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Torrington Public Schools

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**Special Budget Meeting
2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing
(Secondary, Facilities, Technology, and
Districtwide)
Tuesday, March 16, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
Migeon Ave/Zoom**

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Corey (Remote), Ms. Fappiano (Remote), Mr. Lafreniere (Teacher Rep.)
Absent: Mr. Eucalitto
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. DePretis (Remote), Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Todor (Remote), Ms. Schulte, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Ferguson, Mr. Arum, Ms. Schulte, Mr. Barlow, Ms. Herold, Ms. Ledversis, Ms. Klimaszewski, Mr. Scott
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor.
4. Public Participation:
There was one sign up to speak, but they did not show up.
One e-mail from Eric Maher – (Paraphrased) He wrote an e-mail referencing last year's budget cut addressing the P.E. teacher position. He would like the board to reconsider reinstating a full P.E. teacher position. He talked about how Covid has affected the students' physical health. He believes reinstating a full P.E. teacher position would be beneficial.
5. Discussion on 2021-2022 Budget Regarding Secondary, Facilities, Technology, and Districtwide: Ms. Fappiano asked about the districtwide transportation – it was up 3% and she wanted to be confident in that number this year. Mr. Arum went over the transportation numbers and stated that they are correct. Ms. Fappiano asked what the money for the maintenance for THS is for. Mr. Arum stated that is for resurfacing the track that must be done every 7 years. Ms. Cappabianca addressed public comment regarding the P.E. teacher. Last year we talked about making time in the day for tech skills, and the students get recess where the students are getting their exercise as well. Is there room in the schedule to reinstate a P.E. gym teacher? Ms. Lubomski stated she does not believe there is a need. Ms. Lubomski answered Ms. Fappiano question 2% that is covered under the TEA contract. She also listed the other errors they corrected, and money was saved. The budget went from being at 2.1% down to 1.94%. The board discussed tech education. Ms. Richardson asked when we are talking about salaries, why is there such a big difference on what we budgeted for and the actual? Position control, there have been transfers and a lot of last-minute moving changes happened last year because of Covid. The board talked about free and reduced lunch. We had

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68% of our students who were able to get free lunch this year. Are all our schools not considered Title I schools? No, the governor has not changed our status because he states that it is still based on the property values around the schools. The board talked about adding an EL position. Ms. Schulte stated that there is a lot of ways to get the staff certified in different positions to fill shortage areas. Mr. Maniccia asked that any questions be e-mailed to him prior to the meeting. Next meeting is Monday, March 22 at 6:00 P.M.

6. Adjournment: Mr. Corey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.