



**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, March 30, 2015
355 Migeon Avenue**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Hinman, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Knight, Mr. Lamoin, Mr. Nargi, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Traub, Ms. Aird, Mr. Bascetta, Mr. Campolieta, Ms. Kloczko, Ms. Lubomski, Mr. Potter

Absent: Mr. Thibault, Mayor Carbone

DISCUSSION: E-RATE CATEGORY II

Mr. Lamoin read questions from Mr. Thibault, who was absent, regarding E-Rate. One question expressed concern that the Board of Education was micromanaging the E-Rate process when the IT contractor should be responsible. Mr. Traub, Mr. Potter and Richard Luna, President of Protected Harbor, spoke to the question and the history of E-Rate within the district. Mr. Luna also spoke regarding bids and the reason that this solution was chosen. Mr. Luna also spoke to the issue of costs and funding and how much he suggests should be budgeted. Mr. Traub confirmed that the amount Protected Harbor is asking for is a “not to exceed” number, and Ms. Cappabianca asked that that point be put in writing.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF E-RATE VCATEGORY II

Mr. Traub suggested, and it was agreed to by members, that this issue would remain information for this meeting and the approval agenda item would be passed over. No action was taken.

DISCUSSION: PROPOSED BUDGET

Members discussed a revised list of reductions to the budget as suggested by the administration.

Mr. Traub asked for a Special Education numbers breakdown for the next meeting.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Richardson expressed frustration regarding the fact that cuts were being considered while she feels unsure that the numbers in the provided material are accurate, in particular a proposal regarding the athletic department.

Mr. Hinman agreed with Ms. Richardson and further suggested that the Board go into the next budget process 30 days after 2015-16 is finished.

Mr. Kissko offered his positive opinion that in his recent experience he has seen consistent examples of Torrington Public Schools students courteousness and respect.

Ms. Cappabianca expressed her desire to revisit the secondary schools administration structure in order to go back to the old structure.

Mr. Lamoin recognized the THS music department and Torrington Public Schools being named one of the nation's Best Communities for Music Education by the national Association of Music Merchants.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hoehne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Mr. Hinman seconded the motion. All in favor.