

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting – July 20, 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:

T. Lovely, Chairperson  
D. Herbst, Vice Chairperson  
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 7:02 p.m. followed by a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence—There was no correspondence this evening.
- C. Comments – There were no comments this evening.

At this time, Mr. Lovely noted the recent passing of two former Trumbull educators, Blanche Peterson, an English teacher, and Tom McCann, a THS principal and Assistant Superintendent.

Agenda Item II -- Personnel

- A. Personnel – Mr. Iassogna noted the appointments required no Board action and stated that he was very pleased to appoint Dr. Linda Paslov as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment as she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position.

It was moved (Wright) seconded (Herbst) to take agenda items VI-B followed by VI-A out of order. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item VI – Old Business

- B. Project Updates—Mr. Barbarotta gave an update on the progress of the Trumbull High Renovate As New project. He noted that the project is moving along nicely as most of the work is being done during the summer to minimize disruption during the school year; asbestos removal has gone well; and the high school should be safe and occupiable when students return at the end of August. He further noted that all bids for project have come in except furniture and fixtures and that the current cost of the project is approximately \$6,000,000 under budget. He also noted that the Building Committee will review some items such as the renovation of the football stadium concession stand to include lavatories and possibly team rooms to be added to the project since it is under budget and will bring it to the Town Council for approval. With regard to the Jane Ryan Roof project, Mr. Barbarotta noted that the majority of the punch list was completed and anticipates the Board accepting the project as completed in September. Regarding the TECEC playground, Mr. Barbarotta noted that a new drainage system was installed under the asphalt with curtain drains put in around the perimeter, and a rubberized surface will be placed over the asphalt. Mr. Iassogna noted that TECEC playground project was paid with allocated 2009-10 monies and that additional monies for the completion of the rubber surface will be raised by TECEC PTO.

- A. School Lunch Price Increase—Mr. Iassogna reviewed the reasons for the price increase including the costs of doing business (utilities, food prices, reduction of government subsidies, mandated salaries) and supporting capital projects. It was further noted that even with the price increase, Trumbull Public Schools' lunch prices are consistently \$.25 to \$.50 lower than the average. A discussion ensued including the price of a la carte items, mostly at the high school, and the number of lunches served. Student Board Representative Michael Smith noted that he brings lunch and purchases a la carte items at times and feels a price increase may cause a drop in lunch purchases. It was moved (Ward), seconded (Wright) to approve the price increase of \$.20 for school lunches as presented. Vote: 5 in favor (Herbst, Kelly, Lovely, Ward, Wright) 1 opposed (Chory). Motion passes.

### Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting –6/15/10—By unanimous consent of members present at that meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

It was moved (Chory) seconded (Wright) to take agenda items V-A-1 and 2 and V-B out of order. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

### Agenda Item V – New Business

- A. Policies – First reading—1. Student Possession and Use of Electronic Devices/5131.81—This policy was reviewed and updated by Students Representatives to PAC, Matt Bundschuh and Samantha Buck. Discussion ensued including clarification on language and what constitutes further disciplinary action. The policy will be returned to the Board for a second reading/approval. 2. Use of Public School Buildings and Sites/1330—Dr. Vespe noted that this policy has been updated to align with Board of Education responsibilities and reflecting the designee as the Superintendent. Mr. Iassogna noted that the focus of this policy should be on the Rules and Regulations, a separate document, with regard to building use and that a review of rental fees, including cost of custodial overtime and utilities, will be conducted. Discussion ensued and the policy will be returned to the Board for a second reading/approval.
- B. Policy—Second Reading—Promotion/Retention/Acceleration – Dr. Vespe noted that this policy was returned to PAC for further clarification with regard to Acceleration receiving input from Administration and the Board. Discussion ensued, including more clarification of “available achievement advancement,” centralized time line, notification to parents on middle school level, and citing research on earlier retention being more effective. It was moved (Wright) seconded (Herbst) to table this agenda item to the next meeting. Vote: unanimous in favor.

### Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- B. Approval/Preliminary Financial Reports Ending 6/30/10 – Mr. Sirico presented preliminary reports for the year ending 6/30/10 and noted that he expects to have final numbers by mid-August. A brief discussion ensued. It was moved (Chory) seconded (Herbst) to accept the Board of Education Preliminary Expense Report for the 12 months ended 6/30/10 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Mr. Sirico noted that when grants are overspent, monies come from the Board operating budget or other grants if acceptable. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Herbst) to accept the Preliminary Grant Expense Report for the 12 months ended 6/30/10 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Chory) to accept the Preliminary Consolidated Financial Statement as of and for the 12 months ended 6/30/10 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor. It was moved (Chory) seconded (Wright) to accept the Board of Education Preliminary Detail Report as of 6/30/10 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Mr. Sirico noted that there were no deficits in the Student Activity accounts. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Herbst) to accept the Board of Education Preliminary Student Activity Detail Report as of 6/30/10 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- C. Approval/Finance Committee of the Board of Education Transfers— Copies of the May and June minutes of this Committee were included in the Board packet for this meeting. Mrs. Chory noted that

there were 32 transfers for May and 6 transfers for June that required full Board approval. Following discussion, it was moved (Chory) seconded (Wright) to approve May transfers (1070x, 1071x, 1072x, 1073x, 1074x, 1095x, 1107x, 1108x, 1109x, 1110x, 1111x, 1112x, 1113x, 1114x, 1118x, 1119x, 1120x, 1121x, 1122x, 1123x, 1124x, 1125x, 1126x, 1129x, 1130x, 1131x, 1132x, 1133x, 1134x, 1138x, 1139x, 1149x, ) as recommended. Vote: unanimous in favor. It was moved (Chory) seconded (Wright) to approve June transfers (1171x, 1174x, 1175x, 1176x, 1181x, 1182x) as recommended. Vote: unanimous in favor.

#### Agenda Item V—New Business

C. Approval/Non-Affiliates Salaries—Mr. Iassogna noted that since these positions are not part of any bargaining unit, the Board must act on wage increases. He emphasized that these positions are generally aligned with comparable positions in bargaining units, receiving the same benefits as bargaining unit members, and that there should be parity with them. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Wright) to approve the increases in salaries for the positions identified in this agenda item as follows: cafeteria aides – 1.5% from \$11.17 to \$11.34 hourly; health aides/special education - 1.5% from \$13.45 to \$13.65 hourly; TPS Webmaster – 1.5% from \$6,676 to \$6,776 per year; TPS signing aide – 1.5% from \$18.48 to \$18.76 hourly; OT/PT – six of the seven positions 1.5% from \$59.77 to \$60.67 hourly and the one remaining position 1.5% from \$61.92 to \$62.85 hourly; Medical/Instructional Services Support – 1.5% from \$27.45 to \$27.86 hourly; Behavior Analyst – 1.5% from \$80 to \$81.20; Personnel Support Specialist—1.5% from \$50,369 to \$51,125. A lengthy discussion ensued including the current economic situation, bargaining units presently involved in negotiations, and Town Hall increases. Vote: 3 in favor (Kelly, Ward, Wright) 3 opposed (Chory, Herbst, Lovely). Motion fails.

#### Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:10 p.m.