



## Torrington Public Schools

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### **Building Committee Meeting Thursday, August 6, 2020, 5:30 P.M. 355 Migeon Ave.**

#### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 5:30 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Arum, Mr. Longobucco, Mr. Dominov, Ms. Mangiagli, Mr. Biega, Mr. Roise, Mr. Lee, Mr. Solywada, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Todor, Mr. Mele, Mr. Finn, Ms. Mattiello, Ms. Herold, Dr. McKenna, Ms. Ledversis, Mr. Eucalitto, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Longobucco made the motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Eucalitto second. All in favor.
4. Public Participation: None.
5. Information Sharing Session:
  - a. School Building Committee Members and Roles & Responsibilities-Mr. Arum reviewed.
  - b. Site Plan-Mr. Lee presented the new construction tour.
  - c. Facility Report – Mr. Arum and Mr. Longobucco reviewed Existing Conditions, cost of repairs: \$112,000,000; not an option to do nothing; repairs need to occur or a new building needs to be built; will still cost the tax payers even more to repair the building, because costs will accrue over time.
  - d. Construction Budget – Review of costs to taxpayers.
  - e. Virtual Tours of Building – These are being planned.
  - f. Education Specifications-Mr. Solywada reviewed:  
The plan for the building: grades 7-12  
Incorporating accelerated classes for grades 7-12  
Spaces that include Career Pathways Labs - Public Service, Education, Medical, STEM, Marketing & New Business, Performing Arts/ Applied Arts, working in conjunction with NCCC and UConn, Plus Innovation Labs, The building should be the “Hub of Town”.  
This space would allow for an Auditorium, Music & Café open to the community with safety measures in place.

The new building would provide for energy efficient systems and cost savings each year. Mr. Arum suggested inviting Bill Findley to next meeting to review mill rates.

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on September 21, 2020.

Issues of concern: the leaking ceilings and corrosive plumbing: THS has had flooding; issues with the heat throughout the building as well plumbing and electrical issues. New building would be more compact and more energy efficient.

Timing is appropriate for construction, because there are so few projects being submitted to the state.

Need to look at the investment in this building and sustainability, 50 years

An additional exit would help for traffic flow. Currently, parking is currently available for 400 students & staff members. This will be investigated further.

Health and Safety issues were discussed.

Levels of glass protection were clarified regarding safety of students and staff.

The current solutions for creating ventilation from outside air. The new building will be energy efficient, providing cost savings and greater, more efficient air flow due to the new systems that can be put into place in comparison to what was available in the 1960s.

### **Questions and Issues:**

1. Is it possible to have the tennis courts upgraded?
2. The fields were discussed. Field locations for the high school and middle school were clarified. Other sites have been established while construction occurs.
3. When and how will tours occur? Tours of the schools could be done virtually.

**Planning for Sharing of Information:** Incorporate a video onto the website, Facebook, and TTown Chatter. Altice has a free public channel

Educating Staff and Others: Ms. Ledversis and KBA can present at staff meetings. Website can address the following:

- FAQ's
- Concerns regarding the Mill Rate and construction costs
- Shipman & Goodwin will review the flyer being distributed to the community. There will be 3 flyers distributed.
- A PAC will be established to establish fundraising
- Outside venues will be established for sharing information: for example: THS parking lot or Senior Center parking lot.

6. Action Items:
  - a. Approval of Website and items to be included: No action was taken.
7. Comments for the Good of the Order: None
8. Future Meetings: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 P.M. District Office
9. Adjournment: Mr. Longobucco made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Eucalitto second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.