



## Torrington Public Schools

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### **Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 7:00 P.M. 355 Migeon Ave.**

#### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 7:08 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Fappiano, Mr. Corey, Mr. Lafreniere (Teacher Representative)  
Absent: Ms. DePretis  
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Todor, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Herold, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Boisvert
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Eucalitto. Ms. Fappiano and Mr. Eucalitto abstained. Everyone else in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
  - a. Year End 2020-2021: This information helps to build next year's budget. Ms. Fappiano asked without the board approving each budget transfer, how is the district able to spend that money? Ms. Boisvert explained that most adjustments are made within the same line items to reflect salary/staffing changes. Ms. Boisvert stated that doing budget transfers will put the board at a disadvantage for calculating a more accurate budget for the next year. Ms. Boisvert's goal is to keep the line items within the budgeted amount that reflected the need at the time of the creation of the budget. Additionally, Ms. Cappabianca stated that the budget 2020-2021 is not an accurate year of what our regular budget would look like due to Covid.
  - b. Monthly Financials: New truck purchase: We will be able to pay for the new truck purchase out of this budget.
  - c. Increased Enrollment: Ms. Lubomski shared the current enrollment numbers: K-3 = 1160, 4-5 = 639, TMS = 1044, and THS = 968 students. Ms. Lubomski said there is an increase in enrollment at Forbes, TMS, and THS. Ms. Cappabianca stated that she is concerned about the enrollment projection based on the two new complexes. She

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wants to pay to do an enrollment projection to make sure that we have enough space allocated for the new building project.

- d. LEAP Funding: Torrington is one of 15 districts in CT who were identified to receive approximately \$280,000. One aspect of this program is to train staff members to become home visitors to re-engage and refocus children and families as well as other initiatives to promote positive student-family and district learning opportunities. Building relationships is key.
  - e. Alliance Funding Update: The money in Alliance was increased by \$900,000. Ms. Lubomski gave an overview of where this money would be going. Ms. Cappabianca asked if you can add a stipend for extracurricular activities? She wants the events to be promoted on social media. Ms. Lubomski stated that we are working on a centralized calendar. The district does have social media reps at each school and at the district level.
- 7. Topics for Future Meetings
    - a. Monthly Financials
    - b. Enrollment
    - c. Alliance Funding Update
    - d. Year-End 2020-2021
  - 8. Comments for the Good of the Order: (Paraphrased)
    - Sue L. – “Many thanks to Lynn – great charts and explanations.”
    - Jason – “Great start to the year.”
  - 9. Adjournment: Mr. Corey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.