

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – June 2, 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:

M. Ward, Vice Chairperson
J. Tyborowski, Secretary
L. Chory, Board Member (6:50 p.m.)
D. Herbst, Board Member
L. King, Board Member (7:12 p.m.)
L. Labella, Board Member

Members absent:

S. Wright, Chairperson

Agenda Item I – Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began at 6:40 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
- D. Recognition 1. Tenure Teachers – The following staff members were recognized and commended for attaining tenure status with the Trumbull Board of Education: Marianela Alicea, Lindsay Bachlechner, Emma Balter, Leslie Balzano, Matthew Bracksieck, Edward Brisart, Jami Brown, Lindajeane Codd, Maria Colon, Michael Curry, Michelle Dankulich, Harold Darak, Susan Devine, Christine Fisher, Bethany Gilman, Sarah Giordano, Petrina Gunsolley, Brian Hendrickson, Valentina Iacono-Cenatiempo, Stephanie Jalowiec, Laura Katz, Kelly Kimberly, Lindsay Lee, Kathleen Maloney, Michael Margonis, Michelle Marini, Jodi Martins, John Mastrianni, Arielle McGovern, William Mecca, Kimberly Moore, Janette Nicolett, Lindsay Novak, Dorian Pacelli, Cheryl Pontonio, Stefan Porco, Traci Sacco, Michele Sansone, Bonnie Seferian, Kirk Shultz, Gene Stec, Rebecca Trzaski, Angelo Vespe, Leigh Westberg and Kristen Willett. 2. TPSLD Awards – Trumbull Parents of Students with Learning Differences (TPSLD), are a group dedicated to increasing awareness of learning differences between children. An award has been established by them to recognize outstanding achievements by people who improve the lives of students with disabilities. Prior to presentation of the awards, Mr. Iassogna gave special thanks to Alice Ferreira and Stephanie Vaughn, Co-Chairs of this committee, for their commitment and sensitivity to the needs of children. Nominees included Joan Dosky, Sharon Lomnitzer, Julia Saad, Cheryl Badowski, Kara Peterson, Ardeth Miller, Lisa Collins, Janice Rousso, Claire Weitzman, Ashley Thoesen, Mary-Anne Dailey, Jennifer Crawford, Christine Joyce, and Irene Sanzone. Runners up for the 2009 award included Maddie Kennedy and Lindsey Atherton. Zachary Tomasio, college student and product of the Trumbull Public Schools, was given the 2009 TPSLD Above and Beyond Award for forming a special needs sports camp.

The Board adjourned for a brief recess at 7:25 p.m.; the meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

3. Student Board Representatives Christopher Romano and Jaelyn Testani were recognized and commended for exceptional service for the 2008-09 school year. 3. Teacher Board Representative – Jane Ryan teacher Darlene Ference, who is serving her first year as Teacher Board Representative and will return in this capacity next year, was recognized and commended for her outstanding service.

Vice Chairman Ward noted that that this very busy time of year, examples that include the art show at the Westfield Mall, the ACE Foundation Banquet, and the Business Education Initiative recognition.

Agenda Item II - Personnel

A. Personnel – A revised Personnel Agenda was distributed. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (King) to accept the resignation of Joan Coughlin, grade four teacher at Booth Hill School since September 1985, retiring effective June 30, 2009. Vote: unanimous in favor. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (King) to accept the resignation of Roberta Berry, Elementary Principal's Secretary at Jane Ryan School since September 1984, retiring effective August 31, 2009. Vote: unanimous in favor. In compliance with the Trumbull Board of Education Leave of Absence Policy GCBD, it was moved (Herbst) seconded (Chory) to approve a request for a personal leave of absence for the 2009-10 school year for Mary Beth Pascarella, grade two teacher at Middlebrook School (currently on maternity/child rearing leave) since August 2000. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting – 5/19/09 – By unanimous consent of members present at that meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.
- B. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting – 5/28/09 – By unanimous consent of members present at that meeting, the minutes were approved as presented. (1 abstention – Labella – absent from that meeting.)

Agenda Item IV – New Business

A. Approval/Textbooks – Before any new textbook is approved for inclusion in the Trumbull Public Schools program of studies, the Curriculum Subcommittee of the Board of Education consisting of Board members Deborah Herbst and Michael Ward, under the coordination of Gary Kunschaff, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reviews its content and appropriateness. Trumbull High School teacher Candy Perusi requested Board approval of *Prego, An Invitation to Italian*, for use at Trumbull High School for the 2009-10 school year. Following discussion, it was moved (Herbst) seconded (Labella) to approve the textbook for use as described. Vote: unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (King) to take Agenda Item V-A out of order. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item V – Old Business (out of order)

A. Policies – Second Reading/Approval – 1. Bullying – Policy Code 5131.911/JFCC – Changes in this policy were made to include clarification by the State Department of Education regarding anonymous reporting. It was also noted that the color red, which delineates attorney input, has been added to the color key. It was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (King) to approve this policy as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor.

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- B. Healthy Food Certification Renewal – In accordance with CT General Statute 10-215f, local Boards of Education must annually certify if the schools in their district will or will not participate in the Healthy Foods Program. Administration monitored the program, and last year recommended non-participation in the program. Both Jaclyn and Chris, Student Board Representatives, commented that the cafeteria foods were better as a result of non-participation. Following discussion, again this year it was moved (Herbst) seconded (Chory) to discontinue participation in the Act Concerning Healthy Foods and Beverages in Schools. Vote: unanimous in favor.

- C. School Lunch Prices– In light of the economic times, and in concurrence with Betty Sinko, Director of Food Services, the administration is recommending that current lunch prices remain the same for next year at each school level: elementary - \$2.25, middle - \$2.35, and high- \$2.50. Following discussion, it was moved (Herbst) seconded (Labella) to approve the continuation of school lunch prices at their existing level for the upcoming school year. Vote: unanimous in favor.

- D. Approval/Beverage Sales – In compliance with State Statute GCS 10-221q, Boards of Education must address allowing the sale of beverages on school premises that are not on the State’s approved list. Conditions that must be met include: the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; the sale is at the location of the event; and products are not sold from a vending machine or school store. Following discussion, it was moved (Herbst) seconded (Labella) to approve the sale of beverages as described above. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:10 p.m.