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Torrington Public Schools

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Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 6:00 P.M. 355 Migeon Ave.

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Corey, Ms. DePretis, Ms. Mangan (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, Mr. Barlow
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Corey. 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: None
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
 - a. Summer Facility Update – Mr. Barlow reported: General maintenance is always on-going throughout the summer. The change to a new floor finish made the floors look phenomenal. The BMS system at Vogel is 100% complete and at Southwest it is 95% complete. Ms. Barlow is working on the Capital budget.
 - b. Possible Truck Purchase – The district has 3 vehicles, 2 with snowplows. One of the vehicles is deemed unsafe. Mr. Barlow would like the new truck to be by the districtwide custodian, because he uses the truck the most. The proposed truck amount is \$36,238.30. The board asked if the truck is going to be diesel or gasoline? Gasoline. What is the wait time for the truck because of the lack of inventory? This vehicle is in stock. The board discussed the maintenance on these vehicles and the price. There was a concern about interest paid. Some board members wanted the purchase to be from a local business. Ms. Boisvert said the wait time might be much longer.

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- c. TMS Foyer Project – Kaestle Boos will have a proposal for Mr. Barlow next week. He will have an RFQ request and will go out to bid.
 - d. Summer Tech Update – Ms. Herold’s team is collecting devices and updating them. They are working on an application for the ECF (grant funds) which would provide iPads for kindergarten and 1st grade. More families will receive Optimum hotspots.
 - e. Roof Projects – TMS & Vogel Wetmore – The district has \$500,000.00 left in Capital Reserve. Does the Board want to put this out to referendum in November to combine the roofs at an estimate of 2.5 million; 1.5 million for the TMS metal roof and 1.5 million-\$500,000 for the Vogel-Wetmore flat roof? If we wanted to do a referendum, we would need approval from the Board of Finance to use the \$500,000.00. The reimbursement we received from the previous roof was 73%. Vogel Wetmore’s flat roof does not have any leaks right now, but it does have deterioration. Mr. Barlow advised we should try to keep the 2022-2023 timeline. Regarding the TMS metal roof, we do have active leaks. The board discussed the logistics of going to referendum for TMS windows and TMS roof. Mr. Corey stated that he believes that the referendum will be poorly worded, and the public will not be pleased. They will be confused by the referendum question. Several board members believe that a joint meeting with the city would be beneficial before the board decides how to proceed.
7. Topics for Future Meetings:
- a. Foyer
 - b. School Cleaning
8. Comments for the Good of the Order (Paraphrased)
- Sue L – “Many thanks to John and Ally and their teams. Welcome, Lynn!”
- Lynn – “Hi everyone!”
- Fiona – “Welcome Lynn.”
9. Adjournment: Armand made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Corey. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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