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Torrington Public Schools

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

Draft 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.
 - d. Construction Budget – Cost to Taxpayers.
 - e. Virtual Tours of Building – Prepare.
 - f. Education Specifications-Mr. Solywada reviewed:
Building to house 7 – 12 grades
Incorporating accelerated classes for students 7-12
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, Welcoming “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 Efficiency.

Mr. Arum suggested inviting Bill Findley to next meeting to review mill rates.

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

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

Need to look at the length of time this building will last, hopefully 50 years

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

Health and Safety were discussed. Levels of glass protection were clarified. The possibilities of ventilation from 100% outside air. The new building will be energy efficient and provide cost savings.

Questions:

Is it possible to have the tennis courts upgraded? The fields were discussed. Fields for the high school and middle school were clarified. Other sites have been established and will be used while construction occurs.

Tours of the schools could be done virtually.

g. 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 for sharing information: THS parking lot or Senior Center parking lot.

Marketing:

- Incorporate a video onto the website, Facebook, and TTown Chatter. Altice has a free public channel 22.
- Educating Staff: Ms. Ledversis, KBA to present at staff meetings. Ms. Ledversis to schedule.

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 20th, 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.