



Torrington Board of Education

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Budget Committee Minutes May 12, 2010

Committee members present were: Chairperson Susan Cogswell; Ellen Hoehne, Judith Raymond and David Oliver. Also present were: BOE member Ken Traub, Superintendent Christopher Leone, Director of Business Services Danielle Batchelder and Director of Facilities, David Bascetta, Special Education Administrator Mitch Foote, and student Ryan Fredricksson.

1. Call to order at 6:01pm
2. Roll Call
3. Review of Minutes from April 14, 2010 meeting: David Bascetta's name needed to be corrected and the numbering needed to be corrected. Motion by Judy Raymond, seconded by Ellen Hoehne, to accept the minutes with the corrections of April 14, 2010 Meeting. Motion carried 3-0-1. David Oliver abstained.
4. April 2010 Financial Statement
 - a. Superintendent Leone explained that as it stands currently, the Board of Education can cover the deficit in special education and insurance with the surplus money from all other accounts. Due to this, Superintendent Leone recommended that all transfers with the exception of one be tabled until the June Budget Committee Meeting. The district is still waiting for the final Excess Cost and Medicaid numbers.
Motion made by Ellen Hoehne to accept the Financial Statement, seconded by Judith Raymond. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Budget Transfers
 - a. Budget transfer 2010-BAT-10, 2010-BAT-12, 2010-BAT-13, 2010-BAT-14, 2010-BAT-15, and 2010-BAT-16 were tabled until the June Budget Committee Meeting.
 - b. Budget transfer 2010-BAT-11 was changed **from** transferring \$13,825 from THS Electric to THS General Maintenance **to** transferring \$1,760 from THS Electric to THS General Maintenance. David Bascetta stated that the main circulating pump in the cafeteria broke and had to be replaced.
Motion was made to table all the transfers for one month except 2010-BAT-11. 2010-BAT-11 would be revised to reflect a transfer of \$1,760 instead of \$13,825 which was approved to do. David Oliver accepted motion, and seconded by Judith Raymond. Motion carried 4-0.

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6. Special Education Program at THS

- a. Mitch Foote gave a presentation on a new program (Active Living Program) at THS.
- b. David Oliver commended Mitch Foote on a fantastic idea. All committee members agreed.
- c. Mitch Foote also thanked teachers, Jill Baranowitz and Cheryl Pecha for all their work on this new program.

Budget Committee recommended that this presentation be moved to the June Board of Education meeting in order to get the program started.

7. Advertising at THS

- a. 12th grade student at THS, Ryan Fredricksson gave a presentation on advertising in and outside the THS building.
- b. Susan Cogswell indicated that Mr. Fredricksson has perfect attendance at Torrington Public Schools. Susan Cogswell also said that Mr. Fredricksson is “an outstanding young man.”
- c. Superintendent Leone stated, “you’re ahead of your time.”

Budget Committee recommended that this presentation be moved to the June Board of Education Meeting.

8. Items for the Good of the Order

Motion to adjourn was made by David Oliver and seconded by Judith Raymond. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Submitted by Danielle Batchelder

Reviewed by Chris Leone