



Torrington Public Schools

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**Budget Committee Special Meeting
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
THS Media Center
5:30 PM
Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 5:30pm
2. Roll Call:
Board Members: Mr. Maniccia (Chair), Mr. Kissko, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Spino, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Todor, Mr. Corey (absent)
Administration: Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Schulte, Mr. Bascetta
Teacher: Mr. Lafreniere
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Hoehne made the motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Kissko second.
All in favor.
4. Public Participation: None
5. Discussion/Next Steps:
 - a. Substitute Pay: Ms. Schulte spoke regarding the need to increase the number of substitute teachers in the district and the pay. It is a daily struggle trying to get substitutes when we are paying less than surrounding towns. Kelly Services also needs additional substitutes. It is a statewide problem. Teachers are taking jobs as paraprofessionals.
 - b. Paraprofessional Recruitment: Ms. Schulte has created an incentive to encourage people to refer candidates to the district with a monetary bonus. The flyer is posted on our website, along with teacher and school job sites. These postings are also attached to Indeed.
 - c. Bid Award for Oil Tank Removal: Mr. Bascetta presented information on the two companies, Kropp Environmental Contractors, Inc. and Rivco Construction, LLC, which bid on the Underground Storage Tank removal. Comparatively the two companies offered the same services. Over six recommendations were received from similar or larger jobs, i.e., municipalities or schools. They carry licenses and insurance coverage. Testing will be done by our engineers, our labs, and our people. Mr. Bascetta's recommendation is Kropp Environmental Contractors, LLC.
 - d. Technology Computing Devices RFP #2018-002: The RFP is for new computers for the High School. All bids are to be in by November 8, 2018, 12:30pm. Information will be available at the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting, Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on November 28, 2018.

6. Comments for the Good of the Order: None
7. Adjournment: Ms. Hoehne made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Kissko. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.