

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday May 21, 2014
Torrington High School
Major Besse Dr.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Brady, Mrs. Cappabianca (arrived late at 6:10), Mayor Carbone, Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Raider, Mr. Rovero, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Traub (arrived late 6:32), Mrs. Batchelder, Mr. Campolietta, Mrs. Kloczko

Absent: None

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Mrs. Hoehne read aloud the purpose and rules of the School/Community Session.

There was one (1) speaker.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Brady made a motion to add items B.4 THS Band Invitation to March 2015 National Cherry Blossom Parade, Washington, DC. And B.5 CIRMA Risk Management Achievement Award. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion.

INFORMATION SHARING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Student Representatives Reports

No report.

B. Superintendent Report

1. Sue Fergusson, finalist for 2014 National Distinguished Principal Award

Mrs. Kloczko presented.

Mr. Raider spoke about the feeling of the joy of learning in the school.

2. Teaching and Learning in TPS – Relationship to Common Core

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

3. Modification to the 2014-2015 Calendar

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

4. THS Band Invitation to March in 2015 National Cherry Blossom Parade
Washington, DC

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

5. CIRMA Risk Management Achievement Award

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

C. Healthy Food Certification

Mrs. Batchelder reported.

D. Lunch Price Increase

Mrs. Batchelder reported.

E. 2014-2015 Budget

Mrs. Kloczko reported.

Mrs. Cappabianca said she does not support cutting staff from the high school.

Mr. Raider asked what happens to the programs at the high school. He does not support cutting programs.

Mr. Rovero said he does not want to cut teachers.

The Medicaid account was discussed.

The Special Ed line item was discussed.

Paraprofessional positions were discussed.

State funding was discussed.

Mr. Rovero made a motion to reduce the special education line item and reimburse it from the Medicaid account.

Mr. Traub took a straw poll on Mr. Rovero's motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Regarding Legal Authority concerning Terms and Conditions of Employment for Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel.

B. Mediation Agreement with Administrators Union TPSAA

At 7:08 Mr. Rovero made a motion to go into Executive Session inviting in the Superintendent, Mr. Campolieta and Mr. Mills.

The vote to come out of Executive Session was not recorded.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Statements (March and April)

Mr. Rovero made a motion to accept the Financial Statements. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

B. Approval of Mid-Term Negotiations – Torrington BOE and TPSAA

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the Mid-Term negotiations. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Nargi.

C. Approval of Policy 3051 – Gifts, Grants, Bequest

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve Policy 3051 – Gifts, Grants, Bequest. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

D. Approval of 403 (b) Retirement Plan Document

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the Retirement Plan Document. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

E. Approval of Healthy Food Certification

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve the Healthy Food Certification. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Nargi.

F. Approval of Increase in Lunch Price

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve the lunch price increase. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

G. Approval of 2014-2015 Budget

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 budget with the reduction of \$165,000 from Special Education and the rest of the adjustments as indicated minus the three (3) teaching positions. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Nargi.

H. Approval of 2014-2015 Calendar

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Calendar. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The vote passed with three (3) opposed, Mr., Kissko, Mrs. Cappabianca, Mrs. Hoehne.

I. Approval of BOE Self-Evaluation for Bylaws

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve the self-evaluation for Bylaws. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Nargi.

J. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of April 23, 2014 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of April 9, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting
3. Approval of April 10, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting, Student A
4. Approval of April 10, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting, Student B
5. Approval of Sub Committee Minutes
 - a. Grievance Committee – No Report
 - b. Policy Committee – April 7, 2014
 - c. Personnel Committee – March 12, 2014
 - d. School Improvement Committee – April 22, 2014
 - e. Budget Committee – March 18, 2014, March 24, 2014
6. Notices for Homeschooling
 - a. R.H., grade K, Eff. April 12, 2014
 - b. Z.S., grade 7, Eff. April 24, 2014
 - c. T.L., grade 9, Eff. April 28, 2014

Mr. Rovero made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Kissko spoke about making policy's for tutors. He spoke about exit interviews.

Mrs. Hoehne spoke about the events at East School.

Mr. Brady spoke about scheduling a Board Retreat.

Mr. Raider spoke about a presentation and workshop he attended.

Mrs. Kloczko spoke about all day Kindergarten.

Mr. Traub thanked Mrs. Batchelder for her services.

A Board member made a motion to extend the meeting by ten (10) minutes. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with two (2) opposed, Mrs. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel Committee – Mr. Thibault reported.
2. Policy Committee – Mrs. Hoehne reported.
3. Grievance Committee – Mrs. Cappabianca reported.
4. School Improvement Committee – Mr. Brady reported.
5. Budget Committee – Mr. Rovero reported.
6. Education Connection – Mr. Kissko reported.
7. THS Oversight Panel – Mr. Kissko reported.
8. Turf Field Committee – Mr. Nargi reported.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMMING AGENDA

- Financial Statement
- Committee Reports
- Retirement Bios

FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Grievance Committee Meeting – May 22, 2014
2. Policy Committee Meeting – June 4, 2014
3. School Improvement Committee Meeting – June 4, 2014
4. Personnel Committee Meeting – June 11, 2014
5. Budget Committee Meeting – June 11, 2014
6. Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 18, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04 Mr. Thibault made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.