

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

BUDGET MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2008

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
M. Ward, Vice Chairman
J. Tyborowski, Secretary
L. Chory, Board Member
D. Herbst, Board Member
L. King, Board Member
L. Labella, Board Member

Members absent:

Agenda Item I – Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m., followed by a Salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – There was no correspondence this evening.
- C. Comments and Questions – In response to a query from Anthony D’Aquila, 29 Valley View Road, regarding the status combining the Town and Board of Education custodial and maintenance staff efforts, Mr. Iassogna noted that Attorney Dugas is still working with the unions to bring such to fruition.

Mr. Wright announced that the Trumbull High School Golden Eagles Marching Band has been chosen to represent Connecticut in the Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington D.C. on January 20.

A revised Agenda was distributed.

Agenda Item II – Personnel

- A. Personnel – There have been no changes in Personnel since the last meeting.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes-Budget Session 12/2/08– Minutes from the December 2 Budget meeting were unanimously approved by those present and voting at that meeting.
- B. Approval/Finance Committee of the Board of Education Transfers – Transfers for October and November were reviewed and it was noted that eleven transfers needed full Board approval. It was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Herbst) to approve Transfers 464x, 470x, 473x, 474x, 475x, 476x, 480x, and 483x for the month of October. Vote: unanimous in favor. Although three transfers (487x, 488x, 491x) required Board approval for the month of November, the Committee agreed not to bring forward transfer 487x (to cover road paving at Hillcrest ball fields, sewer project at Madison and security cameras) as the Board of Finance and Town Council

had previously approved a special appropriation that was no longer available due to the length of the bidding process; however, the Board of Education would be returning to the town boards to ask for re-approval of the funds. Following discussion, it was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Chory) to approve Transfers 488x and 491x for the month of November. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item IV - Reports

- A. Progress Report/Trumbull Citizens Audit – Mr. Armand Fusco, a retired superintendent for districts in Connecticut and Massachusetts, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding his reasoning for a proposed audit of the Trumbull Public Schools by citizens of Trumbull. A discussion ensued.

It was moved (Ward) seconded (Tyborowski) to take Agenda Item VI-A, THS Renovation Update. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item VI – Old Business

- A. THS Renovation Update – Mr. Iassogna noted that an internal ADHOC committee had been focusing in on the new high school auditorium, administrative wing and pool. Al Barbarotta and architect Greg Smolley briefly overviewed the project, noting that ideally, construction of the auditorium would begin during the summer (and that summer school may have to be relocated during that period). Mr. Smolley distributed conceptual charts of the auditorium, which would house approximately 1100 students. Board members noted their disapproval of a potential design for an administrator wing and requested a timeline for the renovation as well as a flowchart from the architect as to the responsibilities of the renovation committee, the Town Council and the Board of Education. Architect George Wiles also noted that possible configurations for a stand-alone pool were being gathered.

By unanimous consent the Board adjourned for a brief recess at 9:35 p.m.; the meeting resumed at 9:45 p.m.

Item V – New Business

- A. 403(b) Plan Adoption – As mandated by the IRS, each employer who offers a 403(b) must have a written plan detailing the various provisions under which the plan operates. Trumbull has chosen The Omni Group as their Third Party Administrator and they have supplied the district with the necessary documents for compliance with the IRS regulations. In concert with this, the Board of Education must adopt this plan prior to January 1, 2009. It was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Herbst) to adopt this plan as recommended. Vote: unanimous in favor.
- B. Continuation of Budget Review and Discussion – It was noted that the Board will continue discussion of the budget at their final work session. Further discussion related to budgetary items included possible grade reconfiguration; full day Kindergarten;

Agenda Item VII – Receive and File

These items were received and filed.

Adjournment

The Board gave unanimous approval to adjourn this Public Session at 10:00 p.m.