



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 5:30 P.M.
355 Migeon Ave – Remote Meeting**

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 5:31 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Todor, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Kissko, Mr. Corey, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Fappiano, Ms. DePretis, Mr. Eucalitto (remote)
Also Present: Mr. Barlow, Mr. Arum, Ms. Herold, Ms. Klimaszewski
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Kissko made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
4. School/Community Service/Public Participation: None
5. Information Sharing Session/Action Items:
 - A. Swearing in Appointed Board Member: The Republican Party has brought forth Susan DePretis to fill the vacant spot on the Board of Education. Ms. Cappabianca read a short bio on Ms. DePretis. Ms. Hoehne administered the Torrington Board of Education oath. Mr. Maniccia made a motion to formally accept Susan DePretis as a Torrington Board of Education Member, Mr. Kissko second. All in favor.
 - B. Middle School Projects: Mr. Arum presented the proposal for the Alliance District School Building Grant Program \$477,647. This money must be spent by August 2021. Mr. Arum went over all financial totals. The district will not put out any money. Once we receive the grant, we will pay the expenses. Ms. Fappiano asked why are we not targeting the money towards the items we cut previously from the Capital Budget? Mr. Arum stated that this is the best plan to get everything done in a timely manner. Ms. Fappiano stated that we prioritize the Capital Plan last year. Mr. Barlow explained his thought process on this project and stated that this would be a \$52,000 energy savings every year to the General Budget.
 1. Ceiling Replacements:
 - a. Hallways – all 3 Floors - \$165,512
Ms. Richardson made a motion to approve to use Alliance District Construction Grant funding for the ceiling replacements, second by Mr. Corey. Ms. Fappiano opposed. Everyone else in favor. Motion passed.
 2. Energy Upgrade: \$143,708
 - a. Retrofit Lighting: Eversource will fund \$262,227.
Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the use of Alliance District Construction Grant funding for retrofit lighting, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
 - b. Energy Management System: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the use of Alliance District Construction Grant funding for energy management system, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.

These minutes were approved by Torrington Board of Education on October 28, 2020.

- c. Water Management: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the use of Alliance District Construction Grant funding for water management, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
 - d. Vending Machine: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the use of Alliance District Construction Grant funding for the vending machine, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
 - e. Kitchen Hoods: Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the use of Alliance District Construction Grant funding for kitchen hoods, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
- 3. Secure Main Entry Vestibule: \$168,427 – Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the use of Alliance District Construction Grant funding to secure main entry vestibule at TMS, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
- 6. Comments for the Good of the Order: (The following comments are paraphrased)
All of the board members unanimously welcomed Susan on the board.
Susan – “I am happy to be here.”
John – “Thank you for being progressive with energy and for being fiscally responsible”
- 7. Adjournment: Mr. Kissko made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Corey.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.