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Secondary Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 5:30 PM THS Media Center

1. Call to Order: 5:30PM
2. Roll Call:
In Attendance: Ed Arum, Dave Bascetta, Darlene Battle, Kelly Browning, Maria Cravanzola, Patricia David, Mary DeMarchi, Susan Fergusson, Roni Gelormino, Diane Holland, Jason Lafreniere, Robin Ledversis, Mario Longobucco, Susan Lubomski, Sandy Mangan, Andrew Marchand, Bryan Olkowski, Kathi Peterson, Kim Petzel, Jeff Putnam, Kim Schulte, Trina Milanese, Andy Skarzynski, Joann Stefurak, Hilary Sterling, Erin Sullivan, John Sullivan, Teresa Sullivan, Don Rapuano, Jasmin Skarupa, David Douglas (Intern), Peter Michelson, Andrew Deacon, Donna Labbe, Allie Therrien, Joanne Creedon, John Kissko, Armand Maniccia, Fiona Cappabianca, Jess Richardson, Ellen Hoehne
3. Facility Presentation: Dave Bascetta (Director of Facilities) presented a historical perspective of the Torrington High School building – Past, Present, & Future: The 203,000 square foot structure was built in 1962 on a 35 acre parcel of land. A 1999 renovation costing approximately \$12 Million brought the square footage to 233,000. This renovation encompassed the following:
 - A/C rooftop units for the auditorium, main office, and media and guidance centers
 - Bathrooms
 - Boilers, burners, pumps, and breeching
 - Dust collection system in tech shop
 - Elevator and front entrance canopy
 - Energy management system
 - Exterior stairs, green house, side café entry
 - Fire alarms, sprinkler system
 - Guidance office
 - Hazardous material removal

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- Energy recovery and air handling units, roof of A and B buildings, and ductwork throughout music and café wings
- Kitchen, café expansion, toilet areas
- Media center
- Health office
- Stage lighting and seating
- VCT flooring throughout building

Additional updates have been completed from 2003 – present including:

- ADA interior modifications, ADA elevator, ADA site work
- Drinking fountains, exterior painting, girls' softball field,
- Hazardous material removal (A2nd)
- Hot water heaters, lavatory upgrades, lockers, major boiler repairs
- New VCT A building 2nd floor
- Roof A/B, tech wing and gym
- Sewer drain lining, stage floor, stair treads, UST tank change out
- Window treatments

Current Needs (as provided by Fletcher Thompson Facilities Study) include:

- Health, Safety & Code Compliance
 - Roofing upgrades
 - Electrical energy usage upgrade
 - HVAC
 - Floor finishes
 - Site work
 - Ceilings & interior doors
 - Plumbing, water heaters, fixtures, piping
 - Hazardous material removal & design
4. Following the presentation, the committee divided up into smaller groups and toured the building.
 5. After the tour concluded, the committee reassembled in the media center and engaged in a brief discussion about the feasibility of eventually bringing grades 7/8 to the campus, along with the possibility of renovating 9-12 areas and adding a 28,200 sq ft space for grade 7-8.
The cost of inaction was also discussed. For the 2018-2019 school year, the district is paying \$2,012,251.08 in out of district (school choice) tuitions.
There was a short discussion of possible 7-12 models for 21st century, student centered learning which will be continued at a future meeting. Short and long term plans to be discussed at future meetings.
 6. Adjournment: Mr. Lafreniere made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.
 7. Next Meeting: October 4th – 5:30PM THS Media Center