



Torrington Public Schools

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Budget Committee Regular Meeting **Wednesday, May 11, 2016** **355 Migeon Ave.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Kenneth P. Traub, Committee Chair; Peter Vergaro, Daniel Thibault (alternate)

Members Absent: None

Also Attending: Board of Education: Fiona Cappabianca, Ellen Hoehne, Bill Knight, Jim Lamoin, Jess Richardson

Administration: David Bascetta, Director of Facilities; Jerry Domanico, Director of Business Services; Lynda Reitman, Interim Superintendent

1. Mr. Traub called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of:
 - a. February 10, 2016
 - b. February 29, 2016
 - c. March 3, 2016
 - d. March 14, 2016
 - e. March 16, 2016
 - f. March 21, 2016
 - g. March 22, 2016
 - h. March 24, 2016
 - i. March 28, 2016
 - j. March 30, 2016

Mr. Vergaro seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. Review of Monthly Financials

Mr. Domanico briefly reviewed the April 2016 financial report. There was brief discussion on the costs for substitutes and legal fees.

Mr. Thibault made a motion to move the monthly financials to the full Board. Mr. Vergaro seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Presentation by Green Leaf Energy

A brief presentation on potential energy solutions. Discussion included various Torrington Schools. The committee was interested in getting the opinion from another company other than the current vendor being utilized. Green Leaf indicated they could possibly provide the district with an estimate by the end of the following week which can be compared to the current estimate received from our current vendor.

6. Review of 2015-2016 Mitigation Plan

Mr. Domanico briefly reviewed the 2015-2016 Mitigation Plan as it currently stands. Discussion on additional ideas on how to mitigate the budget. Postponement of several capital projects discussed. The BOE would have to send a letter this week in order to get this on the BOF agenda for their next meeting. Additional unanticipated ECS and Excess Cost funds were discussed as well as the possibility of asking for funds from the City's undesignated fund balance. Possible savings from health insurance payments could be requested as well as looking at staff layoffs. May need to cancel currently planned ½ day PD.

Committee requested that 3 letters be drafted to the City to ask for a discount on health insurance as well as request additional excess cost and ECS funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Vergaro to move the Mitigation Plan to the full Board. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. All in favor.

7. A motion was made by Mr. Vergaro to amend the agenda to add discussion of Director of Student Services position. Mr. Traub seconded the motion. All in favor.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Vergaro to extend the meeting 10 minutes. Mr. Traub seconded the motion. All in favor.
9. The discussion and action on Torrington School Project were tabled pending receipt of additional proposal from Green Leaf.

10. Director of Student Services Position

Brief discussion on the search for a new Director of Student Services and the budget requirements needed. Additional funds will be needed to hire a permanent full time Director which is the recommendation. It was determined that there are funds available in the budget to do so.

11. Comments for the Good of the Order

Committee needs to get back information on layoffs for the end of the year. Should review last year's audit as part of an upcoming agenda.

12. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Vergaro, Mr. Traub seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.