

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – April 21, 2009
Long Hill Administration Building
Lorraine R. Smith Assembly Room

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

Members present:

S. Wright, Chairperson
M. Ward, Vice Chairperson
J. Tyborowski, Secretary
L. Chory, Board Member
D. Herbst, Board Member
L. Labella, Board Member

Members absent:

L. King, Board Member

Agenda Item I – Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began at 7:07 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. Personnel – A Revised Personnel Agenda was distributed. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Labella) to accept the resignation of Francis Berkley, history and social studies teacher at the Alternate School since January 1972, retiring effective June 30, 2009; and Richard Carusello, science teacher at the Alternate School since September 1984, retiring effective June 30, 2009. Vote: unanimous in favor. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Ward) to approve a personal leave of absence without pay for the 2009-10 school year for Theresa Carley, grade 1 teacher at Middlebrook School (currently on child care leave) since August 2002. This request complies with the Trumbull Board of Education *Leave of Absence Policy, GCBD*. Vote: unanimous in favor. Following discussion that revolved around non-compliance with policy, decisions made on a case by case basis, and past practice, it was moved (Labella) seconded (Ward) to approve a personal leave of absence for Barbara Arango, world language teacher at Trumbull High School since January 2004, to pursue her Masters Degree for School Counseling from August 27, 2009 through December 23, 2009; and Elizabeth Bucknall, special education teacher at REACH since September 2006, to pursue her Masters Degree for School Counseling from August 27, 2009 through December 23, 2008, the timeline of which do not comply with the Trumbull Board of Education *Leave of Absence Policy, GCBD*. Vote: 4 in favor (Labella, Wright, Ward, Tyborowski) 2 against (Chory, Herbst). Motion passes.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting – 4/7/09 – By unanimous consent of members present at that meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

By unanimous consent of the Board, it was agreed to take Agenda Items V-A – 1 and VI –A – 1 out of order.

Agenda Item V – New Business (out of order)

- A. Policies – First Reading – Student Network/Internet Policy, Policy Code 6141/IAA – This policy was updated by PAC to include terminology addressing current Network/Internet Policy. Dr. Vespe and PAC

Student Representatives Seth Nigrosh and Livia Guadagnoli, sponsors of this policy, answered questions from the Board. Recommendations from the Board included: on Page 1 of the Regulations, make the word “network” plural in #3, and make two sentences from #4, the second sentence to begin with the word “No”; on Page 2 of the Regulations, include the word “so” at the end of sentence #3-c, and have Board attorney review language #3-f; and the formulation of the new Appendix A Permission Slip, which is a work in progress. A discussion also ensued regarding the color coding of the policy.

Agenda Item VI- Old Business (out of order)

A. Policies, Second Reading/Approval – 1. High School Attendance Policy, Policy Code 5113/JEDB - This policy was returned to PAC to address major changes in the Regulations. A lengthy discussion ensued that included: the deletion of the word ‘are’ in the fifth paragraph of the policy; including the wording “without a doctor’s note” after the wording “Personal Illness – out sick” in #1, Page 1, of the Regulations.

It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Chory) to table this policy until it has been reviewed by PAC at their May 13 meeting. Vote: unanimous in favor.

B. Approval/Financial Reports – Mr. Sirico noted that there were no significant changes from his last report. It was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Herbst) to approve the Expense Report as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor. Following discussion, it was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Herbst) to accept the Grant Expense Report for the 9 months ended 3/31/09 as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor. It was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Herbst) to approve the Consolidated Financial Statement, included the BOE Programs Detail Report, as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor.

C. Approval/Finance Committee of the Board of Education Transfers – Mrs. Labella noted that only one March transfer, which was the result of a supplemental appropriation from the Town for architect fees for the Jane Ryan roof, required full Board approval. Mrs. Labella also noted all meetings of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education are open to the public. It was moved (Chory) seconded (Tyborowski) to approve the above noted transfer. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item IV –Reports

A. Oral Reports – 1. Teacher Board Representative – Mrs. Ference noted that upon returning from vacation, there is still much to accomplish prior to the end of the school year. Students have settled into their routine, and several field trips are planned for students including the Beardsley Zoo, Trumbull Police Station, and the Garbage Museum. Mrs. Ference also remarked that as a new representative this year, she was quite impressed by the Board, including their attention to detail, and this experience has been an eye opener for her. Student Board Representatives – Jaclyn Testani reported that most seniors have received their college acceptance letters; there are 62 days until graduation; the high school trip to Italy was a success and appreciation was extended to the Board for allowing the students to travel; the high school’s talent and variety show is upcoming; and students are preparing for AP exams.

Mr. Wright noted that Trumbull High School National Honor Society members would be inducted on April 29; and on May 26, the student winner will be chosen from entries received for the Trumbull Partnership Against Underage Drinking Prevention Poster and Graphic Arts Contest.

Agenda Item VII - Receive and File

These items were received and filed.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:20 p.m.