



Torrington Board of Education

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Policy Committee Special Meeting Thursday, November 12, 2015

MINUTES

Members Present: Ellen Hoehne, Committee Chair; John Kissko; Jim Lamoin

Also Present: Board of Education: Fiona Cappabianca (6:33 p.m.)

Administration: Eric Baim, Director of Secondary Education; Lynda T. Reitman, Interim Superintendent

Students: Darnell Battle (Gr. 11), Ashiespal Bharara (Gr. 9), Alexia Fox (Gr. 10, Tylar Young (Gr. 12) and Teachers: Robin Magistrali (THS)

1. Ms. Hoehne called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. Ms. Hoehne turned the meeting over to Mr. Lamoin to present the policy draft "Use of Private Technology Devices by Students" proposed to replace "Cell Phone/Electronic Devices" as policy no. 6041. Mr. Lamoin turned the meeting over to Mr. Young, who reviewed highlights of the proposed policy.

Ms. Hoehne expressed concern that there would be enough in-house devices to accommodate all students who would not have their own device. Ms. Reitman explained that the high school would shortly have more than enough to cover that need. Mr. Lamoin confirmed that there would be easily enough bandwidth to cover even an event where all students and teachers accessed the network at the same time, even if each had two devices. He also pointed out that there would be an additional network line created specifically for student use, so that students would not be accessing the system through the same line as teachers and district employees.

It was agreed that implementation of a new policy should be in the hands of the superintendent, and Ms. Reitman agreed with members that a carefully thought-out and orchestrated roll-out would be necessary.

Mr. Lamoin moved that the committee adopt the policy revision and move it to the full Board of Education for approval. Mr. Kissko seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. Comments for the Good of the Order: Mr. Lamoin expressed thanks to Mr. Battle, Mr. Bharara, Ms. Fox and Mr. Young for their hard and thorough work, and his sentiments were echoed by all in attendance.
5. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lamoin and seconded by Mr. Kissko. All in favor.
6. Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.