

North Branford Board of Education

Board of Education Meeting

January 21, 2010

Totoket Valley Elementary School
1388 Middletown Avenue – Northford, CT

- I. Call meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Totoket Valley Elementary School on Thursday, January 21, 2010.**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Vote to adjourn to executive session as per Section 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes as permitted by Section 1-200 (6)(a,b & c) of the Connecticut General Statutes.**

Attendance shall be limited to:

Board of Education Members
Superintendent of Schools
Director of Personnel & Business

- IV. Reconvene to the Library Media Center for Public Session at 7:00 p.m.**
- V. Salute to the Flag**
- VI. Visitors**

(Visitor comments are limited to items on the Agenda.)
- VII. Student Representative**

VIII. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes

Minutes of the December 17, 2009 North Branford Board of Education meeting.

EXHIBIT A

b. Resignations

The Superintendent has received a retirement resignation from Dr. Grace Polivka, grade 8 language arts teacher at NBIS. Dr. Polivka has served the district for 39 years. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the North Branford Public Schools and children of North Branford.

c. Appointments - None at this time.

d. Leaves - None at this time.

e. Donations - None at this time.

f. Field Trips - None at this time.

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

IX. Superintendent's Report

- a. Recognition - None at this time.

- b. Communications - None at this time.

Attached for Board review are the Board of Education Briefs for January 2010.

EXHIBIT B

The Superintendent shares with the Board a letter from Carter Welch who served as interim assistant principal at NBHS while Todd Stoeffler was on medical leave.

EXHIBIT C

- c. Open Choice

The Superintendent provides the Board an update on its commitment to Open Choice. Open Choice is a major component of our ability to provide diversity within our schools. This is required by State law. The Superintendent provides a chart which details the 26 seats by grade level. Twenty of the 26 seats will be filled by returning students as part of our commitment that once a student begins in Open Choice, they are allowed to continue. This will leave 6 vacancies for the 2010/2011 school year. The Superintendent recommends continuation of the commitment as in the past – 26 seats.

EXHIBIT D

Motion: The Board of Education endorses Open Choice for the 2010/2011 school year with its continuation of 26 seats.

- d. Yale Study

The Superintendent has received a request from Dr. Kris Lindsay, Principal of TVES, to participate in a research study through the Yale Cognition and Development Lab. The attached exhibit details the scope of the study and the students involved. Dr. Lindsay will be available to answer any questions the Board may have regarding participation in this study.

EXHIBIT E

- e. Proposed 2011 Board of Education Meeting Dates

The Superintendent is providing Proposed 2011 Board of Education Meeting dates for Board action.

EXHIBIT F

Motion: To approve the 2011 Board of Education Meeting Dates as submitted.

f. Superintendent's Budget Request

The Superintendent will present his budget request for the 2010/2011 school year to the Board of Education. Tonight's presentation will be an overview of the assumptions on which the budget was constructed. The Board will have the opportunity over the next few weeks to review the information. The following dates have been developed for additional presentations and information.

January 27, 2010 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop 7 p.m. – TVES

February 3, 2010 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop 7 p.m. – TVES

X. Committee Reports

The Board of Education will review and take possible action on committee reports.

- a. Negotiations
- b. Budget

A copy of the January 1 financial statement is enclosed for Board review.

EXHIBIT G

- c. Curriculum
- d. Pension
- e. Policy

Attached for Board review are two policies for second read and approval:

Policy #P2300 Privately Owned Vehicles **EXHIBIT H**

Policy #P4025 Video Surveillance **EXHIBIT I**

Motion: To approve Policy #P2300 Privately Owned Vehicles as submitted.

Motion: To approve Policy #P4025 Video Surveillance as submitted.

- f. ACES
- g. Building Committee

XI. New Business

Related only to items removed from the Consent Agenda.

XII. Visitors and Press

**XIII. The next regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for
February 18, 2010 at Totoket Valley Elementary School.**

XIV. Adjournment