



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 30, 2016
THS Little Theater- 50 Major Besse Drive**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Fiona Cappabianca, Chair; Joanne Brogis; Ellen Hoehne; Bill Knight; Jim Lamoin; Jessica Richardson; Daniel Thibault; Kenneth P. Traub; Peter Vergaro

Administration: Joseph L. Campolieta, Director of Human Services; Jerry Domanico, Director of Business Services; Susan M. Lubomski, Assistant Superintendent; Lynda T. Reitman, Interim Superintendent

Absent: Mayor Carbone

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SESSION

The Chair outlined the purpose and rules of the School/Community Session.

There were two (2) speakers. Mr. Lafreniere spoke on line items being overfunded from what is actually spent. He provided a printout of the responsibilities the administrators at TMS are responsible for. Mr. Shapiro rapped a song about stopping the cuts and taking care of the children.

Ms. Cappabiana addressed Mr. Lafreniere's comments in regards to the overfunding. Stated it shows it that way due to the freeze in the budget.

REVIEW E-RATE CONTRACTS

Mr. Traub stated the Budget Committee met to move (3) contracts to the full Board; AT&T, Frontier and Carousel.

Mr. Traub made a motion to execute AT&T, Carousel and Frontier contracts. Dr. Brogis seconded the motion. All in favor.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2016/2017 BUDGET

Mr. Traub stated during a meeting with the City earlier, it shed some unfortunate light on the budget. Insurance line item is not funded at 110%.

Mr. Traub pointed out that none of these reductions are a recommendation of the Administration.

Mr. Traub would like to go down the cut list and have the Board weigh in whether they stay or don't stay.

Ms. Richardson questioned whether they got a baseline on everything, meaning if they just did the things they were mandated to do.

Ms. Reitman stated what's included is anything they are mandated to do and by contract. There was nothing specifically created to show this is what we have to do. They looked at what they need to do to maintain current enrollment. The only increase program was Life Skills. She stated that what the Board has is pretty much what we need to be doing. Ms. Reitman will provide the Board with a list tomorrow that shows baseline items on everything.

Account Name	Explanation of Reduction	Amount
Window Cleaning	All schools All in favor	\$5,100
Carpentry Services	All schools All in favor	\$4,575
Elevator Maint-Migeon	Contract reduction All in favor	\$315
Other Prof Services	Duplication of original budget number All in favor	\$8,000
Program Supplies	Eliminate Camp Invention	\$12,500
Certified Program Stipend	Eliminate Camp Invention	\$6,000
Non Cert Program Stipend	Eliminate Camp Invention	\$1,500
Student Stipends	Eliminate Camp Invention Ms. Richardson questioned if the Board could look at cutting a portion of the program only. Ms. Lubomski stated they are still waiting to see about a Grant. The vote passed with three (3) opposed, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Knight and Mr. Lamoin.	\$1,500
Instructional supplies	Eliminate Invention Convention All in favor	\$12,500
Student Transportation	Eliminate winter bus The vote passed with three (3) opposed, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Knight and Mr. Lamoin	\$39,000
Student Transportation	Consolidate extended day calendar All in favor	\$36,199
Instructional supplies	Eliminated Foundations, Phonics Program, grade 2 All in favor	\$11,471

Cleaning Supplies	Gas Reduction All in favor	\$1,200
Instruct Supplies-THS	Grammar Books-THS All in favor	\$13,981
Instruct Supplies-SW	Instruct Supplies-SW The vote passed with one opposed, Ms. Hoehne.	\$2,000
Instructional supplies	Instruct Supplies-THS All in favor	\$2,000
Instruct Supplies-TMS	Instruct Supplies-TMS All in favor	\$5,000
Instructional Supplies	Instructional materials – THS All in favor	\$2,320
Instructional supplies	Math Supplies Not a transfer anymore, now a cut. The vote passed with two opposed, Ms. Richardson and Mr. Lamoin.	\$102,577
Instructional Equipment	Music Equip-Recorders All in favor	\$254
Instructional supplies	NextGen Sci materials All in favor	\$27,300
Instructional Equipment	No new music equipment for 2016-17 -TMS All in favor	\$1,000
Instructional Equipment	No new PE equipment for 2016-17 – TMS All in favor	\$1,000
Non-instruct-DW	Office supplies All in favor	\$5,000
Instructional Equipment	PE equip-THS All in favor	\$3,220
Time Clock-Migeon	Present equipment is in good working order All in favor	\$200
Natural Gas	Price reductions All in favor	\$60,640
Teacher Lunch Coverage	Reallocate other staff for coverage All in favor	\$36,924
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Library Books	Reduce new books by half requested amount The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Knight.	\$5,000
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Sub-Teachers	Reduce OOD professional development The vote passed with three (3) opposed, Mr. Knight, Mr. Lamoin and Mr. Thibault.	\$10,000

