



**TORRINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET CUTS
Thursday, June 18, 2015
Torrington High School
50 Major Besse Drive**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Fiona Cappabianca, Jeremy Hinman (7:42 p.m.), Ellen Hoehne, John Kissko, Bill Knight, Jim Lamoin, Andrew Nargi, Jessica Richardson, Daniel Thibault

Administration: Evette Aird, David Bascetta, Joseph Campolieta, Cheryl F. Kloczko, Susan Lubomski, Hugh Potter

Absent: Mayor Carbone, Kenneth P. Traub

DISCUSSION: BUDGET CUTS

Ms. Cappabianca called the meeting to order and pointed out that the Board of Education initially proposed to the City of Torrington a budget of \$71,513,830, that straw polls were held previously (BOE Special Meeting of May 18, 2015) to determine reductions but those reductions were not officially voted on, and that the purpose of this evening’s meeting was for the Board to agree to cuts in the amount of \$951,363.

Administration provided a list of potential cuts and additions, and each was voted on. Results of votes as follows. N = vote against motion. x = member not present for vote.

Reduction/Addition Description	Dollar amount	Motion/Second	Board Members										Vote Y/N
			A N	B K	J R	J L	E H	F C	J H	D T	J K		
1. Reorganization of nurse coordinator	-20,000	BK/DT							x				8/0
2. Four cafeteria workers	-31,275	DT/BK			N				x				7/1
3. Network support	-7,500	DT/JL							x				8/0
4. Winter bus – add \$27,000	27,000	BK/DT	N						x		N		6/2
5. Drama productions THS	-5,200	AN/--	Motion was not seconded.										--
6. Summer curriculum stipends	-10,000	DT/BK							x				8/0
7. Maintenance materials and supplies	-50,000	DT/JK		N					x				7/1
8. Music repair	-7,000	DT/EH							x				8/0
9. 504 tutors	-10,000	BK/DT							x				8/0
10. Student transportation – 504	-30,300	DT/JK							x				8/0
11. Late bus runs reduction	-62,251	BK/DT					N	N	x				6/2
12. Non-instructional supplies districtwide	-25,000	DT/EH			N				x				7/1
13. Elementary instructional supplies	-25,000	BK/DT			N		N	N	x				5/3
14. Secondary instructional supplies	-10,000	DT/JL			N		N	N	x				5/3
15. THS FRP Secretary	-38,466	DT/JL			N		N	N	x				5/3
16. Warner Theater program	-55,592	DT/JR							x				8/0
17. Options program – add \$43,229	43,229	JK/BK	Motion was tabled until later in mtg.										--

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			A N	B K	J R	J L	E H	F C	J H	D T	J K	
18. TMS interscholastic athletics	-73,857	AN/--	Motion was not seconded.									--
19. Sub-varsity THS sports	-42,000	JK/DT			N					x		7/1
20. Grades 4-12 Latin language program – add \$40,534	40,534	JK/DT	N	N	N							6/3
21. THS social studies teacher	-49,490	BK/JH			N				N			7/2
22. THS math teacher	-43,337	JH/DT	N		N		N	N		N		4/5
23. THS English teacher	-33,167	JH/DT			N							8/1
24. TAG teacher	-81,067	JH/DT		N	N	N	N		N	N	N	2/7
25. On outsourced IT technician	-40,000	JH/AN		N	N	N	N		N	N	N	2/7
26. Outsource groundskeeping with no backfill of two custodians	-50,000	JH/DT	N	N	N					N		5/4
27. No purchase of chemistry text books	-29,900	JH/JR						N				8/1
28. Printing and binding	-2,000	JH/DT										9/0
29. Migeon Academy	-48,000	JH/DT										9/0

Mr. Thibault moved at 9:00 p.m. to extend the meeting one (1) hour. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. The motion carried Y-8, N-1 (Kissko).

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			A N	B K	J R	J L	E H	F C	J H	D T	J K	
30. Cafeterial reconfiguration (3 lunch monitors to replace 2 paras at each elementary school)	-108,508	JH/EH		N	N			N			N	5/4
31. Two .4 FTE RTI interventionists – THS English	-44,000	DT/JH		N			N	N		N		5/4
32. Two .4 FTE RTI interventionists – THS math	-44,000	DT/JH		N			N	N		N		5/4
33. Add secondary level principal	135,000	AN/FC	N		N	N	N		N	N	N	2/7
34. Options program – add \$43,229 (tabled earlier, see 17 above)	43,229	JK/BK	N									8/1

Additional reductions were proposed by Board members and votes were taken with results as follows.

Reduction/Addition Description	Dollar amount	Motion/Second	Board Members									Y/N
			A N	B K	J R	J L	E H	F C	J H	D T	J K	
35. Reduction in Torrington School force	-45,000	JR/BK										9/0
36. Reduction in force: THS English teacher resigned	-16,000	JR/JH										9/0
37. Recifying staff non-renewal	-46,000	JR/BK										9/0

Mr. Nargi moved at 10:00 p.m. to extend the meeting 30 minutes. Ms. Hoehne seconded the motion. The motion carried Y-5, N-4 (Hinman, Kissko, Knight, Thibault).

Reduction/Addition Description	Dollar amount	Motion/Second	Board Members									Y/N
			A N	B K	J R	J L	E H	F C	J H	D T	J K	
38. Remove \$42,000 from the Vogel-Wetmore budget in accordance with the position that has already been removed	-42,000	JR/BK										9/0
39. Remove \$50,000 from secondary education administration at the discretion of the superintendent	-50,000	JK/DT			N	N	N		N	N		4/5
40. IT line item reduction	-79,577	FC/JH								N		8/1

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

Ms. Cappabianca thanked the Board for all their efforts during the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knight moved to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Ms. Hoehne seconded the motion. All in favor.