



## **Torrington Board of Education**

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### **Torrington Public School Restructure Ad Hoc Committee Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 5:00 p.m. 355 Migeon Avenue**

1. Call to Order – 5:17PM
2. Roll Call – Mr. Traub (chair), Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Hoehne  
Absent – Dr. Brogis  
Teacher Representative – Mr. LaFreniere  
Administrators – Ms. Clemons, Mr. Bascetta, Ms. Lubomski
3. No public comment.
4. Purpose of the meeting – Mr. Traub wanted to finalize this stage of the Ad Hoc Committee.
5. The Committee looked at Option A and B from the last meeting.

Option C – Ms. Clemons presented another option: Close one elementary, the closing and selection of school would be the choice of the board. The closing would allow for redistricting and addressing the racial imbalance as well as reduce the middle school bullying that occurs, because students of different racial backgrounds are not together at each of the elementary schools. The downtown area would be the hub of the cut and students would be dispersed.

Mr. Traub questioned whether grade level schools or neighborhood schools would be appropriate? Ms. Clemons said it would be hard to change to grade level schools the way the buildings are built. Kindergarten needs to be placed on the first floor.

The committee agreed that the needs of East School must be addressed. Whether renovated or shuttered, the school has to be closed or be fixed. The board would have to agree on this decision.

Would East School students would fit into all the other schools, even if there is a renovation or closure?

Mr. Maniccia proposed the motion: Close East school, then redistrict the other 4 schools with the understanding that the board will look at “renovate as new” for East School (plans for renovation would be developed), and then the plans would be brought to referendum. Mr. Traub noted that it would take 5-7 years to complete the whole project.

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on November 29, 2017.

6. Motion to move to the full BOE by Mr. Maniccia and Ms. Hoehne second. All in Favor. Mr. Bascetta commented that the cost will be increased over time.
7. Motion made by Mr. Maniccia to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 5:43PM.