



## Torrington Board of Education

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### **Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 5:30PM 355 Migeon Avenue**

Board Members – Mr. Maniccia (chair), Mr. Vergaro, Mr. Corey  
Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Spino, Ms. Richardson, Dr. Brogis (6:29PM)  
Teacher Members – Jason Lafreniere  
Administrators – Ms. Clemons, Ms. Forzano, Ms. Lubomski, Mr. Bascetta, Ms. Benson

1. Call to Order – 5:34PM
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda – Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Vergaro, second Mr. Corey. All in Favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Vergaro, second Mr. Maniccia. All in Favor.
5. Discussion Items:
  - a. Monthly Financials-Ms. Forzano presented in the information. TMS intramurals have resumed; Health and Life at 100% + the district will have to pay an extra 10%, but the 110% is encumbered.  
Alliance funds are in a district account. They do not go through the City.  
Questions: Tuition Sped Exploration and Magnet School Sped, Tuition VOAG  
Delta-T subs seem expensive. A request was made to provide the cost of Delta-T subs at the next meeting. In the future, track the Delta-T subs, not under other professional services, but create another line item for substitutes. Ms. Forzano will create this line item.
  - b. Budget Transfers: Ms. Forzano presented the Budget Transfers.
  - c. PTO/Student Activities: Ms. Forzano is working on these accounts. Ms. Clemons said that Mr. Duva will go out to the schools to address these issues. Mr. Vergaro asked about East School accounts. Ms. Forzano planned to follow-up with Ms. Fergusson.
  - d. March Budget Report: none.
  - e. RFP-Speech/Language Pathologist: Due to increased SLP needs, Ms. Benson discussed the RFP proposal for a new Speech and Language Pathologist. Ms. Clemons the proposal was created, because the position was a contracted service. Mr. Vergaro requested that

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the person speak Spanish. Mr. Kissko questioned if this had to be a union position rather than an outside consultant.

- f. Review of Capital and Moving Expenses for 2018-2019: Discussion: East School moving costs, Sister School moving costs; Grounds maintenance costs and possible decreases, The landscaping and plowing contract might need to be re-negotiated based on the closure of East and Migeon. Mr. Bascetta reminded the committee that the district needs to use the funds as designated in the Capital Budget, or an Action Item would need to be created for any changes.
  - g. New Contract for Electric Energy Supply by Constellation: Mr. Bascetta reviewed the Electric Supply Bid and Projected Cost Analysis. Mr. Bascetta presented a \$10,000 cost reduction for next year, 2018-2019, as well as 2019-2020. Contracts will start in December 1, 2018. The first bill would occur January 1, 2019. Mr. Vergaro requested that Mr. Bascetta send out a reminder that electrical appliances are to be shut off during the April vacation.
  - h. Architect Proposal for Vogel Capacity: Mr. Bascetta presented the Architectural Audit that needs to be done to determine the VW capacity. The Ad Hoc Committee is at an impasse if this is not approved.
  - i. Budget 2018-2019: Ms. Clemons said the budget freeze is still occurring. Next year, the Alliance funding may not be allocated to the district. In addition, a state cut to the City may occur in April of this year, possibly \$1.8M.  
Dr. Brogis said that EdAdvance is willing and able to propose an Alternative Program. They would like to hear from the district to discuss a price on the program. Ms. Clemons said we could also create our own program.  
Mr. Lafriener suggested an incentive package for those who want to retire. However, in previous years, there was not enough teacher interest to make this worthwhile.  
Ms. Clemons reminded the committee that \$1.6M had already been cut prior to the Superintendent's Budget presentation.
6. Action Items:
- a. Monthly Financials- full board: Mr. Vergaro motion; Mr. Corey second; All in Favor.
  - b. Budget Transfers- full board: Mr. Vergaro motion; Mr. Corey second; All in Favor.
  - c. PTO/Student Activities-no motion
  - d. March Budget Report: none.
  - e. RFP-Speech/Language Pathologist: addition of the bilingual preferred;
  - f. Review of Capital and Moving Expenses for 2018-2019-30,300-move to moving cost and remove 10,300; full board: Mr. Vergaro motion; Mr. Corey second; All in Favor.
  - g. New Contract for Electric Energy Supply by Constellation: full board: Mr. Vergaro motion; Mr. Corey second; All in Favor.
  - h. Architect Proposal for Vogel Capacity: full board: Mr. Vergaro motion; Mr. Corey second; All in Favor.
  - i. Budget 2018-2019: with cuts proposed: Mr. Vergaro motion; Mr. Corey second; Yes-Mr. Vergaro and Mr. Maniccia. Opposed Mr. Corey. Motion carries and moves to full board.
7. Comments for the Good of the Order:  
Mr. Vergaro summarized the meeting which occurred with All-Star transportation earlier in the week. He noted All-Star's continued dedication to the district and their commitment to providing the district with the most fiscally responsible pricing on transportation.
8. Upcoming Agenda Items:
- a. Monthly Financials
  - b. Budget Transfers

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- c. PTO and Student Activity Review
9. Adjournment: 7:26PM. Mr. Vergaro motion; Mr. Corey second; All in Favor.