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Torrington Public Schools

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Board of Education Special Meeting Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 5:00 P.M. Migeon Ave/Zoom

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 5:02 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Corey, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Fappiano, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Todor, Ms. DePretis (remote)
Also Present: Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Arum, Ms. Herold, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Klimaszewski
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.
4. Discussion on 2021/2022 Budget: Mr. Arum summarized his meeting with the Mayor. He reviewed the proposal he presented to her. Only the turf field replacement is included in our capital budget. Mr. Arum presented the budget to satisfy the city's request of a 0.0012304% budget increase to the budget or \$76,932,898.00. The Chair stated that we do not need permission to spend our surplus. "We have given it back to the City each year in good faith, but we are not required to do that." The board reviewed e-mails sent from the Mayor regarding the 0% budget increase. The BOE surplus from this year will pay for a portion of projected expenditures that were cut from the budget to reach the budget allocation set by the BOF. Additionally, the board was not in favor of putting the TMS roof up for referendum, since the State (OPM) said the City can include the TMS roof in their American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA). The mill rate would not change if this occurred. The board can request a special meeting with the City to discuss the allocation of funds and work collaboratively together. The board has a right to request that the 2% of the ECS money come directly to the BOE. The board is voting tonight on the budget. The board will propose a joint meeting with BOE and BOF for next Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. and then the BOE will schedule a subsequent meeting.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
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2				PROPOSAL 6/16/2021							
3				(A) Torrington School System Budget:							
4					2020-2021		2021-2022				
5					operating budget	76,532,898	77,502,179				
6					reductions:						
7					track resurface		-174,000	to be paid from 20-21 surplus			
8					EL Para's		-132,000	possibly paid from the City's			
9								American Rescue Plan Act			
10					Insurance		-127,000				
11					SPED Transportation Bids		-136,281				
12											
13					capital budget	304,695	0				
14											
15					total	76,837,593	76,932,898				
16							95,305	increase			
17							0.0012403	%			
18											
19					(B) Capital Budget Items: to be paid from 2020-2021 surplus and transferred into the Capital Reserve Account						
20					Turf Field Replacement		100,000				
21					Middle School locked foyer		136,000				
22					Torrington replacement of 1,500 feet						
23					of curbing		260,000				
24					Southwest flooring		48,000				
25					Total		544,000				
26											
27					(C) Capital & Technology Items: possibly paid from the City's American Rescue Plan Act						
28											
29					Computers-grades 7-12, quantity 1,750		1,981,000				
30					(D) Referendum Projects						
31											
32					Middle School Roof		1,500,000				
33					Vogel-Wetmore Roof		1,344,000				

5. Action on 2021/2022 Budget: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 budget allocation as of June 16th, second by Mr. Eucalitto. All in favor.
6. Comments for the Good of the Order:
Gary - "Making progress."
7. Adjournment: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.