



Torrington Public Schools

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Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 5:30 PM 355 Migeon Ave.

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 5:34 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Eucalitto, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Fappiano, Ms. Mangan (Teacher Rep.)
Also Present: Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Arum, Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Lubomski, Mr. Barlow, Ms. Schulte
3. Public Participation: None
4. Discussion/Next Steps:
 - a. THS Capital Improvement Review: Mr. Arum shared a breakdown document of the THS conceptual design estimate reflecting the magnitude of maintenance/repair equaling \$112 million dollars. Mr. Eucalitto said, "We are not going to be repairing anything, we are going to be replacing. The town would budget for funding and receive reimbursement from the State. The state looks down upon "band aiding" because it does not help the situation because you are never really fixing anything." Ms. Lubomski stated that the city is willing to sit with us and to talk about addressing capital issues and concerns. Ms. Fappiano asked if with the other schools, we would build a 5-year analysis list. Mr. Barlow said, "Yes, that is the goal." Ms. Cappabianca asked about the building permit costs for the new construction. Mr. Arum said this could be waived. Ms. Richardson asked what the abatement/demolition line item is for if this is only a maintenance/repair project? Mr. Arum said, "We would have to remove all the asbestos." Ms. Cappabianca stated that an issue with a maintenance and repair project is that you do not know when you will be doing any of these, so prices will increase for every year it takes to complete the project. Mr. Barlow stated that with new construction, the change orders are in the contract. However, with a maintenance repair project like this, the change orders can cost a lot of money and add up quickly. The maintenance and the repair project, does not include the

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educational piece, NEASC recommendations, pathways, accelerated programs, apprenticeships, labs, etc. that are all needed. Mr. Barlow and Mr. Maniccia stated that we would not get close to efficiency with a maintenance repair project that we would with a new building. The new building would save us a lot of costs. Mr. Arum stated that the state wants the new school to pass. Ms. Cappabianca asked if it does not pass, what is our next plan? Mr. Eucalitto stated that we must address the abatement in the gym. Ms. Cappabianca hopes that people do not decide their vote on the new building, because they think there is a cheaper option, there really is not.

5. Comments for the Good of the Order
Mr. Kissko – “Good meeting.”
6. Adjournment: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.