month to be held 3rd Wednesday of each Month

Miss Laus moved and Mr. Rubino supported a motion to approve the by-law meeting change regarding changing to one regular Board meeting per month to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with the exception of Prof. Royals who abstained.

8.2 Approval of Signature Authorization for Child Nutrition Program

Mr. Rubino moved and Miss Laus supported a motion to approve the Approval of Signature Authorization for the Child Nutrition Program. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Lyons commented that it's been a nice quiet summer with the Board retreat coming up, and there are some interviews for the business manager on Monday.

Mr. Broverman asked about the policy on the attorneys. Mr. Arum responded that he has drafted an evaluation and gave it to Atty. Muschell. He is waiting for it to be returned so dates can be set. Mr. Broverman stated policy is looking to put this into effect so they can send out specs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Miss Laus stated that the grievance committee needs to meet.

Prof. Royals reported that teaching negotiations will be starting again in September, so there will be a meeting soon.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDA

SPED report and discussion on the NCLB sanctions if available.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor.