



## **Torrington Public Schools**

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### **Building Committee Meeting Thursday, August 19, 2021, 5:00 P.M. Torrington School Library/Media Center**

#### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 5:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Arum, Mr. Longobucco, Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Cavanaghero, Ms. Wagonner, Mr. Finn, Ms. Perisa, Mr. Cravanzola, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Scout, Ms. Mattiello, Ms. Todor, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Keri Hoehne, Ms. Ledversis, Ms. Herold, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Samuelson, Ms. Singer, Ms. Boisvert
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Finn. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Finn. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: Mr. Jeff Putnam expressed concern about the possible overlap of areas between the middle and high school students. Mr. Longobucco and Mr. Arum clarified that these issues have been resolved. They invited him to stay for the meeting and/or attend future meetings.
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
  - a. Architect Update:
    - i. Exterior Design Progress (Windows, Building Materials) An energy modeling consultant is working with the team. There is a reduction in square footage of windows for the building. Light and no glare are the goals. They are also trying to integrate light as much as possible. Auditorium in the center of the building will bring focus to the area. Materials: Auditorium: Will not have a domed roof to provide for the stage height.  
Still discussing: Red Brick; wood accents; silver with maroon accents for the gym  
Panic button?, cameras? and lightening detection system to enable communication with news stations for weather station access;

Building mounted cameras will be available at entrance and exits;  
Pedestrian scale lighting;  
Wireless mesh for camera access.

- ii. Site Plan Update: JV field/multi-purpose field including soccer-artificial turf; all other fields will use natural turf; 4 tennis courts, possibly 2 more if fiscally possible; spectator areas available for soccer and tennis courts; People can bring own chairs and portable seating will be available around the fields;

Fences will be placed around fields and tennis courts;

Student Parking: Students will be forced to come out to a crosswalk and then sidewalk to control traffic and provide safe egress; eliminating the old exit by the skatepark.

Proposed Lot Line will be presented to the City Planner:

Pre-K play areas will have public access afterhours. All fenced in.

Entrances/Drop-offs will be separate for THS and TMS students. There are separate doors for Pre-k and Central Office access.

There won't be crossing of students at the café or the gym, because of the stairs and elevator by the gym and café for middle school students. Full glass wall will surround the café area.

Consulted with Food services about café.

Theater location discussion tomorrow.

- iii. Upcoming Design Meeting Schedule: Food Service-yesterday; Auditorium tomorrow, Friday, August 20.

Next week: classrooms: built in casework, like Focus Group Meetings-pull in staff to get input

- iv. Steel Pre-detailing: not much new; trying to stay on schedule; materials are difficult to access right now.

- b. Analysis of Payments to Date: Every meeting.

- c. Payment of Invoices-SLAM, O&G, CSG, Innovative Engineering: City has been helpful in making timely payments. O & G has 15 days to get the contractors paid.

-SLAM--\$395,750.00

-O&G--\$120,723.05

-Construction Solutions--\$19,534.40

-Innovative Engineering--\$960.00

Mr. Maniccia made a motion, second by Mr. Finn. All in favor.

- d. Review of Meeting with City's Financial Advisor: Mayor Carbone, Mr. Findley, Attorney Dawson, Mr. Arum, Mr. Longobucco, Ms. Lubomski, Mr. Farley, Mr. Drew.

Discussion: Bonds 0.0-1.5 band and bonds, savings because rates so low. Going out to bond in October. There will be further savings because of the 85% reimbursement.

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on September 22, 2021.

The City has to do a water flow test. There is a charge for this. It is in the budget. Slam will pay and will be reimbursed. The educational specifications will go to the Board Meeting, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Then the Schematic Design Review (SDR) will occur before the meeting with the Office of School Construction Grants and Review (OSCGR) before the Design Development Review (DDR).

7. Comments for the Good of the Order: Many thanks!
8. Future Meetings:
  - a. Exterior materials
  - b. Summary of Design Meetings
  - c. Updates of billing
9. Adjournment: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Finn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.