



**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Torrington High School, Major Besse Drive**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Hinman, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Knight, Mr. Lamoin, Mr. Nargi, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Traub (6:23), Mayor Carbone, Ms. Aird (6:23), Mr. Bascetta, Mr. Campolieta (6:23), Ms. Kloczko, Ms. Lubomski (6:23), Mr. Potter

Absent: Mayor Carbone

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OUTSOURCING

Mr. Bascetta presented to the Board bids and cost comparisons regarding outsourcing of outdoor grounds maintenance.

Mr. Nargi led a discussion on year-to-year savings.

Ms. Richardson asked about custodial impact and impact on the budget of shift changes.

Mr. Nargi asked whether not backfilling positions would effect inside maintenance. Mr. Bascetta said that three custodians were doing only outside work and would thus be available for inside maintenance.

Mr. Kissko pointed out discussions at earlier meetings at which it was said that no custodians would be dropped from the rolls.

Mr. Nargi questioned why there has been a significant drop in the number of custodians over the past several years. Mr. Bascetta pointed out that it has become necessary to outsource many tasks due to modern special skills needed for repairs.

Mr. Traub shared results of Board leadership's meeting with the mayor on March 24, 2015 at which maintenance of the turf field was discussed. He pointed out that there were no official results from the meeting but that the mayor expressed her intentions. It is expected that ownership of the field would be transferred to the Board of Education but that city's Parks and Recreation Commission and a committee to be formed by an ordinance yet to be written, which will dictate who will sit on the committee, would be responsible for operations. It is estimate that this turnover would happen in July 2015, and until that turnover, all requests for use of the field should go to the Office of the Mayor.

DISCUSSION: PROPOSED BUDGET

Members discussed a list of reductions and additions to the budget as suggested by the superintendent including athletics, technology, instructional supplies both secondary and elementary, stadium maintenance, and copiers and toner.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Cappabianca expressed a desire to discuss in the future the administrative structure of secondary education.

Mr. Knight thanked the chair for obtaining an answer regarding ownership of the turf field.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Thibault made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. All in favor.