Stipend Curriculum	reduced hours to 20 hours from 30 and eliminated SS The vote did not pass with five (5) opposed, Mr. Knight, Dr. Brogis, Mr. Lamoin, Mr. Vergaro and the Chair.	\$22,080
Glass Replacement	Reduction due to less breakage All in favor	\$4,135
Teachers	Retiring tech ed not included in budget The vote did not pass with five (5) opposed, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Knight, Dr. Brogis, Mr. Thibault and Ms. Hoehne.	\$66,666
Cleaning Supplies	Sand All in favor	\$575
Licensing & Warranty	School Dude All in favor	\$10,000
Sewer	Sewer Tax All in favor	\$573
Teachers	Tech Ed-THS The vote passed with three (3) opposed, Mr. Vergaro, Dr. Brogis and Mr. Traub.	\$66,666
Technical Services	Technician Ms. Richardson shared her concern over outsourcing all our techs. Mr. Traub stated if we don't outsource, we might not save money in the long run due to unemployment, worker's compensation, etc. Ms. Reitman stated we must commit to a full year contract. The reduction of one of our outsourced technicians; the vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Thibault.	\$72,000
Non-certified Salaries	In-house technician The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Traub.	\$55,000
Non-Instr Equip	TMS Sports Equip All in favor	\$2,000
Lock Replacment	Upgrades done in prior year All in favor	\$5,250
Boiler Cleaning	Using less oil in schools All in favor	\$2,950
Utility Water	Water Usage-THS All in favor	\$1,100
Turf Irrigation	Will not run the systems this year All in favor	\$6,970
Postage	All in favor	\$4,000
Printing	All in favor	\$2,002
Instruct Supplies-Forbes	The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Ms. Hoehne.	\$2,000

Instruct Supplies-VW	The vote passed with two (2) opposed, Ms. Hoehne and Mr. Traub.	\$2,000
Instruct Supplies-TF	Instruct Supplies-TF The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Ms. Hoehne.	\$2,000
Utility Water	All in favor	\$530
Advertising-Recruitment	Reduction in advertising expense \$2500 reduction- one opposed, Mr. Thibault \$5000 reduction- three opposed, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Traub and Mr. Vergaro	\$5,000
Administrators Salaries	Dir of IT The vote did not pass, all opposed. Ms. Richardson abstained.	\$85,000
Paraprofessionals	Eliminate ISS	\$18,219
Unemployment	Eliminate ISS (TMS) All in favor	\$4,555
Clerical	Eliminate 1.0 FTE 12 month secretary (THS)	\$45,415
Unemployment	Eliminate 1.0 FTE 12 month secretary (THS) All opposed	\$11,354
Administrators Salaries	Eliminate 1.0 FTE Assistant principal-THS	\$124,255
Unemployment	Eliminate 1.0 FTE Assistant principal-THS The vote did not pass with seven (7) opposed, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Knight, Mr. Lamoin, Dr. Brogis, Mr. Traub and Mr. Thibault.	\$31,064
Teacher-Grade 5	Eliminate 1.0 FTE in Grade 5 (TF)	\$48,292
Unemployment	Eliminate 1.0 FTE in Grade 5 (TF) All in favor	\$12,073
	TOTAL SECTION 1	\$775,669

Rd & Parking Lot Repair	All schools The vote did not pass with seven (7) opposed, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Vergaro, Mr. Lamoin, Dr. Brogis, Mr. Thibault and Mr. Traub	\$11,350
Tree Maint	All schools The vote passed with one (1) opposed, Mr. Knight	\$5,150
Other Prof Services	EMT Instructor-THS The vote did not pass, all opposed	\$9,500
Security	Reduction in new equipment All in favor	\$49,600
Student Transportation	TMS Sports Transp Mr. Vergaro made a motion to move the discussion until Monday (4/4/16). Mr. Knight seconded the motion. All in favor	\$20,800
Roof MaintTHS	Warranty issues are absorbing cost All in favor	\$4,700
Gym Resurfacing	Reduce frequency to every other year The vote did not pass, all opposed	\$16,071

Administrators Salaries	Assistant Principal-VW Eliminate .4 assistant principal	\$44,537
Unemployment	The vote did not pass, all opposed	\$11,134
Nurses	Eliminate 1.0 FTE (TF)	\$42,508
Unemployment	Eliminate 1.0 FTE Nurse (TF) The vote did not pass, all opposed	\$10,627
Assistant Principal-TF	Eliminate .6 FTE	\$66,806
Unemployment	Eliminate .6 FTE; AP (TF)	\$16,702
Guidance Counselor	Eliminate 1.0 FTE (THS)	\$57,017
Unemployment	Eliminate school counselor (THS)	\$14,254
Unemployment	Eliminate 1.0 FTE in FACS (THS)	\$20,672
Teachers	Eliminate 1.0 FTE in FACS (THS) All in favor	\$82,688
Teachers	Eliminate 1.0 FTE in SPED (THS)	\$48,694
Unemployment	Eliminate 1.0 FTE in SPED (THS) The vote did not pass, all opposed	\$12,174
Clerical	Reduction due to admin reorganization All opposed. Unemployment needs to be added at 25%.	\$41,360
	TOTAL SECTION 2	\$415,218

Mr. Thibault made a motion to extend the meeting by thirty (30) minutes. Mr. Vergaro seconded the motion, all opposed. Mr. Traub made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. The motion passed with two opposed, Mr. Thibault and Mr. Vergaro.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.