

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on April 22, 2020.



Torrington Public Schools

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**Special Budget Meeting
2020-2021 Budget Public Hearing
(Secondary, Facilities, Technology, Districtwide)
Monday, March 16, 2020, 6:30 P.M.
Migeon Ave.**

Minutes

Due to Coronavirus restrictions, the public was invited to join the meeting by dialing in.

1. Call to Order: 6:35 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Spino, Mr. Corey, Mr. Lafreniere (Teacher Rep.)
Also present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Todor, Ms. Fappiano, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Klimazewski, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Arum
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
4. Public Participation: None
5. Discussion:
 - a. **Public Hearing: Secondary, Facilities, and Districtwide:** None
 - b. **Budgetary Impacts: COVID-19 and Hourly Employees:** Based on governor's latest statement, districts may finish school on their original end dates, and may choose to eliminate April break (both are local decisions). A straw poll was taken regarding April break resulting in a 6-3 vote to leave the vacation intact. It was decided that at this time, it's too premature to make any firm decisions as more information is forthcoming from the state within the coming days. Committee emphasized the need to focus on how to best educate our students throughout this extended school closure. Superintendent shared updates on meal distribution and the learning opportunities packets being created by teachers and administrators. Staff is working around the clock to implement a distance learning plan. Administration and IT Department are working to make laptops available to students.
Kim Schulte discussed an agreement outlining how to compensate hourly employees during this time.
 - c. **Budget Discussion: 2020-2021 Budget:** Committee voted unanimously to add back in \$789,119 bringing the total budget increase to 4.87% and move budget to the full board.
6. Adjournment: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.