



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, August 12, 2015
355 Migeon Avenue**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Fiona Cappabianca; Jeremy Hinman (8:30 p.m.); Ellen Hoehne; John Kissko; Jim Lamoin; Andrew Nargi; Jessica Richardson; Kenneth P. Traub, Chair

Administration: David Bascetta, Hugh Potter, Lynda T. Reitman, Susan M. Lubomski

Absent: Mayor Carbone, Bill Knight, Daniel Thibault

Mr. Bascetta reviewed the process of the second round of bids for the groundskeeping outsourcing at the high school. IPM and pesticide certification were removed from the second bid. Only one vendor submitted a bid: Jespersen's Landscaping LLC of Torrington. Jespersen's had bid during the first round, and with a second round cost of \$379,000 over three years, the second was \$3,848 less than the first. Jespersen's are available to start immediately and work through the next weekends to get the sports fields ready for the start of the school year.

Ms. Cappabianca moved to approve of the groundskeeping contract with Jespersen's Landscaping LLC. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. The motion carried Y-7, N-1 (Nargi).

At 8:15 p.m., Ms. Hoehne moved that the Board go into executive session in order to discuss the Superintendent's release paperwork. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. All in favor.

At 9:00 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting in open session. Ms. Hoehne moved that the meeting be extended for 20 minutes. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Hinman moved that the Superintendent's release paperwork be approved. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. The motion carried Y-7, N-1 (Nargi).

Mr. Traub stated that he had received a recommendation letter from the Assistant Superintendent (the Superintendent being on vacation) recommending Paula O. La Chance, current Out of District Supervisor, to be hired as Interim Director of Student Services. Ms. Cappabianca moved that Ms. La Chance be so hired pending approval of both the administrators union and the teacher's union (TEA). Ms. Hoehne seconded the motion. All in favor.

Comments for the Good of the Order: Ms. Cappabianca would like an update soon on efforts to create a more permanent structure for special education.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:11 p.m., Ms. Hoehne moved to adjourn. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. All in favor.