



**TORRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, April 6, 2016  
355 Migeon Avenue**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:07 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 no speakers.

**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET**

A motion was made to eliminate \$20,800 from TMS sports transportation and coaches evenly. All in favor.

Ms. Richardson moved to adopt Option A as proposed by Mr. Domanico. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. The motion passed with two (2) opposed, Mr. Vergaro and Mr. Thibault. The Chair abstained.

Mr. Traub moved to move the transition program back in-house for a savings on \$40,000. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Chair moved to keep the current THS administrative program. Ms. Hoehne seconded the motion. The motion passed with three (3) opposed, Dr. Brogis, Mr. Thibault and Mr. Vergaro. Ms. Richardson and the Chair abstained.

A motion to keep the proposal of a principal and three (3) assistant principals at TMS was made and withdrawn.

Mr. Vergaro made a motion to eliminate the indoor track program at THS. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with six (6) opposed, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Lamoin, Mr. Traub, Dr. Brogis and Mr. Thibault. The Chair abstained.

Dr. Brogis moved to combine the boys and girls swim teams eliminating \$34,643. Mr. Vergaro seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with six (6) opposed, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Lamoin, Mr. Traub, Mr. Knight and Mr. Thibault. The Chair abstained.

Mr. Traub moved to eliminate the proposed second security para at THS. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with five (5) opposed, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Richardson, Dr. Brogis, Mr. Thibault and Mr. Vergaro. The Chair abstained.

The Chair moved that the district pick up half the cost of the THS Security Resource Office provided by the Torrington Police Department at a cost of \$26,000. Dr. Brogis seconded the motion. The motion passed with four (4) opposed, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Traub, Mr. Thibault and Mr. Vergaro.

Mr. Traub moved to reduce the THS administration budget (line item 5105.60) by \$26,000 to offset the cost of the Security Resource Officer. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ms. Hoehne moved to eliminate the TAG teacher at a savings of \$82,000. Mr. Traub seconded the motion. Ms. Hoehne amended the motion to include eliminating the TAG program. Mr. Traub seconded the amended motion. The motion did not pass with six (6) opposed, Ms. Richardson, Dr. Brogis, Mr. Lamoin, Mr. Traub, Mr. Knight and Mr. Thibault.

Mr. Traub moved to extend the meeting 15 minutes past 9:00 p.m. Ms. Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed with four (4) opposed, Mr. Traub, Mr. Knight, Mr. Thibault and Mr. Vergaro.

Mr. Lamoin moved to eliminate from each school at the discretion of each school either a psychologist or a social worker for a savings of \$375,000. Dr. Brogis seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with eight (8) opposed, Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Richardson, Dr. Brogis, Mr. Traub, Mr. Knight, Mr. Thibault and Mr. Vergaro.

Dr. Brogis moved to eliminate \$375,000 worth of staff across the seven schools. Mr. Lamoin seconded the motion. The motion passed with four (4) opposed, Mr. Traub, Mr. Knight, Mr. Thibault and Mr. Vergaro.

Mr. Traub moved to reduce \$225,000 from each of the seven schools. Mr. Vergaro seconded the motion. No vote was taken, Mr. Traub withdrew the motion.

Mr. Traub moved to adjourn. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with five (5) opposed, Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Richardson, Dr. Brogis, Mr. Lamoin.

## **COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:15 p.m., Mr. Traub moved to adjourn. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. All in favor.