



Torrington Board of Education

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Special Meeting of the Budget Committee Wednesday, March 21, 2016 355 Migeon Avenue

MINUTES

Members Present: Kenneth P. Traub, Committee Chair; Joanne Brogis, Peter Vergaro; Daniel Thibault (alternate)

Members Absent: None

Also Attending: Board of Education: Fiona Cappabianca, Ellen Hoehne, Bill Knight, Jim Lamoin, Jessica Richardson

Administration: Paula LaChance, Director of Student Services; David Bascetta, Director of Facilities; Joe Campolieta, Director of Human Resources; Jerry Domanico, Director of Business Services; Susan M. Lubomski, Assistant Superintendent; Lynda T. Reitman, Interim Superintendent

1. Mr. Traub called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. Community Participation

Mr. Coons, East School PTO President addressed his concerns about the closing of East School along with other cuts.

4. Discussion of Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2016-2017

Elimination of JV Sports-manage varsity sports better

RFP for insurance- fully insured go out and get quotes. Savings are not immediate, broker makes a lot. In two weeks, do a public RFP and see who responds.

Questions on IT Director and Tech: \$178,000 consulting fees; outstanding tickets; other issues

Benefits added in for positions

Boiler cleaning

Math supplies- supplemental math and new curriculum

Pay to play for sports-has it been considered- cap on what you can charge and add admin fee

EMT instructor at Torrington High School-explored other ways of teaching class; need to have a certified staff.

Invention Convention- whole 7th grade involved; send 40 kids to UCONN.

Lunch monitors at a later date; more details and numbers. Will it be beneficial for schools?

Torrington Middle School- two tech teachers, go to one

There was a discussion of Special Ed costs and reasons for budget issues.

The impact of the Mill Rate was discussed.

Lunch monitors at elementary (2 board members)

Consolidate programs to single school

Data on improvements to full day kindergarten was discussed

Keep thinking about how to save money, can't close school.

5. Comments for the Good of the Order
6. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Thibault and seconded by Mr Vergaro. All in favor.
7. Meeting adjourned 8:47 p.m.