



## Torrington Board of Education

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### Special Meeting of the Budget Committee Thursday, March 24, 2016 THS Little Theater

#### *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: 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 6:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. Community Participation

There were eight (8) speakers regarding the proposed budget.

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

Show what it means to get to 0%, what would it do to education to cut to zero.

Rectify accounting errors in fall- make arrangements for a mitigation plan within a week

Other impacts to East School

Still have costs of Southeast, have to convince town to take buildings

Ad hoc committee for special ed created. Goal is to try to build programs- need support from district to fill our systems

Mini PDs- spend too much on PD- have "in-house experts"

Businesses involved in districts- fund programs

Pay to play- not questioned in other areas, why isn't it considered. BOE did not want to prevent kids from playing. Usage fees for sports facility-advertising on facility

Total budget for Title 1 and Title 2. Millions not recorded

Transition students- \$850,000- hire in May and develop program in 2 months, 10 current- 7 new

Early retirement- include 1579, will cost district money though

Summer school special education- must look at it

Email from Mayor- City by state statute cannot have contingency fund.

Clarify literacy and numeracy- want the support to stay the same

Activity fee- all activities not just sports

Lunch monitors- laid off paras for lunch monitors

5. Comments for the Good of the Order
6. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Vergaro and seconded by Dr. Brogis. All in favor.
7. Meeting adjourned 8:59 p.m.