

**TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT**

Regular Meeting – January 3, 2007
Long Hill Administration Building
Lorraine R. Smith Assembly Room

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**
 - A. Salute to the Flag
 - B. Correspondence
 - C. Comments and Questions

- II. PERSONNEL**
 - A. Personnel – Mr. Iassogna

- III. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval/Minutes- Budget Session – 12/07/06

- IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Projects Status Report – Mr. Iassogna
 - B. 2007-08 Budget Approval – Mr. Iassogna

- VI. OTHER**

NOTE: *If needed, the Board may choose to hold an Executive Session upon a two-thirds vote of members present and voting.

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Trumbull, Connecticut

Report to the Board of Education
Regular Meeting, January 3, 2007

Mr. Iassogna

Agenda Item II-A

Personnel

a. Appointments –Certified

Cotter, Mrs. Alison; BA-2 grade four teacher at Booth Hill School, effective January 22, 2007.

Musto, Mrs. Kathy; Sixth Year-7 (.6 LTR) speech and language pathologist at Madison Middle School, effective January 3, 2007.

Rosa, Mrs. Anne; MA-4 ELL teacher at the elementary level, effective January 2, 2007.

Shriver, Mrs. Claudia; BA-2 pre-school teacher at TECEC, effective January 2, 2007.

Recommendation:

Receive and file

b. Appointments –Non-Certified

Hernandez, Miss Priscilla; Bookkeeping Assistant, Wage Grade III in the Business Office, effective January 2, 2007.

Recommendation:

Receive and file

c. Resignations –Certified

Welch, Mrs. Kathie; speech pathologist at Frenchtown Elementary School since August 28, is resigning her .5 contractual position effective January 12, 2007.

Lydeka, Mrs. Jessica; grade four teacher at Booth Hill School since August 2002, resigning effective January 19, 2007.

Recommendation:

Accept

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Agenda Item – III-A

Approval/Minutes

Budget Session – 12/07/06

Administrative Recommendation:

Approve the minutes of the above
noted meeting.

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BUDGET MEETING – DECEMBER 7, 2006

Long Hill Administration Building
Lorraine R. Smith Assembly Room

The Trumbull Board of Education convened in the Long Hill Administration Building for a Budget Meeting.

Members present:

S. Wright, Chairman
D. Herbst, Vice Chairwoman
J. Tyborowski, Secretary
D. Cassidy, Board Member
M. Ward, Board Member
L. King, Board Member
L. Labella, Board Member

Agenda Item I – Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m., followed by a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – There was no correspondence this evening.
- C. Comments and Questions – There were no comments or questions this evening.

Agenda Item II – Personnel

- A. There were no Personnel items.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes - Budget Session-12/5/06 – By unanimous consent of the members present at the December 5, 2006 Budget Session, these minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item IV – New Business

There was no New Business this evening.

Agenda Item V – Old Business

- A. 2005-06 Strategic School Profiles – Dr. Cialfi gave a general overview of the 2005-06 Strategic School Profiles. A discussion ensued regarding the instructional time difference between the elementary and high schools, interactive distance learning, and the physical fitness scores. It was noted that a report regarding the physical fitness test and the types of tests involved will be forthcoming.
- B. Policies – First Reading – 1) Standard of Conduct, Policy Code: JFC – Mrs. Fisher and Dr. Vespe presented this policy. The major change to this policy is that previously there were three separate discipline charts: one for the high school, one for the middle schools and one for the elementary schools. These have been combined to form one, consistent discipline chart applicable to all grade levels. A discussion

ensued, including clarification of student testimony (either written or oral), and parental notification at the onset of incident. It was recommended that on page 3 of 16, for consistency, parent notification also be listed under Suspension; on page 7 of 16, under *V – Appeals Procedure*, the paragraph - is too open-ended, there is no definition of “any student or parent/guardian, and the Board does not wish to be third level to hear an appeal; on page 8 of 16, letter J – the addition of the words “or impartial hearing officer,” should follow the wording “an impartial hearing board,” and on page 11 of 16 under Sale/Distribution of Drugs/Weapons Possession, also add “or impartial hearing officer” following the wording “an impartial hearing board”; on page 13 of 16, under *Truancy from School*, there should be a reference that following a certain number of **either** unexcused or excused absences, a referral will be made to DCF, as required by law; and on page 15 of 16, under *Cheating/Lying/Plagiarism*, plagiarism should be removed as the Board has not yet adopted a plagiarism policy. A discussion ensued and Mrs. Tyborowski wished to publicly thank PAC for their many hours of work on this difficult policy. This policy will return to PAC for further discussion. 2) Bullying, Policy Code: JFCC – PAC and the administration revised this policy to reflect new State mandates, minor changes suggested through CUBE, and several definitions given by Mr. Ward from CES’ policy. A discussion ensued regarding the definition of bullying. This policy will return to the Board for a Second Reading/Approval.

