

TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2010

Torrington High School - 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rubino at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Cavagnero, Ms. Cogswell, Mrs. Hoehne, Mrs. Kosmulski, Mr. Lyons (arrived late), Mr. Nargi, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Raymond, Mr. Rubino, Mr. Traub, Mrs. Batchelder, Mrs. Domanico, Mr. Leone, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Canciani

Absent: Mayor Bingham, Mr. Ji

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Pat Conroy, Foothills Adult and Continuing Education Torrington Site Coordinator, presented 2010 graduates of External Diploma Program with Torrington High School diploma. Mr. Rubino and Mr. Leone addressed the graduates and Judy Pernell spoke briefly followed by a reception for the graduates, families, and friends.

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Matthew Heath, student at Torrington Middle School, spoke in support of a guidance counselor whose position is being eliminated and asked for reconsideration of her position.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Cogswell moved and Mr. Nargi supported a motion to approve tonight's agenda. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Nargi moved and Mrs. Raymond supported a motion to approve the Proposed Budget Special Meeting, March 31, 2010. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with one abstension.

Mr. Traub moved and Mrs. Kosmulski supported a motion to approve the Grievance Committee Hearing, May 3, 2010. Those voting: (Mr. Lyons is absent) Mrs. Kosmulski, Ms. Cogswell, and Mr. Traub. The motion carried. The vote was unanimously supported by 3 in favor.

Mr. Oliver moved and Mrs. Raymond supported a motion to approve the regular Board meeting, May 19, 2010. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rubino moved and Mrs. Hoehne supported a motion to approve the Expulsion Hearing, June 7, 2010. For the record, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Rubino, and Mrs. Hoehne were the three attendees. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

6.1 Student Sharing Session - Mr. Leone

Josh Emmett gave Torrington High School updates.

6.2 Acknowledgments - Mr. Leone

Noted oversight of last month's acknowledgement of the Latin award to Rachel Taeti; acknowledged all district kindergarteners who will get to ride the fire truck to school; certificate recognitions of captains of Torrington High School throughout the year; participating students in Multi-Cultural Day, Torrington Veteran Essay Contest Winners, Halo Award Winner for theatrical work.

6.3 Teacher Retirement Biographies - Bill Joslyn, Human Resources Director Retiree biographies were read by Board of Education Members and Supt. Leone.

6.4 "Advertising in Schools" – Ryan Fredriksson

Mr. Leone also presented Ryan Fredriksson an award for 12 years of perfect attendance.

6.5 2010-2011 Recommended Budget Revisions – Mr. Leone

Mr. Cavagnero moved and Mr. Traub supported a motion to amend the agenda to bring Option C for future consideration before the Board in August based on final staffing models to see if one more Guidance Dept. staff member can be accommodated. The motion carried. The vote was 2 opposed.

6.6 "Blueprint for Torrington Public Schools" – Mr. Leone

Mrs. Domanico contributed the curriculum development and professional development pieces.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Cogswell moved and Mrs. Raymond supported a motion to approve tonight's consent agenda. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

1. Resignations/Appointments

Barbara Beebe, Teacher, HS, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/10

Stephanie Borowy, Teacher, HS, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/2010

Jennifer Dion, Teacher, SW, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/2010

Cathy Driscoll, Teacher, EA, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/2010

Melissa Kain, Teacher, FB, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/2010

Jessica Odlum, Teacher, HS, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/2010
Elena Sileo, Teacher, MS, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/2010
Shelly Stedman, Teacher, MS, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/2010
Susan Walsh, Teacher, EA, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/2010
Marjorie Pettersen, Teacher, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/2010
Theresa Vujs, Teacher, FB, Reduction In Force, Eff. 06/30/2010
Jessica Odlum, Teacher, HS, Appt., Eff. 07/01/2010
Mary Morton, Teacher, FB, Appt., Eff. 08/23/2010
Jill Baramowitz, Teacher, MS, Appt., Eff. 07/06-07/29/2010
Dora Carr, Teacher, TF, Appt., Eff. 07/06-07/29/2010
Michelle Franco, Teacher, MS, Appt., Eff. 07/06-07/29/2010
Mark Moulton, Teacher, TF, Appt., Eff. 07/06-07/29/2010
Elaine Surveski, Teacher, TF Appt., Eff. 07/06-07/29/10
Jill Tedesco, Teacher, TF, Appt., Eff. 07/06-07/29/2010
Jill Pagano, Teacher, TF & MS, Appt., Eff. 07/06-07/29/2010
Deborah Rabeuf, Teacher, Appt., Eff. 07/06-07/29/2010

