



Torrington Board of Education

LYNDA T. REITMAN
INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

THS Oversight Committee Meeting **Wednesday, September 23, 2015** **355 Migeon Avenue**

MINUTES

Members Present: John Kissko, Committee Chair; Fiona Cappabianca

Also Attending: Administration: Lynda T. Reitman, Interim Superintendent

Absent: Ellen Hoehne, Kenneth P. Traub

1. Mr. Kissko called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. Ms. Cappabianca moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Kissko seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. Public/Staff Participation: There was no public input.
5. Discussion: Mr. Kissko explained that it was time to begin an evaluation of Torrington High School after it has functioned for two years with a Director of Secondary Education who oversees both the high school and the middle school and supervises looping grade administrators. Mr. Kissko explained that although the committee was formed three years ago, up to now it has not been possible to evaluate THS because the new structure was not yet stabilized. With two years of operation in its present form it is now possible to fulfill the charge of the committee as approved by the Board in December 2012.

The group agreed to collect information pertaining to attendance, discipline, standardized test scores, college admissions, student retention, staff turnover, graduation rates, and morale. Ms. Reitman accepted overall responsibility for acquiring school data. The committee agreed to request the THS PTO to help with parent input and the THS Student Council to help with student input. Committee members agreed to spend time at THS following student and teacher schedules to get a sense of the ambiance of THS. The goal is to form a report for the full Board in November.

6. Comments for the Good of the Order: Optimism was expressed about the plans made at this meeting.
7. Topics for Future Meetings: Progress reports and plan adjustment if necessary.
8. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
9. Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Cappabianca and seconded by Mr. Kissko. All in favor.
10. Meeting Adjourned: 8:43 p.m.