



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
355 Migeon Ave – Remote Meeting**

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:09 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Corey (Remote), Ms. DePretis, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Todor, Ms. Fappiano, Ms. Todor, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Arum, Ms. Schulte, Mr. Barlow, Ms. Herold, Ms. Klimaszewski
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. DePretis made a motion to amend the agenda to include item 6A executive session regarding non-union contract, 8H possible action on a non-union contract, 8I contract possible action regarding the Superintendent contract and 8J possible action on the Assistant Superintendent contract, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.
4. School/Community Service/Public Participation:
Mary Ann Buchanan spoke about the Equity Committee and the importance of this committee for our community and district.
5. Executive Session regarding Non-Union Contracts: Mr. Kissko made a motion to go into executive session regarding Non-Union contracts inviting in Superintendent Lubomski, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.
The board entered executive session at 6:16 P.M.
The board returned to open session at 7:03 P.M.
6. Information Sharing Session:
 - A. **Superintendent's Report:** CT History Day was held virtually this year. Students did extensive research for these projects and they did a phenomenal job. In person instruction for grades 6-12 has been successful at about 75-80%. The students are very excited to be with their friends again. Ms. Lubomski read a heartfelt letter of appreciation to the Board of Education to celebrate Board of Education month in March.
 1. **Office of Teaching and Learning Update:** Ms. Fergusson presented that the work continues on Learning Targets and Embedded Formative Assessment. A team of coaches and interventionists attended an Accelerating Learning Workshop presented by the Center for School Change. Plans are underway to provide this training during the summer for all site administrators, and in August for teachers district-wide. Ms. Fergusson reviewed plans to continue to address learning gaps resulting from

Covid-19 disruptions. Letters have been sent to families and follow up phone calls are currently being made to confirm student participation. At the high school, a Tier 1 intervention called Academic Resource Center has been established. Winter district testing is complete. PSATs are March 17th and SATs were administered today.

2.Information Technology: Ms. Herold shared that the e-rate contracts for category 1 and 2 have been completed; looking forward to implementing a new WAN infrastructure this fall. All future E-rate applications will align with the new building development to ensure full compatibility and single pane of glass management system. We are seeing an average of \$900 savings per month in paper and toner with the new copiers due to effective print job management.

3.Special Education Update: Ms. Klimaszewski presented her special education report. The district is at or below the state average. She shared data on parent referrals vs school referrals. There were 46 parent referrals and 27 school referrals and within that, 50% of parent referrals qualified and 95% of school referrals qualified. There have been 31 students who have tested out and exited from special education this year.

- B. BOE Budget 2021-2022 – This item was moved to next Wednesday at 5 P.M. for a BOE Special Meeting.
 - C. ESSER II Funds/Cares Act II – This item was moved to next Wednesday at 5 P.M. for a BOE Special Meeting.
 - D. Monthly Financials – We are doing well financially. We have a surplus currently. The business manager is looking at potential savings.
 - E. COVID-19 Expenses – We are currently waiting for our 4th payment from the State.
 - F. Roof Project – 143-0075RR: Accept the Project as Completed: The flat part of the roof is completed. The cost was \$619,000 out of the \$700,000.
7. Committee Reports:
- A. Budget Committee: Has been discussing the budget that is currently at 2.61%
 - B. Facilities & Technology Committee: The items discussed this month were: lighting project, stair treads, ceiling tile project and refinishing the gym floors. All of the projects are going well.
 - C. School Improvement Committee – The committee received a comprehensive report on the high school's improvement plan. There was a presentation on

professional development which occurred on February 16th. The impact of Covid was addressed as well as the selection process for Distinguished Alumnus.

D. Building Committee – Currently reviewing design options for the high school.

E. Liaison Reports:

Vogel-Wetmore: Ms. Fappiano reported that they had spirit week. Each evening there was a bedtime story over Zoom. Ms. Lubomski was one of the readers. The school is constantly looking at data to assess what the students need.

Forbes: Ms. Todor reported that they celebrated music this month. Celebrating community of leaders this month. Parent teacher conferences: about 60% of their parents signed up for conferences.

TMS: Mr. Maniccia reported that they had spirit week and a PTO sponsored BINGO Night fundraiser. Both events were successful.

Southwest: Ms. DePretis reported on the reopening their playscapes this week. They had spirit week. Rockasaurus Rex, their mascot, gets hidden every night and kids try to find him every morning.

THS: Ms. Richardson reported that there was a School Governance meeting. The students are looking forward to attending school in person. There are parent conferences. Social workers are continuing their home visits. SATs were administered today.

Ed Advance: Mr. Kissko reported that Dr. Kitching has some good news that he will share with Lubomski on Friday when they meet. Great feedback on their Food Service program and Becky Tyrrell, Food Services Director, as well.

Legislative Report: Mr. Corey reported that in the general assembly there is legislation going forward that we can hold on to any federal funds we receive through July 2023.

8. Action Items:

A. ~~BOE Budget 2021-2022~~ – Removed.

B. Monthly Financials – Mr. Maniccia made a motion to approve the monthly financials, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.

C. Roof Project – 143-0075RR: Mr. Maniccia made a motion that the Board of Education approves to close Middle School Roof Project 143-0075RR, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.

D. BOE Regular Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2021 – Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor.

E. BOE Special Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2021 – Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Kissko. All in favor.

F. Committee Meeting Minutes – Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the minutes in a bundle, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.

1.School Improvement – February 3, 2021

2.Budget Committee – February 17, 2021

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on May 3, 2021.

3. Facilities and Technology Committee – February 17,
2021

4. Building Committee – January 7, 2021

- G. Consent Agenda: Appointments, Retirements & Resignations – Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor.
 - H. Possible Action of Non-Union Contract – Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to approve the contract with the changes discussed, second by Ms. DePretis. All in favor.
 - I. Possible Action of Superintendent Contract: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to allow the board chair to finalize the contract based on the guidance provided, second by Ms. DePretis. All in favor.
 - J. Possible Action on Assistant Superintendent Contract: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to allow the board chair to finalize the contract based on the guidance provided, second by Ms. DePretis. All in favor.
9. Items for Upcoming Agenda:
- A. Non-Renewal
 - B. Monthly Financials
10. Comments for the Good of the Order: (Paraphrased)
- Armand – “Thank you everyone, there is lot of hard work happening.”
- Ally – “Thank you and happy birthday, Kim.”
- Ellen – “Thank you for the swag and great meeting.”
- Sue L – “Many thanks to our board; we really do appreciate you and all that you do.”
- Chair – “I hope our staff takes some time during April vacation to enjoy themselves.”
11. Future Meetings:
- Wednesday, April 7, 2021 (at Migeon Ave.)**
- 6:00 p.m. – School Improvement Committee
- 7:00 p.m. – Policy Committee
- Wednesday, April 21, 2021 (at Migeon Ave.)**
- 6:00 p.m. – Facilities/Technology Committee
- 7:00 p.m. – Budget Committee
- Wednesday, April 28, 2021 (at Migeon Ave.)**
- 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
12. Adjournment: Mr. Kissko made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.