



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, July 15, 2015  
355 Migeon Avenue**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Fiona Cappabianca; Jeremy Hinman; Ellen Hoehne; John Kissko; Bill Knight; Andrew Nargi; Jessica Richardson (via Skype); Daniel Thibault; Kenneth P. Traub, Chair

Administration: Hugh Potter

**Absent:** Mayor Carbone

**DISCUSSION OF PROCESS AND TIMELINES FOR FILLING OF OPEN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

Mr. Traub reviewed the results of the last Board Special Meeting (April 2, 2015): the Board agreed to hire an interim superintendent with a target starting date of September 1, and the Board agreed to participate in the hiring of a Director of Student Services to start as soon as possible.

Mr. Nargi asked if there were any potential candidates currently at Central Office for the Director of Student Services. Mr. Traub said that no one who might be qualified at Central Office has the time to take over the duties. There was further discussion regarding potential candidates within the district, and it was pointed out that the position is part of the administrators bargaining group, and how that would effect a move within district was discussed.

Mr. Traub expressed his preference that an interim Director of Student Services be hired for one year, in part as this would allow a new superintendent later to participate in the hiring for such a key position.

Ms. Cappabianca stated that a timeline is very important as school begins in six weeks, particularly in securing a superintendent, interim or otherwise. All members, except for Mr. Nargi, agreed that a target date of August 15 would be in order for the hiring of an interim superintendent—Mr. Nargi did not want an arbitrary date set for such an important consideration—and it was decided that the last week of July should be targeted for interviews.

Mr. Nargi asked if the current superintendent would be willing to stay on past September 1 if a choice had not yet been made. Mr. Traub said that Superintendent Kloczko had agreed to stay on past September 1<sup>st</sup> if asked and would serve on a per diem basis. Ms. Cappabianca stated that she was not in favor of that.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION: OPEN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

At 7:35 p.m. Mr. Knight moved that the Board of Education go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing candidates who to date had submitted applications for both executive positions. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ms. Richardson's Skype connection was shut down for the duration of this executive session.

Mr. Traub declared the meeting in open session at 8:58 p.m. Ms. Richardson re-joined the meeting by Skype. Mr. Traub announced that the Board members had selected two candidates to interview for the interim superintendent position, but that no action would be taken at this meeting and until Ms. Richardson had an opportunity to provide input.

## **COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mr. Nargi expressed his displeasure with the process as it relates to the pool of applicants, and he called upon the educational community to look into the opportunities that are available and to submit applications.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

All members present moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Ms. Hoehne seconded the motion. All in favor.