

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – January 19, 2010
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:

E. Lovely, Chairman
D. Herbst, Vice Chairwoman
T. Kelly, Secretary
L. Chory, Board Member
M. Ward, Board Member
S. Wright, Board Member

Members absent:

L. Labella, Board Member

Agenda Item I – Preliminary Business

A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began at 7:06 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. Teacher of the Year - Patricia Frillici, Math Instructional Chairperson at Middlebrook Elementary School, was chosen as Trumbull's Teacher of the year for 2010. In addition to being recognized for this accomplishment, Ms. Frillici was also commended for being selected as one of eleven finalists for CT State Teacher of the Year.
2. Assistant Secretary to the President for Education and Culture of South Korea – Seong Soo Park has been studying the Trumbull Public School District for the past 18 months in order to investigate different approaches for improvement of education in his country of South Korea. Mr. Park was recognized and commended for his many contributions to the Trumbull Public Schools.

Chairman Lovely noted that Trumbull High School students, through early admission, have already been accepted to most competitive, highly competitive, very competitive and competitive colleges. Also, Trumbull High School's yearbook, particularly through the efforts of Sue Berescik, has again been chosen as an award winning publication through Herff-Jones Publishers. Furthermore, through the Underage Drinking Grant, Trumbull Public Schools is fortunate to receive additional monies totaling \$300,000 to address underage drinking in the town.

Agenda Item II - Personnel

A. Personnel – It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Chory) to accept the resignation of Barbara Boyle, language arts teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 1996, retiring effective June 30, 2010; and Frances Kantorowski, media center secretary at Trumbull High School since July 1979, retiring effective January 29, 2010. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

A. Approval/Minutes – By unanimous consent of members present and voting at that meeting, the minutes of the January 5, 2010 meeting were accepted as presented.

- B. Approval/Financial Reports – Mr. Sirico reported that there have not been significant changes in the Board of Education Expense Report. Following discussion, it was moved (Chory) seconded (Herbst) to accept this report as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor. Regarding the Grant Summary Budget Report, a discussion ensued regarding ECS and IDEA ARRA monies and funds for keeping the planetarium open next year. It was moved (Chory) seconded (Kelly) to approve the Grant Summary Budget Report as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor. Following discussion, it was moved (Herbst) seconded (Chory) to approve the Trumbull Board of Education Consolidated Financial Statements as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor. With regard to the Board of Education Programs Detail Report, Mrs. Chory noted that the Finance Committee of the Board is taking a look some of the items to see if some should be part of the regular budget. It was moved (Kelly) seconded (Herbst) to approve the Board of Education Programs Detail Report as submitted. Vote: unanimous in favor. With regard to the Student Activity Detail Report, discussion took place which included balance, responsibility, and function of accounts. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Chory) to approve this report as presented. Vote: unanimous in favor.
- C. Approval/Finance Committee of the Board of Education Transfers – Mrs. Chory noted that approval is requested for transfers for October, November and December. Following discussion, it was moved (Ward) seconded (Herbst) to accept October transfers 866x, 867x and 872x; November transfers 879x – 885x and 906x; and December transfers 915x, 916x, 919x and 921x. Vote: unanimous in favor. Mr. Wright noted that the Finance Committee’s minutes of January 13 stated that transfers were unanimously approved by the Committee; however, transfers can only be approved by the full Board.

Agenda Item IV – Reports

There were no reports given this evening.

Agenda Item V – New Business

- A. First Reading – Standard of Conduct – In accordance with Public Act 09-82, new language was added to the Regulations portion of the district’s policy regarding expulsion. Additionally, individual names associated with Board of Education positions were removed from the Nondiscrimination Statement in this policy. A discussion ensued. As the policy itself was not coming before the Board for review at this time, the Board will submit questions and comments they have regarding this policy to PAC. This policy will return to the Board for a Second Reading/Approval.
- B. Approval/New Social Studies Course – Kathy Rubano and Laura Guadagnoli, Trumbull High School teachers, presented a proposal for a new course, *The Art History of War and Peace*, for students in Grades 10-12 who have taken the Global Civilizations course. Following discussion, it was moved (Ward) seconded (Chory) to approve this new course for use as follows. Vote: unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item VII – Receive and File

These items were received and filed.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:25 p.m.