

**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday April 18, 2012
7:00 pm**

**Torrington High School
Major Besse Drive**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Cappabianca, Mr. Cavagnero (arrived at 7:56pm), Mrs. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Merola, Mr. Nargi, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Rovero, Mr. Traub, Mrs. Batchelder, Mrs. Domanico, Mr. Joslyn, Mrs. Kloczko, Matt Cavagnero, Maggie Finn

Absent: Mayor Bingham, Mr. Thibault, Christine Keywan

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

Public Participation

The School/Community Session took place after the Information Sharing Session. Mr. Traub read aloud the purpose of the School/Community Session.

There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the Board of Education meeting minutes from March 14, 2012. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the Board of Education Special Meeting minutes from March 28, 2012. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

5.1 Student Representatives: Matt Cavagnero and Maggie Finn presented.

5.2 Recognition:

A student from Vogel-Wetmore was recognized by the Board of Education for participating in the CT Writing Project with his entry titled "Iron Showdown."

Thirty-six (36) students from the seventh (7th) grade at TMS were recognized by the Board of Education for participating in the Annual Invention Convention.

5.3 Fit Together: Greg Brisco presented.

5.4 Superintendent Report:

The Torrington Lions Club has donated ten (10) trees to plant in the school district.

The Building Bridges Summer Program received a Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$7500.00.

CT PIRC & CSDE gave a \$2000.00 stipend to the Community Partnership of NW CT program at THS.

Mrs. Kloczko gave the Board an update about Online Learning at THS.

Mrs. Kloczko informed the Board the 2012-2013 Budget was submitted to the Mayor/City on April 15, 2012.

5.5 Technology Report: Gerry Crowley presented. Mr. Oliver and Mr. Rovero had concerns regarding the infrastructure and mandates. Online testing and statewide curriculum was also discussed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Policy Changes

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve the change in Policy 1075, School Calendar. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve the change in Policy 6088, Field Trips. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Hoehne made a motion to approve the change in Policy 3050, Student Activity. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Oliver discussed the quarterly financial statements regarding Student Activity.

Policy 5071, Wellness, was presented to the Board and will be discussed by the Policy Committee. There was not a vote regarding this policy at this meeting.

- 6.2 A motion to approve the TPS 2012-2013 Calendar was made by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Mrs. Hoehne. The vote was unanimous. April vacation dates were discussed.
- 6.3 Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve Part A, Washington D.C., of the Spring 2012 field trips. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to approve Part B, Norman Rockwell Museum and Old Sturbridge Village, of the Spring 2012 field trips. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The cost to the district regarding subs for coverage was discussed.
- 6.4 Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the March Financial Statement. Mr. Nargi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Retirements and subs were discussed.
- 6.5 Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the Healthy Foods Certification. Mr. Oliver seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- 6.6 Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 lunch prices. Mr. Rovero seconded the motion. The vote passed with nine (9) yeas and one (1) abstention. Mr. Oliver made a motion to elect Mr. Merola as a school nutrition liaison. Mrs. Cappabianca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The menu and nutritional value of the menus were discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Cappabianca made a motion to enter Executive Session to update and discuss Level Three (3) Grievances. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Oliver made a motion to end the Executive Session. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignations/Appointments

Susan Pelchat, Literacy Support, FB, Retirement Eff., 6/30/12
 Elizabeth Lyons, Grade 4 Teacher, TF, Retirement Eff., 6/30/12
 Judith Hammer, Eng. Teacher, THS, Retirement Eff., 6/30/12
 Rosanna Canino, Grade 1 Teacher, FB, Resignation Eff., 6/30/12
 Kiersten Kirshman, Music Teacher, (0.4)TF/SW, Resignation Eff., 6/30/12
 Erin Greenwood, Sp/L (0.5)Forest Court, Resignation Eff., 6/30/12
 Diana Dlugokinski, Spec. Ed. (Reach)FB, Resignation Eff., 6/30/12
 Eric Carlson, Grade 5 Teacher, TF, Resignation Eff., 6/30/12
 James Deschaine, Spec. Ed. Teacher, TF, Resignation Eff., 6/30/12
 Barbara Beebe, Online Cred. Rec. Mgr., THS, Appt. Eff. 1/17/12-6/18/12
 Gail Masters, Lang. Arts Lt/Sub Teacher, MS, Appt. Eff. 3/19/12

Jessica Bocola, Music Dir., MS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2012 Musical
Norma De Rosa, Music Dir. II, MS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2012 Musical
Veronica Gelormino, Music Dir. I, MS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2012 Musical
Hilary Sterling, Choreographer, MS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2012 Musical

Coaching Appointments

Donald Whitley, Asst. Girls Track Coach, MS, Appt. Eff. Spring 2012

Notices for Homeschooling

Z.S., Grade 5, Eff. 3/22/12
J.P., Grade 11, Eff. 3/13/12

Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Hoehne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Nargi wanted to know why the Board members no longer received notices from the administration regarding students who have been expelled and or arrested. Mrs. Kloczko replied that would be a break in confidentiality. Mr. Nargi said he was not interested in names only an incident report. Mr. Oliver stated that any board member who had prior knowledge of an incident would then be prejudiced towards the student during his/her expulsion hearing. He also stated that all board members should attend expulsion hearings.

Mrs. Cappabianca commended the administration on the Online Learning program. She also wanted to know if everyone received emails regarding the Italian trip. She also expressed concern regarding rumors that some trips are receiving preference over others. Mr. Traub explained that the Washington D.C. trip was used as a litmus test for the process of approving field trips.

Mr. Merola reminded the board that the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony would be held April 19, 2012. Mr. Traub stated he had several complaints that the agenda was not posted. He explained how to see the agenda on the website.

Mrs. Kloczko asked the board members if they had a meeting room preference. Mrs. Cappabianca stated the Little Theatre was a little harder to hold meetings in. The board members did not have a preference but liked the room they were in for this meeting.

Mr. Cavagnero stated that at the next School Improvement Committee meeting he would like to discuss getting the Board of Education meetings back on cable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee: Minutes from March 6, 2012
Policy Committee: Minutes from March 14, 2012

School Improvement Committee: Minutes from February 1, 2012
Budget Committee: No report
Grievance Committee: No report

ITEMS FOR UPCOMMING AGENDA: May 16, 2012

April Financial Statement
Committee Reports
Field Trips
Possibly adding Tech Plan to agenda
Final Budget

FUTURE MEETINGS

Policy Committee: May 2, 2012
School Improvement Committee Meeting: May 2, 2012
Budget Committee Meeting: May 9, 2012
Personnel Committee Meeting: May 9, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 PM. Mr. Merola seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.