



Torrington Public Schools

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Building Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2020, 5:30 P.M.
Torrington School Library/Media Center
(Please park in the Torrington Street parking lot)

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 5:30 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Arum, Mr. Longobucco, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Todor, Mr. Finn, Mr. Mele, Ms. E. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Mangiagli, Mr. Biega, Mr. Solywada, Mr. Dominov, Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Roise, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Ledversis, Ms. Morton, Ms. DePretis, Ms. Mattiello, Mr. Reynolds
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Cappabianca made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to amend the minutes to make the edit to add the initial Ms. K. Hoehne, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Information Sharing Session:
 - a. Cost Savings: Mr. Arum reviewed the cost savings of maintenance costs if an elementary school closes and the high school is rebuilt. If the referendum proposal does not pass, Mr. Arum and Mr. Longobucco said to address the repairs at THS, there would have to be a double shift at Torrington Middle School: TMS in the morning and Torrington High School in the afternoon. It would be impossible to do the work in the summer due to the nature of the work necessary. Mr. Biega stated this would take numerous years, possibly 7 to 10 years, which would escalate the costs. This process would then be more costly, because of the length of time needed to address each issue and the increase in cost over many years. Costs would also increase based on any unknown issues that are disclosed during the repair process.

Ms. Lubomski shared how the project would benefit students and would save students/parents money. She reviewed highlights of her meeting with the NCCC (Northwest CT Community College) NCCC is willing to expand the number of college courses, offer courses during the day, after school and at night, so students

could earn college credits or work toward job certifications. Whether they are pursuing college or job opportunities, the new building, the Pathways and our partnerships with community organizations will help give students a foundation for their futures.

b. Construction Projects – Cost Per Pupil

Mr. Arum reviewed the cost per pupil for this building project which is the lowest in Connecticut for construction projects from 2017 – 2019.

c. High School Maintenance Cost – Last 11 Years

Mr. Arum reviewed the Torrington High School maintenance costs for the building. Mr. Barlow, Facility Director, has a 5 year plan.

Mr. Arum addressed the ballot and where the referendum appears on the ballot. The PAC will provide clarification on the ballot language. There will be handouts addressing the cost of \$159M and the actual taxpayer responsibility of \$74M.

November 1st 2:00pm – 2:30PM Rally for the referendum proposal

Election Day – 14 hours – 5 locations, anyone willing to volunteer, please contact Fiona Cappabianca

7. Comments for the Good of the Order: (The following comments are paraphrased)

Mr. Arum, “Thank you to all committee members for your dedication and commitment to this project! I apologize for the short meeting.”

Mr. Kissko, “Never apologize for a short meeting.”

8. Future Meetings: Wednesday, November 5, 2020

9. Adjournment: Mr. Longobucco made a motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Ledversis. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M