



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 6:00 PM
THS Media Center, 50 Major Besse Drive**

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:02PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Corey, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Todor, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Spino, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Arum, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Klimaszewski
Absent: Mr. Thibault
4. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Kissko made a motion to accept the agenda, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor
5. Student Representatives: Justin Mattiello and Julia McCarthy gave a report highlighting THS events in the month of November. Barnes and Nobel held a book fair fundraiser this weekend. THS has been participating in No Shave November and they have been selling Turkey Grams. Winter sports will be holding try outs. The 8th graders visited THS for a shadow day.
6. Recognitions: Ms. Lubomski and the Chair passed out certificates to a wide range of staff members and students.
7. School/Community Service/Public Participation: Jason Lafreniere spoke about the Ad-Hoc Committee and shared his views on the committee's recommendation for a 7-12 model.
8. Information Sharing Session:
 - A. Superintendent's Report: Ms. Lubomski reported on the perfect attendance update for October: 116 teachers, 32 paras, 43 support staff and 17 central office staff. She spoke about her love for team sports. Being on a team involves a lot of practice, time and a lot of hard work. She wished everyone a happy thanksgiving and stated that she is grateful to work in an incredible district.
 - B. Monthly Financials: Mr. Maniccia reported that we are doing well. There are holes that will be filled in later due to some Special-Ed costs.
 - C. Elevator Project - 1430074CV – The board has to officially accept the project as completed so that reimbursement can commence.
 - D. Alliance Update: Ms. Lubomski passed out a sheet elaborating details on where the alliance money will be spent. We received more money than we have anticipated. Ms. Lubomski reported that they are proposing for TMS to bring back a model of school within a school which would help our regular ED students with some for their difficulties.
 - E. TEVAL/Administration Evaluations: This is an annual evaluation that is presented to the board. The committee that created the evaluation was voluntary and we are making sure there is equal representation.
 - F. NEASC Update: The board received the report and the discussion will be held in December. Ms. Lubomski reported that we will not get official statement/recommendation until February.
 - G. SPED Update: Klimaszewski gave a report. The Torrington Public Schools Department of Student Services Fall Newsletter 2019 was distributed. She also passed out the student services SPED numbers through 11/19/2019. Of the 62 initial referrals, 19 have not yet

gone to the first PPT to discuss the referral. Of the remaining 42 initial referrals, 15 initial PPT were held where it was decided an initial evaluation was not warranted at this time and the referral was withdrawn. Several students who are currently out placed are beginning the process of transitioning back. 15 kids have moved out and 65 have moved in.

- H. Field Trip – In State Overnight: THS for the model UN at YALE. January 23-26, 2020. The students would miss one day of class.
 - I. Secondary Ad-Hoc Secondary Models: The Secondary Ad-Hoc committee's recommendation is to go with the 7-12 model with 7-8 separate from 9-12. In order for the committee to move forward with this process, they need the board to vote on a model, 9-12 models or 7-12 model. There is a PowerPoint presented to show an overview of what has to be renovated/fixed at the high school. The board was handed a pros and cons list that the committee had configured. There was various discussion regarding this topic. Ms. Richardson believed that we need more time and information to be able to vote on the model tonight. Mr. Corey and Ms. Hoehne stated that they are willing to vote tonight and accept the committee's recommendation of the 7-12 model. The board took a straw vote and decided that they are voting tonight.
 - J. Hiring Personnel Policy: There were 2 policies in separate sections which were not helpful. We came up with a new policy that was reviewed by the Policy Committee and we decided to bring it to the full board.
9. Committee Reports: Mr. Corey made a motion to move all of the committee reports with the exception of SBAC to December, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
- A. Policy Committee – Moved to the December Meeting.
 - B. School Improvement Committee – Moved to the December Meeting.
 - C. Budget Committee – Moved to the December Meeting.
 - D. Personnel Committee – Moved to the December Meeting.
 - E. Grievance Committee – Moved to the December Meeting.
 - F. Ed-Advance – Moved to the December Meeting.
 - G. Curriculum Committee – Moved to the December Meeting.
 - H. Secondary Ad-Hoc Committee – Moved to the December Meeting.
 - I. SBAC Ad-Hoc Committee – Mr. Kissko reported that there was a brainstorming session and approached a couple of topics. Restorative practice will be discussed at the December 9th meeting. Next meeting is December 9 at 6:00PM at Migeon Ave.
 - J. Insurance Review Ad-Hoc Committee – Moved to the December Meeting.
 - K. School Liaison Reports – Moved to the December Meeting.
10. Action Items:
- A. Monthly Financials: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
 - B. Elevator Project - 1430074CV: Ms. Spino made a motion that the Board of Education approves to close the Torrington High School Elevator Project State # 1430074CV as complete, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
 - C. Alliance: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to approve the breakdown of the alliance funding as presented, second by Mr. Corey. All in favor.
 - D. TEVAL/Administration Evaluations: Mr. Spino made a motion to approve the TEVAL/Administration evaluations as presented, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
 - E. Field Trip – In State Overnight: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the field trip, second by Ms. Richardson. All in favor.
 - F. Possible Action on Secondary Ad Hoc Secondary Models – Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Secondary Ad-Hoc committee of the 7-12 model with 7-8 separate from 9-12, second by Mr. Corey. Mr. Maniccia and Ms. Richardson opposed. Everyone else in favor. Motion carries.

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on December 11, 2019.

- G. Hiring Personnel Policy: Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the policy, second by Mr. Kissko. All in favor.
- H. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2019: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Eucallito. All in favor.
- I. Receive Subcommittee Minutes: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes from 2018 to 2019 date in all of the minutes, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
 - 1. Budget Committee – October 7, 2019
 - 2. Personnel Committee – October 16, 2019
 - 3. School Improvement Committee – October 2, 2019
 - 4. Policy Committee – October 2, 2019
 - 5. Secondary Ad-Hoc – September 19, 2019
 - 6. Secondary Ad-Hoc – October 24, 2019
- J. Consent Agenda: Appointments, Retirements & Resignations: Ms. Spino made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
- 11. Comments for the Good of the Order:
 - Armand, Jessica and Kathy - “Happy Thanksgiving!”
 - Molly - “I attended Veterans Day at Vogel Wetmore it was a wonderful job and thank you for the information. Happy Thanksgiving!”
 - John - Invited everyone to the CABA legislative breakfast and he also attended a great Veteran’s Day celebration.
 - Chair - She spoke about the great events she attended like a Veteran’s Day celebration and the Empty Bowls.
- 12. Items for Upcoming Agenda:
 - A. Committee Reports
 - B. More Secondary Ad-Hoc Information
 - C. Board Evaluation
 - D. Superintendent’s Interim Evaluation
 - E. Budget
 - F. Policy
- 13. Future Meetings:
 - Monday, December 2, 2019 (at Southwest)***
 - 6:00 p.m. – School Improvement and Community Relations Committee
 - 7:00 p.m. – Policy Committee
 - Wednesday, December 4, 2019 (at Migeon Ave.)***
 - 6:00 p.m. – Personnel Committee
 - 6:30 p.m. – Budget Committee
 - Monday, December 9, 2019 (at Migeon Ave.)***
 - 6:00 p.m. – SBAC Ad- Hoc Committee
 - Wednesday, December 11, 2019 (at THS)***
 - 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
- 14. Adjournment: Mr. Kissko made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.