

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting – April 7, 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 7:05 p.m. followed by a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – There was no correspondence this evening.
- C. Comments and Questions –Jane Ryan parent JoAnn Zimmerman, 4672 Madison Avenue, thanked the Board for their continued support of the Jane Ryan roof project, and also extended her appreciation to the Jane Ryan staff for making the Mastery Test preparation a positive experience for the students.

Agenda Item II -- Personnel

- A. Personnel – A Revised Personnel Agenda was distributed. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Ward) to accept the resignation of the following certified staff: Cheryl Lovegren, grade 2 teacher at Daniels Farm School since November 1988, retiring effective June 30, 2009; Ann Mercurio, grade 1 teacher at Booth Hill School since January 1988, retiring June 30, 2009; Kelly Nash, grade 3 teacher at Tashua School (currently on personal leave of absence) since August 2004, resigning effective June 30, 2009; Jessica Pinter, grade 3 teacher at booth Hill School (currently on personal leave of absence) since September 2000, resigning effective June 30, 2009; and Keri Van Valen, preschool teacher at TECEC (currently on personal leave of absence) since August 2004, resigning effective June 30 2009. Vote: unanimous in favor. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Ward) to accept the resignation of the following non-certified staff: Martha Vitola, C House Guidance Secretary at Trumbull High School since August 1982, retiring effective April 21, 2009. Vote: unanimous in favor. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Ward) to approve a request for a leave of absence without pay for the 2009-10 school year for Christen Riegel, art teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 2002. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting –3/17/09 – By unanimous consent of members present at that meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

It was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Chory) to take Agenda Item V-C, Approval/Paraprofessional Agreement, out of order. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item V – New Business (out of order)

C. Approval/Paraprofessional Agreement – Board Attorney Floyd Dugas presented the highlights of the tentative agreement with the members of the CILU/UE Paraprofessional unit. A summary of the settlement included a modified dental plan and increased insurance contributions; a modified holiday; unpaid time off twice yearly for Union officers to attend training session; general wage increases plus step; incorporation of existing Memorandums of Agreement regarding Health Aides and ABA Paraprofessionals; and increased contribution to the Town Pension Plan. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Herbst) to approve the agreement as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor. Superintendent Iassogna noted that the administration also supported this fair and reasonable contract for the paraprofessionals, who are an integral part of the school system's programs.

By unanimous consent, the Board agreed to take Agenda Item V-E, Approval/ED049 Jane Ryan Roof Project, out of order. Vote: unanimous in favor.

E. Approval/ED049-Jane Ryan Roof Project – Al Barbarotta, Facility Manager, reviewed the Jane Ryan roof project process. Silver Petruccelli has been chosen as the project's architect, which is ready to move forward to the Town bodies. Following discussion, it was moved (Ward) seconded (Labella) to approve the Jane Ryan roof specifications and authorize the Superintendent to complete the ED049 process following Board of Finance and Town council appropriation of funding. Vote: unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Labella) seconded (Tyborowski) to take up an additional item, Trumbull High School Renovation Update, which was not specified on the agenda. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Mr. Barbarotta noted that due to a reduction in the State workforce, the review process of the Trumbull High School Renovate as New process would not be moving forward quickly enough to begin the project during the summer months. Al will be requesting permission from the Building Committee for a local review, which will expedite the process.

By unanimous consent, the Board agreed to continue with the items under New Business.

Agenda Item V – New Business

A. Approval/Curriculum Guides – Mrs. Spillane, English Department Chairperson at Trumbull High School, presented three curriculum guides for approval. Discussion ensued which included the possibility of more specific language ( i.e. within scope and sequence). It was moved (Ward) seconded (Herbst) to approve *English 9*, *African American Literature*, and *Poetry* for use at Trumbull High School as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor.

B. Approval/New Courses – Mrs. Owen, Business Department Chairperson at Trumbull High School, presented five new elective courses for approval. Following discussion, it was moved (Ward) seconded (Tyborowski) to approve *Fashion*, *Sewing I*, and *Sewing II* for use at the high school as described. Vote: unanimous in favor. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Herbst) to approve *Business Concepts* for use at the high school as described. Vote: unanimous in favor. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Herbst) to approve *Bake Shop* for use at the high school as described. Vote: unanimous in favor.

- D. Approval/Preschool Tuition Rate – In order to continue the current level of programming, the administration, based on the recommendation of Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center Coordinator Dr. Matthew Wheeler, is recommending an increase in the annual tuition for the preschool program. If approved, Trumbull's rates will still be reasonable. Following discussion, it was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Chory) to approve an increase of \$70 for students attending 3 half days and an increase of \$110 for students attending 4/5 half days in the 2009-10 school year. Vote: unanimous in favor.

#### Agenda Item IV - Reports

- A. Community Conversations Update – Dr. Cialfi updated the Board regarding the focus of the one-hundred participant group: *How do we ensure that Trumbull's children are prepared to take a productive and fulfilling role in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?* Committee members include representatives from Trumbull's educational, government and business organizations, and use meaningful discussion to help citizens become more informed about their local schools and develop an action plan to serve as a guide for the community to use to work together to prepare Trumbull's children for the future. A follow-up session will be held on Thursday, April 23, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Trumbull High School.

Chairman Wright noted that congratulations were in order to: Five Trumbull High School seniors who have been selected as recipients of awards from the Weller Foundation: Alexander Rich, Senior Science Award; Aisha Sharp, Eleanor F. Moore Business Award; and Dana Tyler, Paul W. Broggi Communications Award; Joseph Fiore, fourth grader teacher at Frenchtown, for being selected as the 2009 Trumbull recipient of the Weller Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award; the Trumbull High Fed Challenge Team who have advanced to the semifinal round of competition in New York City. Team members include Emily Wu, Ishani Dhaon, Lisa Kaciewicz, Jackson Wynne and Dan Connolly. And kudos to their advisor, Gerry McCloghry; Hillcrest's "We the People" team who took top honors at The Citizen and the Constitution Showcase Hearings in Hartford. Advised by social studies teachers Brian Hendrickson and Charles Callahan, team members include: Grace Forster, Danielle Haight, Gabby Gottschall, Ben Veres, Quinn Lincoln, Gerard Spiegel, David Bruton, Erin Moore, Alanna Lynch, Nate Matschke, Sydney Morrison, Patrick Adams, Kimberly Arison, Brandon Capece, Michael Cydylo, Molly Glynn, Carly Goroff, Augustine Haam, Paul Leninger, Chris LoBosco, Ari Matz, Alexis Watcke and Nicole Wittstein; Hillcrest's MathCounts Club who recently achieved Gold Level Status by scoring 80% or better in the Ultimate Math Challenges. Club members, advised by Malathi Muralidharan, Grade 7 math teacher, include Mike Ciancimino, Jacob Cohen, Jessie Du, Simon Du, Brooke Hayden, Dixon Jin, Nate Matschke, Sam McKinney, Chitra Nidadavolu, Rakshana Selvarajan, Nikhil Tasker, Ben Veres, Peter Veikos and Jack Zhang. Mrs. Labella also noted that she had an opportunity to experience the amazing talent of Trumbull's students first hand, including musical and theatrical ability, and hoped the community would also take the opportunity to experience this wealth.

#### Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:57 p.m.