



Torrington Board of Education

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Special Meeting of the Budget Committee Monday, March 28, 2016 THS Little Theater

MINUTES

Members Present: Kenneth P. Traub, Committee Chair; Joanne Brogis; Peter Vergaro; Daniel Thibault (alternate)

Members Absent: None

Also Attending: Board of Education: Fiona Cappabianca, Ellen Hoehne, Bill Knight, Jim Lamoin, Jessica Richardson

Administration: David Bascetta, Director of Facilities; Joe Campolieta, Director of Human Resources; Jerry Domanico, Director of Business Services; Susan M. Lubomski, Assistant Superintendent; Lynda T. Reitman, Interim Superintendent

1. Mr. Traub called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. Public participation regarding 2016-2017 Proposed Budget for Torrington Public Schools on the following sections of the budget: Secondary, Special Education, Capital

There were eleven (11) speakers.

4. Review of Proposed Budget 2016-2017

Ad hoc committee- review exclusively Special Education

Para training is a bill in legislature- at a cost

Have outside firm come and do study- ad hoc committee to do some 3rd week of April

Psychologists still in budget

Literacy & Numeracy at current levels, special education still a reduction- do rely on paras and have some talented ones, not trained as well as teachers.

Look at all scenarios for outplacing- keep as many as possible in district

Would cost to close Migeon- would have to buy UCONN Torrington- 3rd party portal system is slow

Stop mailing report cards at high school level- sent home at TMS

Budget for existing students- can't budget for students we don't know about

City didn't apply for proper grants- are we applying for these grants

Students not getting teachers needed-not meeting IEPs- half the teachers are never there

Lack of accountability on administration due to high turnover

Many groups offer funding for autism

District bill the insurance for services- through Medicaid. Waitlisted for outside help- also went to separate summer program.

5. Motion to adjourn the first portion of the meeting was made by Dr. Brogis and seconded by Mr Vergaro. All in favor.
6. Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.