

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting – May 17, 2011  
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:

Members absent:

T. Lovely, Chairperson  
D. Herbst, Vice Chairperson  
T. Kelly, Secretary  
L. Chory, Board Member  
L. Labella, Board Member  
M. Ward, Board Member  
S. Wright, Board Member

Agenda Item I – Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began at 7:11 p.m. followed by a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – Mr. Kelly noted that he has continued to receive many emails regarding the restoration of Freshman sports and the TAG program.
- C. Comments – Vicki Tesoro, 133 Beechwood Avenue, thanked the Board for all their service and commented about the number of emails received concerning restoring Freshman sports and TAG. She noted that even though these are great programs, she advocated for restoring teacher positions first, particularly the 4 positions at the high school which may impact class sizes and AP Courses. Superintendent Iassogna summarized the restoration of 1.0 THS, 2.0 TAG and .3 Madison reading teacher. He mentioned the previous night's ACE Foundation presentation was well-organized and truly a "highlight" program. Also, he commented on a special program at THS that morning which featured the actor Chazz Palminteri who addressed the Theatre/English students. He remarked that Mr. Palminteri was very profound and informative not only about acting as a career, but in giving a good message to the students about keeping focused, having good work ethics and avoiding drug use.

Agenda Item II – Personnel

- A. Personnel – Superintendent Iassogna noted that 2 resignations were received that needed Board action. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Chory) to accept the resignation of Maryann Chetlen, grade 4 teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School since August 1971 and Sharon Callahan, grade 5 teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School since September 1985 retiring effective June 30, 2011 respectively. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Superintendent Iassogna commented that they have been both extremely valued members of Jane Ryan School and commended their dedication and commitment to students over the years. Mrs. Herbst and Mrs. Chory commented that they are both outstanding teachers who have taught both of their daughters, having had excellent learning experiences. Mr. Lovely also commented on their wonderful service to the Trumbull Public Schools.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting – 4/28/11 By the unanimous consent of the members present at that meeting, the minutes were accepted as presented. Regular meeting 5/3/11—by unanimous consent of all members present at that meeting, the minutes were accepted as presented. Special Meeting 5/4/11 – by unanimous consent of all members present at that meeting, the minutes were accepted as presented. Special Meeting 5/10/11 – by unanimous consent of all members present at that meeting, the minutes were accepted as presented.

- B. Approval/Financial Reports as of 4/30/11 – Mr. Sirico reviewed financial reports for the 10 months ended April 30, 2011. Discussion ensued including Special Ed tuition, postage account, dues, fees, and membership accounts, and use of unspent monies. While it was noted that there may be approximately \$350,000 in unspent monies, a more definitive figure should be available for the next meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. It was moved (Chory) seconded (Herbst) to accept the Board of Education Expense Report for the 10 months ended 4/30/11 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Mr. Kelly inquired about the grant for keeping the planetarium open. Dr. Cialfi noted that the State Department of Education allowed the BOE to transfer Title II and Title IV monies into Title V Innovative Programs so as to keep the planetarium operating for Grade 5 and 8 students. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Wright) to accept the Grant Expense Report for the 10 months ended 4/30/11 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Discussion ensued regarding Food Service during the Renovate-As-New at Trumbull High School. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Herbst) to accept the Consolidated Financial Statement as of and for the 10 months ended 4/30/11 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Discussion ensued regarding BOE Programs Detail Report and any possible left over monies. It was moved (Chory) seconded (Herbst) to accept the Board of Education Programs Detail Report as of 4/30/11 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor. It was moved (Chory) seconded (Herbst) to accept the Expendable Trust Detail Report as of 4/30/11 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Discussion ensued regarding Student Activity accounts. It was moved (Labella) seconded (Wright) to accept the Student Activity Detail Report as of 4/30/11 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- C. Approval/Finance Committee of the Board of Education Transfers— Mrs. Chory noted that the Committee met on May 11, 2011. Mr. Sirico briefly reviewed the transfers including the substitute teacher account. There were 8 transfers for April that required full Board approval. Following discussion, it was moved (Labella) seconded (Ward) to approve April transfers 1320x, 1321x, 1322x, 1323x, 1327x, 1329x, 1330x, and 1345x as recommended. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

#### Agenda Item IV – Reports

- A. 2009-10 Strategic School and District Profiles – Mr. Iassogna noted that State Statute requires each district to publicly share its report with the Board of Education. Dr. Paslov reviewed the 2009-10 report and noted that reports are typically available on November 1<sup>st</sup>, but this year the State had encountered some technical problems as well as delays with public school information system data gathering (PSIS). The enrollment numbers were off, as are other districts', and the State would have to amend them. Discussion ensued regarding data collection. Mrs. Herbst congratulated the principals on the narratives highlighting the many excellent features of our schools. Mr. Lovely noted that Trumbull was higher in many areas such as gifted than many in its DRG. Discussion ensued on the comparatives with other schools within the district as well as with other districts in DRG-B. Dr. Paslov highlighted three areas including high test scores, high graduation rate, and low special education rates. Discussion ensued regarding curriculum, staffing, class size, and free/reduced lunch. Mr. Kelly expressed that he would like as many taxpayers see this report as possible showing that they are getting an excellent school system for their tax dollars. It was noted that this report will be available through the Trumbull website. It was moved (Chory) seconded (Wright) to accept the 2009-10 Strategic School and District Profile for Trumbull as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Agenda Item V – Receive and File

- A. Pending Litigation – These items were received and filed.  
B. Negotiations – These items were received and filed.

#### Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:37 p.m.