2. Coaching Appointments

Melissa Viscariello, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall and Winter 2010-11
Kristin Driscoll, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall and Winter 2010-11
Drake Waldon, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall 2010-11
Elizabeth Brewer, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall and Winter 2010-11
Michael Lumpkin, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall 2010-11
Daniel Dunaj, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall 2010-11
James Burns, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall 2010-11
Joseph Deptula, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall 2010-11
Michael Guy, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall 2010-11
Michael McKenna, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall 2010-11
Mario Longobucco, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall 2010-11
Arthur Richardson, Coach, HS, Appt. Eff. Fall 2010-11
Andrew Marchard, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall 2010-11
Maryann Musselman, Coach, HS, Appt., Eff. Fall 2010-11

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Recommended Revision to the 2010-2011 Board of Education Budget

Ms. Cogswell moved and Mrs. Hoehne supported a motion to approve Recommended Revision to the 2010-2011 Board of Education Budget. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.2 Memorandum of Understanding between Torrington Board of Education and Torrington Education Association – Athletic Coaches

Mr. Traub moved and Mrs. Raymond supported a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Torrington Board of Education and Torrington Education Association. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.3 Memorandum of Understanding between Torrington Board of Education and the Local 1579 –10-Month Secretaries

Ms. Cogswell moved and Mr. Nargi supported a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Torrington Board of Education and the Local 1579. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.4 Memorandum of Understanding between Torrington Board of Education and Torrington Education Association – Extended Day/Extended Year Position

Mrs. Kosmulski moved and Mr. Traub supported a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Torrington Board of Education and Torrington Education Association. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.5 Approval of Attorney Policy 2008R (2nd Read)

Mr. Leone stated that current attorney, Vic Muschell, was resigning as legal advisor to the Board, effective June 30, 2010. Mr. Cavagnero recommended that Vic Muschell be asked to be interim attorney until new advisor is found.

Mr. Nargi moved to approve Policy as is. No second.

Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Oliver supported a motion that it go back to Policy for more revisions. The motion carried. The vote was 7-3.

Mr. Traub made an amendment to the motion and Mr. Cavagnero supported the recommendation that the evaluation tool be revised to remove the personal qualities section. The motion carried. The vote was 8-2.

(Vote to send 2008R back to Policy with the revisions, 7-3.)

8.6 Approval of Contract with LARC

Ms. Cogswell moved and Mrs. Raymond supported a motion to approve Approval of Contract with LARC. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.7 Approval of Agreement with Brooker Memorial for Program at Tarringford

Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Cavagnero supported a motion to approve the Agreement Between The Torrington Board of Education and Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial, Inc. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.8 Approval of May Financial Statement

Ms. Cogswell moved and Mr. Traub supported a motion to accept the May

Financial Statement. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.9 Approval of May Budget Transfers

Mr. Traub moved and Mrs. Raymond supported a motion to accept the May Budget Transfers. The motion carried. The vote was 9-1.

8.10 Approval of May Enrollment Report

Mr. Oliver moved and Mrs. Hoehne supported a motion to accept the May Enrollment Report. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.11 Approval of Field Trips

Mrs. Hoehne moved and Mr. Nargi supported a motion to approve the last page of Out-of-State Field Trips, noted For Approval June BOE Meeting. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

8.12 Approval of Principal Recommendation for Torrington High School

Ms. Cogswell moved and Mr. Lyons supported a motion to recommend to approve the Principal Recommendation for Torrington High School. The motion did not carry. The vote was 6-4 by roll call.

ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION ON NON-CERTIFIED CONTRACTS
Bill Joslyn and Chris Leone were invited in to the meeting in a separate room.

Mr. Oliver moved and Mrs. Raymond supported a motion to approve the Recommendations of the Superintendent concerning non-certified contracts. The motion carried. The vote was 9-1.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Leone referred to the handout grid for the per pupil expenditures for 09-10 per school, by Special Ed, ELL and additional per pupil expenditures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. School Improvement Committee

Meeting, June 23, 6:30 - School-based report cards, MOU for an alternative high school if a grant, an MOU with Brooker Memorial, Field Trips, data discussion, July planning, pool proposal at Torrington Middle School, a faith-based counseling program, request for facility use at the high school in July, and future courts consideration.

2. Budget Committee

Meeting last Wednesday, June 9, with everything covered tonight except the City of Torrington is looking at banking fee comparisons, government relations, and potential budget issues for next year.

3. Grievance Committee

Next Thursday, June 24, 6:00

4. Personnel Committee

Discussed something in Executive Session which was discussed tonight and the reorganization of the Special Ed MOU compensation which has been pushed forward.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDA – July 21, 2010

1. Technology Plan to be shared with the Board in July
2. CAPT Data to the Board in August

Mr. Rubino moved and Mr. Oliver supported a motion adjourn the meeting at 10:46 p.m. The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.