- C. Continuation of Budget Review and Discussion – Discussion ensued regarding the 2007-08 budget. Middle school principals presented their budget, which included 2.0 teachers and a .5 Social Worker at Hillcrest Middle School to accommodate enrollment and a 1.0 Crisis Intervention Specialist to be shared between both Hillcrest and Madison. Other items that were discussed were intramural monies, social studies and science instructional chairman, and repair of the planetarium at Hillcrest. The high school staff also presented their budget requests, including a 1.0 custodian, 1.0 reading teacher, 1.0 Crisis Intervention Specialist, and .6 House Disciplinary Assistant. A discussion also ensued regarding health/physical education credit requirements, the loss of high achieving students to private schools, and early college credits, and NEASC requirements for accreditation.

The Board adjourned for a brief recess at 9:15 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 9:30 p.m.

Following the recess, the Curriculum Department, Pupil Services Department, Technology Department, Plant Department, Transportation Department and Information Services briefly reviewed their budget requests and a discussion ensued.

Agenda Item V - Other

It was noted by the Superintendent that the budget would be forwarded to the First Selectman following the Board’s January 3, 2007 meeting; and in lieu of the December 14 Board of Education meeting, he will be holding budget work sessions with Board members during that week.

Adjournment

The Board gave unanimous approval to adjourn this Public Session at 11:17 p.m.

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Agenda Item – V-A

Projects Status Report

The Superintendent will provide a brief status report on three outstanding projects:

- THS 13-3-Commons
- District Electrical Power Improvements
- Safety/Security RFQ

Administrative Recommendation:

Discuss.

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Agenda Item – V-B

2007-08 Budget Approval

As you are aware, the Board, staff and administration have been formally working on the 2007-08 budget since the beginning of December.

At that time, the Superintendent recommended a budget request totaling 5.63% over last year's allocation. Considering the attached 2007-08 Budget Adjustments, the Board will make any modifications they deem appropriate and adopt a total request that will be forwarded to the First Selectman on January 5, 2007.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approve the Superintendent's 2007-08 recommended total budget request of \$78,655,291, an increase of 5.63% over the 2006-07 allocation from the Town.

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2007-08

Budget adjustments

As a result of input received during recent Budget meetings and Board Work Sessions, as well as those items corrected from the budget format conversion process, please note the following adjustments presented for Board discussion at the January 3, 2007 meeting:

ADDITIONS

▪ Curriculum Department, Science Textbook Addition	\$ 18,000
▪ Personnel Department	10,450
▪ Advisors/Coaches, primarily middle school intramurals	25,027
▪ KIDS for KIDS, THS after school program	4,852
▪ .4 THS Discipline Specialist (including benefits)	28,800
▪ K-5 Pay-to-Play Support (maintain fee @ current rate)	33,000
▪ THS Transportation monies for Academic Teams	2,500
▪ Tashua Library Supplies	1,000
▪ Daniels Farm Periodicals	<u>1,000</u>
Subtotal	+\$124,629

SAVINGS

▪ 1 THS Bus	\$ 48,000
▪ THS Coaches/Advisors	13,500
▪ Duplication of .2 ELL paraprofessional	3,600
▪ Duplication of current .5 secretarial position	<u>19,161</u>
Subtotal	-\$ 84,261

NET INCREASE \$124,629
 84,261

\$ 40,368 = .05%

2007-08	
<u>ADJUSTED BUDGET REQUEST</u>	
5.63%	Original Superintendent Recommendation
<u>.05%</u>	Potential Modification
5.68%	Adjusted Request to Town