



Torrington Public Schools

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Building Committee Meeting Thursday, October 8, 2020, 5:30PM Torrington School Library/Media Center

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:03 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Longobucco, Mr. Arum, Mr. Maniccia, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Mele, Ms. Ledversis, Ms. Labbe, Mr. Boynton, Mr. Bieja, Mr. Eucalitto, Mr. Solywada, Ms. Mangiagli, Mr. Dominov, Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Todor, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Mattiello, Ms. K. Hoehne, Ms. Petzel, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Mitchell
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Mele made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.
5. Public Participation:
 1. James: Supports the new building and needed programs-He had questions about the use of the fields. Mr. Arum reviewed the filed usage during construction and what would be available after construction.
 2. Tony: Graduated Litchfield 1955; Please clarify why you need a new building.
 3. Mr. Longobucco – When the building was constructed in the 1960's the windows already had problems then. Many Capital Improvements have been requested over the years.
 4. Raymond Harrigan-He was concerned about the project. Mr. Arum spoke with him about the construction plan benefits.
6. Information Sharing Session:
 - a. NEASC Review-Ms. Lubomski reviewed the Indicators relating to Facilities. She shared the areas of concern: plumbing, leakage issues, and unreliable heating and cooling systems, not a facility that supports 21st Century learning with all the technology accessibility needed.
 - b. Pathways Review: Ms. Lubomski and Ms. Fergusson reviewed the highlights of the Pathways that will support the career exploration for both college and career bound students. Local business and offering internships and apprenticeships allow for students to explore what they might want to pursue in the future. The grade 7-12 model would

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promote this exposure even earlier in 7th grade. This structure also allows students to attend more accelerated courses in their junior and senior year.

- c. Explanation of BOE Responsibility for Building Repairs and Capital Improvements: Mr. Eucalitto reviewed the importance of establishing a plan with the City to address future building maintenance issues, citing that the Mayor acknowledged the need. Mr. Arum presented the costs for construction projects per pupil in the state of CT from 2017-present. TPS had the lowest cost. Mr. Bieja said districts usually look at square footage comparisons, but other districts use the per pupil cost as well.

Request: Next Step – Mr. Longobucco shared that the Mayor had said we should share the overall cost savings of the project. Mr. Arum said he would have that for the next meeting.

Mr. Arum shared that for next year, Governor Lamont is proposing a new bill where the construction reimbursement rate would be reduced, especially if there is no consolidation of buildings to 5-70% or less.

7. Comments for the Good of the Order: None
8. Future Meetings: October 22, 2020 – 5:30PM
9. Adjournment: Mr. Longobucco made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.