

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 22, 2014
Torrington High School
Major Besse Drive**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Brady, Mayor Carbone, Mrs. Cappabianca, Mrs. Hoehne, Nr. Nargi, Mr. Raider, Mr. Rovero, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Traub, Mrs. Batchelder, Mr. Campolieta, Mrs. Kloczko, Carlos Bravo

Absent: Mr. Kissko

NEW BOARD MEMBER

New Board Member Introduction: Jeremy Hinman

Mr. Traub introduced Mr. Jeremy Hinman to the Board.

Mr. Rovero made a motion to accept Mr. Hinman as the new Board member. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Hoehne performed the swearing in duties of new Board member Jeremy Hinman.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY SESSION

Mr. Traub read aloud the purpose and rules of the School Community Session.

There were three (3) speakers including the Student Representative.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to amend and approve the amended agenda. Item 6.E: Policy 6021 was added. Item 7.D: Approval of Policy 6021 and 4021 was added. Item 7.F (6.C) Approval of Personnel Committee minutes were removed. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:19 Mr. Rovero made a motion to go into Executive Session inviting in the Board Legal Counsel to discuss a confidential student matter. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:28 Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Traub seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Traub read a statement from the Board concerning the executive session.

INFORMATION SHARING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Student Representative Reports: Carlos Bravo, THS student council

B. Superintendent Report

1. Attendance Awareness Month Proclamation

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

2. Community Foundation of NWCT – Draper Fund Foundation \$15,000 grant

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

3. UConn Early College Experience – American Studies (course 1201)

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

4. Kindergarten Fair Report

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

5. Northwest Coalition

Mrs. Kloczko invited Jessica Wright and Maria Coutant-Skinner to present to the Board.

Mr. Raider asked if the grant provided to the Coalition specified working with school aged children only.

Mrs. Cappabianca asked if there are any programs for elementary school students. She asked if surveys should be offered to earlier grades.

C. Reorganization of BOE Sub Committee Monthly Meetings

Mr. Traub reported.

D. Title IX/Policy 4080 and 6170

Mr. Campolieta reported.

Mr. Nargi asked about the complaint procedure.

E. Policy 6021 and 4021: Non Discrimination

Mr. Campolieta reported.

Mrs. Cappabianca asked about bullying. She asked for clarification on the student aspect of these Policies.

Mr. Nargi asked about procedure for students.

F. Board of Education By Laws – Language

Mr. Campolieta reported.

Mr. Rovero asked about the State Statues.

Mrs. Hoehne asked about expulsion hearings.

G. Update on East School Renovation

Mr. Dave Bascetta and Mr. Joe Alicata reported.

Mrs. Cappabianca asked about closing and consolidating the other elementary schools if all the kindergarten students are moved to East School.

Mr. Raider asked about the length of a kindergarten student's bus ride to East School.

Mayor Carbone asked about capacity and enrollment. She asked about reimbursement rates.

Feasibility studies were discussed.

Moving the Migeon Avenue offices were discussed.

Mr. Thibault asked about the driveway.

Mr. Nargi spoke about obtaining a parcel of land, not chosen for the court house, to build a kindergarten complex. He asked about the dollar amount per classroom. He spoke about just a renovation of the school without the administration building and kindergarten changes. He asked about funding on a new school. He asked for data or information on why it would be better to have the kindergarten in one facility.

Modifying existing schools was discussed.

Mr. Rovero made a motion to extend the meeting past 9:00 pm. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed.

Mayor Carbone asked about developing an intermediary school.

Kindergarten classrooms were discussed.

H. 2013 State Single Audit Report

Mrs. Batchelder reported.

Mrs. Cappabianca clarified some spending issues.

I. Cost to Education Connection for Various Services

Mrs. Batchelder reported.

Mr. Raider asked for clarification regarding certain line items.

Mrs. Cappabianca asked about fingerprinting, adult education costs and the cafeteria program.

Mr. Thibault asked about the Odyssey-ware license costs.

Mr. Raider asked about staff development.

Mr. Nargi asked about costs of fingerprinting and the police department. He asked about the geographic boundaries of the adult education program.

J. Breakdown of Common Core Standards

The Directors of Curriculum presented.

Mr. Raider spoke asked the Board members to keep an open mind about the Common Core Standards.

Mr. Brady made a motion to postpone items K – N to the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote passed with two (2) opposed, Mr. Rovero and Mr. Nargi.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Statement

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the financial statement. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Nargi asked if this was a monthly financial statement.

B. Approval of Reorganization of Board of Education Sub Committee Monthly Meetings

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the reorganization of the BOE Sub Committee monthly meetings. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

C. Approval of Title IX and Policies 4080 and 6170

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve Title IX and Policies 4080 and 6170. Mr. Raider seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Nargi.

D. Approval of Policy 6021 – Non Discrimination

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve Policy 6021. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with one opposed, Mr. Nargi.

E. Approval of Board of Education By Laws (with new language)

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve the Board of Education By Laws. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

F. Consent Agenda

Mr. Raider made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

1. Approval of December 18, 2013 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of December 11, 2013 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of January 6, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes A
4. Approval of January 6, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes B
5. Approval of January 6, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes C
6. Approval of Sub Committee Minutes

- a. School Improvement Committee – No Report
 - b. Policy Committee – December 4, 2013
 - c. Budget Committee – December 11, 2013
 - d. Grievance Committee – No Report
7. Appointments & Resignations

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Raider spoke about the time of the meetings.

Mrs. Cappabianca asked to reconsider going to two (2) meetings a month.

Mr. Traub spoke about the tech grant. He informed the Board that The Invention Convention was asked to produce a video for The Tonight Show. He informed the Board the Mr. Hinman has a relative in the District. He spoke about the lockdown.

Mr. Nargi spoke about legal investigations and how the Board should handle these situations.

Mr. Hinman thanked the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Policy Committee – Mrs. Hoehne reported.
2. Grievance Committee – Mrs. Cappabianca reported.
3. School Improvement Committee – Mr. Brady reported.
4. Budget Committee – Mr. Rovero reported.
5. Education Connection – No Report.
6. THS Oversight Panel – No Report
7. Turf Field Committee – Mr. Traub reported.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMMING AGENDA

- Financial Statement
- Committee Reports
- Law Suit – Updates
- Legal Opinion Process
- Tech Grant Update
- Process for Hiring Tutors
- Grading Procedure

FUTURE MEETINGS – UNLESS CHANGED

1. Policy Committee Meeting – February 5, 2014
2. Personnel Committee Meeting – February 12, 2014
3. Budget Committee Meeting – February 12, 2014

4. School Improvement Committee Meeting – February 5, 2014
5. Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 19, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:51 Mr. Thibault made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.