

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – June 15, 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 (6:14 p.m.)
L. Chory, Board Member
D. Herbst, Board Member
L. King, Board Member
L. Labella, Board Member

Agenda Item I – Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began at 6:08 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.

Jon Mark, videographer for the Board of Education meetings, was recognized and commended for his outstanding service. Jon will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in the fall.

- D. 1. Trillium Yearbook Editors – Trumbull High School’s 2009 yearbook, under the advisorship of Sue Berscik and Jordan Miller, was recognized for its many prestigious awards. Also, those recognized and commended for their contributions to the *Trillium* yearbook included: Emily Anderson, Akshay Bajaj, Stephanie Barnett, Lisa Cottle, Melissanne Dalena, Alex DiLorenzo, Taylor Epifano, Brittney Flack, Rebecca Gabor, Kristen Gayle, Chloe Girot, Colleen Herrmann, Jacqueline Hesse, Scott Huh, Ryan Jean-Joseph, Lauren Kepchar, Julie Kronick, Olivia Lyons, Marwa Mansour, Jessica McIntyre, Kevin Meeson, Jordan Miller, Alexis Minitti, Kaliyma Morgan, Samantha Mott, Jesica Nakano, Shreya Nidadavolu, Hilary Nigrosh, Morgan Pekera, Megan Puglia, Donivan Reis, Jennifer Rivera, Sahtia Rivers-Elliott, Cynthia Ruff, Emma Ryder, Diana Santella, Amisha Sisodiya, Michael Smith, Molly Smith, Stephanie Squires, Raven Steward, Noelle Valles, Sophie White, Caitlin Wilczynski, Ben Woessner, and Lauren Young.

Chairman Wright noted that congratulations were in order for Superintendent Iassogna as on July 1, he will be awarded the Bridgeport Regional Business Council’s *Impact Regional Educator Award*.

Agenda Item II - Personnel

- A. Personnel – There have been no changes since the last Board report.

It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Tyborowski) to take Agenda Item IV B, CRAC Update, out of order. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item IV – Reports (out of order)

- B. CRAC Update – Tim Ryan, Co-Chairman of the Trumbull Citizens Review and Advisory Committee (CRAC), briefly reviewed the Committee’s first report to the Board of Education. Suggestions made to the Board of Education in this report which they feel will lead to reduced costs and better transparency and accountability included: verification of assets, access to the district’s check register on the website, a financial ethics policy, and an attrition policy. A discussion ensued.

Due to illness, a representative of the Federation of CT Taxpayers, who was scheduled to recognize the school administration for their enthusiasm and cooperation regarding the CRAC Committee’s work, was unable to attend this evening.

It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Tyborowski) to take Agenda Item IV-A, THS Post High School Plans, out of order. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item IV – Reports (out of order)

- A. THS Post High School Plans – Trumbull High School Guidance Department Chairperson JoAnn O’Connell and Principal Robert Tremaglio reported on the future plans of the Class of 2009. Comparison data from the graduating classes of 2006 – 2009, a 13 year post secondary education plan comparison, and class rank listing of all college applications and results by student were included in the report. Also distributed was a copy of Trumbull High School’s newspaper, the Eagle’s Eye, which contained a map delineating the name of each student and map location of the college they would be attending. A discussion ensued.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting –6/02/09 –By unanimous consent of members present at that meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.
- B. Approval/Financial Reports – Business Manager Steve Sirico presented the Financial Reports for the 11 months ended on 5/31/09. Following discussion, it was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Herbst) to accept the Board of Education Expense Report as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor. It was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (King) to approve the Grant Expense Report for the 11 months ended 5/31/09 as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor. It was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Herbst) to approve the Consolidated Financial Statement and Board of Education Programs Detail Report for the 11 months ended 5/31/09 as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor.
- C. Approval/Finance Committee of the Board of Education Transfers – Mrs. Labella reported that the Finance Committee of the Trumbull Board of Education met to discuss the transfers for May, three of which need full Board approval. It was moved (Labella) seconded (Tyborowski) to approve Transfers701X, 724X, and 733X as recommended. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item V – New Business

- A. ARRA Monies – The federal government is providing stimulus monies to local school districts in support of school initiatives. In 2009-10, the district is expecting to receive \$807,000 in the new ARRA IDEA fund and \$31,945 in ARRA Preschool monies; the same is also expected to be received for the 2010-11 school year. Of these monies, parochial/private schools would receive approximately \$32,500 of the \$807,000 ARRA IDEA monies each year for 2009-10 and 2010-11. Also, approximately \$217,000 in State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (CT ECS monies) would be received directly by the Board of Education, which could be earmarked for necessary renovation of the REACH facility. A discussion ensued regarding recommended utilization of the stimulus funds. Following discussion and consensus of the Board, the Superintendent will implement utilization of ARRA and stabilization monies as described in the attached summary.

Agenda Item V – Old Business

A. 2008-09 Budget Status – As a result of savings in the Board’s medical insurance, utility and substitute teacher accounts, as well as a mini-freeze instituted in March, some monies from the 2008-09 will remain unspent. A discussion ensued regarding Board options for these monies. including spending the total amount remaining on Board approved items; not spending any of the unspent monies, which will then remain in the Town’s coffers; or spend a Board determined portion of the monies and leave the remaining balance in the Town’s accounts. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Tyborowski) to approve spending \$250,000 of the unspent monies on projects to be determined, including code compliance for all schools. It was moved (Chory) seconded (Labella) to amend the motion to approve spending \$100,000 of the unspent monies on the following projects: \$15,000 for three infrared portable FM systems to provide auditory assistance to hearing impaired students; \$16,000 for the Hillcrest Media Center carpet; \$50,000 for a generator at Hillcrest; and \$20,000 for code compliance. Vote on amendment: 5 in favor (Chory, Herbst, King, Labella, Tyborowski) 2 opposed (Wright, Ward). Vote on motion as amended: 5 in favor (Chory, Herbst, King, Labella, Tyborowski) 2 opposed (Wright, Ward). Amended motion passes.

Agenda Item VII – Receive and File

These reports were received and filed.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:20 p.m.