



Torrington Board of Education

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Budget Committee Regular Meeting **Wednesday, July 13, 2016** **355 Migeon Avenue**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

Also Attending: Board of Education: Ellen Hoehne, Jim Lamoin

Administration: David Bascetta, Director of Facilities; Jerry Domanico, Director of Business Services

1. Mr. Traub called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Roll call

3. Softball Field Bids and Capital Budget Projects

Mr. Bascetta reviewed the process. Eight (8) vendors signed up and paid for pre-bid package but only two vendors submitted bids. The base bids came in higher than the available budget which is \$122,388. The lowest bid submitted was for \$123,540, \$1152 higher than budget. The alternates were also reviewed and discussed. Some questions arose on one of the alternates which was did not include complete specifications.

A question was asked on the cubic yards and how much would be excavated. It is difficult to predict at this time. Although there are some funds available from the technology capital budget, committee is not willing to divert more funds away from technology. The question was asked if the project could be delayed another year. This project is in response to a Title IX complaint filed. The complaint was dropped because the project was added to the budget and approved. It is likely that a one year delay will cause the complaint to be filed again.

There was discussion on whether or not there was any flexibility in the 2016-2017 capital budget. The 2016-2017 capital budget is lean and there is no flexibility at this time. The

projects occurring at THS are exterior painting which has been delayed for several years, and oil tank replacement. There is also asphalt repair at TMS which needs to be completed.

The timeline for the project is that the field needs to be graded and seeded by September and the full project must be complete by October. The main goals of the project which must be accomplished is that the field needs to be “legal and playable.” It must meet all state, federal and CIAC codes, rules and regulations. The Committee asked that prefabricated dugout be looked at as an alternative. The poured dugouts can be pulled from the base bid which should bring the base bid under budget.

Mr. Thibault made a motion to remove the dugouts from the current base bid and adjust the alternatives to include two new alternatives 1) prefabricated dugout with built-in benches at a standard size (to be determined by facilities director), and 2) poured dugout with fixed benches matching the size specifications of the standard prefabricated dugout. Dr. Brogis seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. Review of THS Oil Tank Replacement – Ed Specs and options

Mr. Bascetta presented the Ed Specs to the committee, which will also go to the full board in August. This was a preliminary review. There is more in the process which needs to be done, but this is essentially to get the process started.

5. Information Sharing

- a. Elevator B building – the State does not want district to put off this project any longer as it will take two years to complete. Must begin process now.
- b. The review of the current ADA Interior Compliance Project will be done as part of the VCAP.
- c. District must update the VCAP and submit it by July 25th which will be done. We will review it with the State to make sure nothing was forgotten and get all approvals from State prior to beginning bid process.

6. Comments for the Good of the Order

Mr. Traub requested that he be informed when minutes from a meeting are available. Needs to receive minutes and any other agenda items no later than the Thursday before the meeting.

7. Mr. Thibault made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Brogis seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.