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Torrington Public Schools

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Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 6:30 P.M. 355 Migeon Ave.

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:17 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Corey, Ms. DePretis, Mr. Lafreniere (Teacher Representative)
Absent: Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Fappiano
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Todor, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Herold, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Boisvert
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Ms. DePretis. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. DePretis made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Corey. All in favor.
5. Public Participation:
Liz Patterson, mother, spoke about unmasking children for the school year.
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
 - a. Monthly Financials: Ms. Boisvert reviewed the monthly financials. We are still paying bills for the last fiscal year. She presented the budget in a new format. The board wanted more clarification on the donations line, which might be the line for all the COVID expenses.
 - b. American Rescue Act Grant Funding Proposal: These funds will support the following initiatives: Academic Supports, Family and Community Connections, School Safety & Social Emotional Well-Being, Technology & The Digital Divide, Building Health & Safety. Ms. Lubomski reviewed the details of the proposal: salaries, purchased professional services, purchased property services, other purchases services, supplies, and equipment/property/tech software. She reviewed the ARPA devices for K-12. We may not be able to get the MacBooks for the start of school, so we want to be thoughtful of how and when we roll them out. The board

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discussed the TMS windows. They will be included in the ARPA funding proposal under Health and Safety.

- c. Possible Truck Purchase: This was discussed at Facilities and Technology. Ms. Boisvert will be providing the board with updated information.
 - d. 2021-2022 Budget Update: Ms. Boisvert said we have not spent much since we just started the year.
 - e. Executive Session – TPSAA Contract Proposal: Table
7. Topics for Future Meetings:
- a. Monthly Financials
 - b. ARPA Update
8. Comments for the Good of the Order (Paraphrased.)
- Jason - "It has been a good summer. Masks are not a budget decision or a board decision, it is up to the State."
- Sue L. - "I want to thank Lynn for all her hard work. Great first meeting. Good job!"
- Armand - "Good job Lynn on your first meeting!"
9. Adjournment: Mr. Corey made a motion to adjourn, second by Ms. DePretis. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.