

## Torrington Public Schools

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## Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 7:00 P.M. 355 Migeon Ave.

## **Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order: 7:04 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call: Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Eucalitto, Mr. Corey, Ms. Fappiano, Mr. Lafreniere (Teacher Representative)
  - Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Lubomski, Mr. Arum, Mr. Barlow, Ms. Herold, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Klimaszewski
- 3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Corey. All in favor.
- 4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Corey. All in favor.
- 5. Public Participation: None
- 6. Discussion/Next Steps:
  - a. Monthly Financial: Mr. Arum reviewed the monthly financials. We are currently at a surplus. We are in a better situation than other districts regarding food services. However, less students participated in the food program while learning remotely. The district only gets reimbursed for the food that gets taken. Less students and families participated in the pick-up meals versus when the students participate while in school.
  - b. Special Education Transportation: Our projections are lower than last month, and we are still below last year. The following has resulted in savings in this account:
    - 1. Three runs ended due to students moving and changing placements
    - 2. Two runs are currently inactive due to distance learning students
    - 3. Two separate runs combined into one run that could accommodate all students in a larger vehicle
    - 4. Switched two runs to a new vendor for cost savings. Equipment status: The vans are in great shape. They are regularly maintained and serviced every year. Mr. Arum presented all the bids. EdAdvance was the lowest

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- bidder. If we choose EdAdvance, we will have a surplus in SPED transportation for next year.
- c. American Rescue Act Grant Update: Ms. Lubomski stated that the state provided two different funding amounts. Now the state allocation for the district is \$5.9 million. This grant has a lot of requirements. Ms. Lubomski reviewed the requirements and components of the re-opening plan and the application.
- d. Covid-19 Update: We have received all 4 payments, and this is our last report. We received \$1,296,343.00.
- e. Excess Cost Update: Mr. Arum stated that the city's additional revenue is \$12,542. We will formally request to receive this money.
- f. 2021-2022 Budget Update: They extended the City budget to June 15<sup>th</sup> so the board is just waiting for the final amount.
- 7. Topics for Future Meetings:
  - a. Monthly Financials
  - b. ARP Grant
  - c. Excess Cost Update
  - d. Final close out of this year's budget
- 8. Comments for the Good of the Order: (paraphrased) Mr. Eucalitto "Good and efficient meeting tonight."
- 9. Adjournment: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.