

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – August 4, 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 (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)
M. Ward, Vice Chairperson
J. Tyborowski, Secretary
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 6:40 p.m. followed by a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – Secretary Tyborowski stated numerous communications were received by the Board and Superintendent from parents of incoming 2nd grade students at Middlebrook and 3rd grade students at Tashua regarding class size. Concerns for Middlebrook 2nd grade is that these same students' classes in first grade exceeded district guidelines and felt these students should not be subjected to the same situation this coming year. Similar concerns were voiced for the incoming Tashua 3rd grade.
- C. Comments – Lydia Gach-Dunn, Brittany Avenue, introduced herself as the incoming Tashua PTA President. She spoke on behalf of Tashua parents regarding the incoming 3rd grade classes and is asking the Board to consider keeping 4 third grade classes, even though at this time enrollment is less than projected. Their reasons include that 3rd grade is a critical year with students taking their first CMT's and the number of special needs students in that grade. Mr. Iassogna noted that the enrollment numbers at this time were as of July 31, 2009 and given to the Board at their request. He further noted that no Board action would be taken at this meeting.

Agenda Item II -- Personnel

- A. Personnel – As no action was needed, this report was received and filed.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting –7/14/09. By unanimous consent of members present at that meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item IV – Reports

- A. Annual Report--Mr. Iassogna reviewed the 2008-09 Annual Report to be forwarded to the First Selectman upon Board approval. He noted that the district had a very successful and productive school year as students were provided with an array of programs to meet their ever diversified academic and social/emotional needs. It was further noted that student learning experiences and instructional programs were enhanced, giving kudos to all staff members, both certified and non-certified. Also noted was that each department has made visible strides to augment its operation and the CMT scores reflect the solidifying of instructional programs. Upon request of the Board, a summary of the Citizens Audit and

Review Committee (CRAC) will be added to the report. A brief discussion ensued. Mrs. Labella congratulated the administration and staff on another exemplary year, noting that the information in the report regarding CMT'S and CAPT was much appreciated. Mrs. Tyborowski encouraged the public to read the document as it is a wealth of information regarding the district and it was noted that the final copy will be available on the TPS website. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Tyborowski) to accept the 2008-09 Annual Report to be submitted to the First Selectman. It was further moved (Labella) seconded (Chory) to amend the motion to approve the 2008-09 Annual Report to be forwarded to the First Selectman to include the addition of a summary on CRAC. Vote: Unanimous in favor of amended motion.

- B. Enrollment Update/Staffing—Mr. Iassogna reviewed the enrollment numbers for each school, projected vs. actual, as of July 31, 2009. It was noted that the district is 24 students above projection for a total of 6944. Special education enrollment will not be final until late August, but projected at 43 non-inclusive “in-house” students. Mr. Iassogna reminded the Board of the class size guidelines for elementary: Kindergarten—20 students; Grades 1 & 2—22 students; Grades 3-5—25 students. The following enrollments were particularly noted: Middlebrook kindergarten, projected at 69 and actual 81 with a potential .5 addition; Middlebrook grade 2, projected at 66 and actual at 68, potential 1.0 addition; Tashua grade 3, projected at 76 and actual at 74, potential 1.0 reduction and Jane Ryan grade 1, projected at 66 and actual 67, potential 1.0 addition. It was further noted that 13.5 FTE certified positions have been hired with 1 opening remaining to be filled. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Herbst asked that the Board be provided with a composite of the students in the affected classes before the next Board meeting. Mr. Iassogna noted that the enrollment and recommendations regarding number of classes will be brought before the Board at the August 18th meeting for Board action.
- C. CAFE Education Law Summary—Mr. Wright noted that since the State of Connecticut does not yet have a budget in place, some of the statutes noted in this summary may not take effect and asked that this item be tabled to another meeting. It was moved (Tyborowski) seconded (Labella) to table Agenda Item IV, C. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item V—New Business

There was no new business this evening.

Agenda Item VI—Old Business

There was no old business this evening.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 7:08 p.m.