

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – September 1, 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 Chairman
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 6:38 p.m. followed by a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – Joann Tyborowski, Board Secretary, conveyed that a note of thanks was received from recent retiree Barbara Napolitano; several emails were received from parents regarding class sizes; and a letter was also received regarding transportation as related to Kindergarten and TLC to which a response is being penned.
- C. Comments – On behalf of concerned Middlebrook families, Kerry Rudich conveyed a request for an additional Kindergarten class. Booth Hill School PTA President, Luciana Gay, conveyed a request for an additional Grade 1 teacher as several of those classes are over Board guidelines. She also thanked the Board for their commitment to Trumbull's students.

Chairman Wright welcomed and introduced Murielle Cherilus, a Junior in the Agriscience program and returning Senior Christopher Romano, Student Board Members for 2009-10.

Agenda Item II - Personnel

- A. Personnel – As no Board action was required, this item was received and filed.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting –8/18/09. By unanimous consent of members present at that meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item IV – Reports

- A. Facilities Update – Mr. Barbarotta updated the Board regarding the Trumbull High School Renovate as New project, the Jane Ryan Roof and the Frenchtown School modulares. A Certificate of Occupancy was received today for the Frenchtown modulares, and students will be housed in them tomorrow; and ramps and canopies are to be completed and installed shortly. A discussion ensued regarding the proximity of the portables to the school building and the cost for the canopies, which was not included in the original monies earmarked for the modulares.

The Jane Ryan roof project is 50% complete, with the majority of the work being done on the second shift. A discussion ensued regarding concerns of pipes in the classrooms, and the architect and contractor are correcting these at no cost to the Board. The Committee overseeing this project is aware

of these concerns, and Trumbull/Monroe Health Director Patrice Sulik and Fire Marshal Megan Murphy have been involved in the project since its inception.

As the result of brainstorming due to concerns over reduced parking spaces during the Trumbull High School Renovate as New project, additional parking areas were created and there are now 16 additional student parking spaces over last year. Special thanks was given to the Town and the Head of Public Works, John DelVecchio, for help with the parking project. Mr. Barbarotta noted that the renovation is steadily moving forward with the goal of having the auditorium and boiler room in operation for next September. A discussion ensued regarding campus signage, location for visitors to enter the building, and the opening day of school. Student Board members Murielle Cherilus and Christopher Romano agreed that it was a good school opening.

- B. School Opening – Mr. Iassogna reported that with the exception of the delay of the modulars at Frenchtown, the opening of school went well with all buildings shining. The Superintendent noted special thanks to all those contributing to the smooth opening. Traffic and parking at the high school posed no problem thanks to extra police presence and direction from school security members; and the transportation of students, with a few minor adjustments, has been smooth.

Agenda Item V - New Business

There was no New Business this evening.

Agenda Item VI - Old Business

- A. Enrollment/Staffing Update – At previous Board meetings, discussion took place regarding enrollment, specifically Booth Hill Grade 1, Jane Ryan Grade 1, and Middlebrook Kindergarten. Total district enrollment reflects an increase of 101 students over projection (84 of which are elementary). Mr. Iassogna noted that numbers received today reflect that all of the Grade 1 classes at Booth Hill are over Board class size guidelines and is recommending an additional 1.0 teacher. Mr. Iassogna also is recommending a 1.0 paraprofessional for Jane Ryan Grade 1 classes, one of which is over Board class size guidelines and two that are at Board class size guidelines. Also being recommended by the Superintendent is an additional .5 Kindergarten teacher at Middlebrook as three of the four classes are at Board guidelines and one is over Board guidelines. A discussion ensued regarding consistency with other classes in Trumbull's other schools, makeup of classes (i.e. special education and ELL students). Mr. Iassogna noted that cost for the recommended positions would be approximately \$95,000, and a discussion ensued regarding funding for these positions and where it would come from, as well as the monies for the shortfall in the retirement account from last year. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Tyborowski) to approve the Superintendent's recommendations as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 7:45 p.m.