



Torrington Public Schools

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Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 7:00 PM 355 Migeon Ave.

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:04 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Fappiano, Mr. Corey (Remote)
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Depretis (Remote), Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Todor (Remote), Ms. Richardson (Remote), Ms. Schulte, Mr. Arum, Mr. Barlow, Ms. Herold, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson (Remote)
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to approve agenda, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Fappiano made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
 - a. Monthly Financials: The surplus has gone down. Regarding athletics this year, these expenses are still unknown until the CIAC and DPH provide clearer direction about winter and spring seasons. Mr. Eucalitto and Mr. Maniccia are hopeful that we will be able to offer winter sports because of the importance of sports for mental and physical health. The district received an updated tuition figure for a service that had been pending. The tuition analysis for this month is \$10,975.172, budgeted and \$10,549,219, projected. The transportation analysis for this month is \$5,379,593, budgeted and \$4,229,981, projected.
 - b. COVID-19 Expenses: There were some changes in the reimbursement. We asked for more money for the sanitizers, teachers, and supplies. We submitted our first bill. We expect to receive a reimbursement check for \$574,451.17 for the first stage.
 - c. Capital Plan Review: Discussed at Facilities and Technology committee meeting prior to this meeting. Mr. Arum presented a revision of the plan. He listed the

items that were moved. Mr. Barlow will contact a contractor to provide an estimate for the use granite for the TF curbing. This item will be moved to the board meeting with these changes.

- d. Technology Plan Review: Discussed at Facilities and Technology Committee meeting prior to this meeting. Ms. Herold presented the 5-year Capital Technology Budget plan. Each Chromebook has a lifespan of 5 years. The committee discussed the possibility of switching to Apple products, specifically MacBook. Ms. Herold will investigate the prices for MacBook for grades 7-12 and present this information to the Board at the next meeting. This item will be moved to the board meeting with these changes.
 - e. Budget Timeline: Mr. Arum handed the Board a tentative budget development process and calendar 2021-2022. He stated that he is moving right along with this timeline.
 - f. Substitute Update: Ms. Schulte reported that the districts are now able to hire a substitute who holds less than a bachelor's degree if they have a high school diploma and documented evidence of working with school aged children. We have received numerous applicants. We hired a total of 15 subs thus far, and she is calling 5 more candidates tomorrow morning. We can hire with this flexibility before February 9th. These subs can work for the rest of the school year. These are per diem employees.
7. Comments for the Good of the Order: (Paraphrased)
- Cathy – “I am excited about the subs. Thank you, Ms. Schulte for working so hard to make this happen.”
- Kim – “Thank you to the Board again for increasing the substitute pay. I think this will be great for us.”
- John – “Another good meeting – two in a row!”
- Gary – “We’re moving a long.”
- Armand – “Good meeting and good stuff.”
8. Topics for Future Meetings
- a. Monthly Financials
 - b. Covid-19 Expenses
 - c. Student Activity Account
9. Adjournment: Ms. Fappiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Eucallito. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.