

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – March 27, 2012
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
D. Herbst, Vice Chairperson
T. Kelly, Secretary
L. Labella, Board Member
R. Seaman, Board Member
M. Ward, Board Member

Members absent:

L. Chory, Board Member

Agenda Item I – Preliminary Business

A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began at 7:12 p.m. followed by a salute to the Flag.

B. Correspondence – Mr. Kelly noted that the Board received several letters from parents in support of full/extended day kindergarten.

C. Recognitions –

1. Elementary Health and Physical Education Department—The Trumbull Public Schools' Elementary Health and Physical Education staff recently received a "Recognition Award" from the Connecticut Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CTAHPERD) at their annual banquet. These teachers were recognized for their significant efforts and contributions to promote health, physical exercise, and recreational activities. It was noted that their continued participation in Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart programs have involved the Trumbull community and taught their students about living a healthy lifestyle and meaningful community service. Physical Education Teacher Jane Kluspes gave a brief review of the elementary physical education program and noted that the District has been involved with the Jump Rope for Heart program for 30 years. Dr. Paslov presented the CTAHPERD District plaque to Board Chair Wright, who in turn presented each teacher with a plaque to be hung in their respective schools. The honored staff includes Ginny Girouard, Jennifer Gibson, Michael Bourque, Michael Cavallaro, Stephen Hackett and Keith Strychalsky.
2. Center for Women & Families Anti-Bullying Initiative—Superintendent Iassogna conveyed that as part of the Center for Women and Families' Anti-Bullying Initiative, students in Trumbull High School's business classes submitted posters in the Center's contest. Trumbull High ninth grader Danielle Epstein's poster was selected as the top entry and her theme was made into buttons and other promotional materials. Danielle was honored at the Center for Women and Families' Annual Breakfast. In addition, her poster was given to Connecticut Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, and the Superintendent presented her with an "I Make A Difference" pin in recognition of her achievement.

D. Comments – There were no public comments this evening.

Agenda Item II -- Personnel

A. Personnel – Superintendent Iassogna noted that one resignation was received that needed Board action. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Seaman) to accept the resignation of Patricia Lord, guidance secretary at Trumbull High School since September 1984, retiring effective June 30, 2012. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III – Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting – 3/13/12 By unanimous consent of members present at that meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

At this time, it was moved (Seaman) seconded (Labella) to take Agenda Item VI-A out of order. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item VI – Old Business (out of order)

A. Policies—Second Reading

1. 1.,2. – Both the Student No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use and Staff No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use policies were brought to the Board for a first reading on February 28, 2012. Per Board suggestion, they were revised to include the use of all smoking and tobacco materials. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Labella) to approve the Staff No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor. It was moved (Herbst) seconded (Labella) to approve the Student No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item IV—Reports

- A. There were no reports this evening.

Agenda Item V – New Business

- A. Approval/Academic Decathlon Trip to Albuquerque, N.M.—Academic Decathlon Advisor Dean Pelligra conveyed that the Academic Decathlon Team placed first in State competition where 7 students qualified for the National Academic Decathlon Competition to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from April 25 through 28, 2012. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Herbst) to approve the [Academic Decathlon] Trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico as outlined with such approval contingent upon parent(s)/guardian signing a waiver relieving the school district of any financial obligations due to trip cancellation for any reason and with the stipulation that the Board can rescind it at anytime depending on the security situation. Vote: unanimous in favor.
- B. Approval/Committee to Name a Field—Mr. Iassogna conveyed that the Board has been asked to consider naming two Trumbull High School sites, the soccer field and auditorium. A brief discussion ensued and several Board members expressed concerns with the Naming of Buildings and Sites policy, as some felt the language was vague and would like to see more guidelines/directions included in the policy. It was moved (Labella) seconded (Herbst) to not take up this agenda item at this time. Mr. Kelly conveyed that Craig Breslow [who requested that the soccer field at Trumbull High School be named after his father, former physical education teacher and girls' soccer coach Abe Breslow] and Athletic Director Mike Herbst be advised of the Board's decision to delay taking this request into consideration. Vote: Unanimous in favor. It was moved (Labella) seconded (Seaman) to return the policy, Naming of Building and Sites to PAC [Policy Advisory Committee] for review and recommendations for changes. 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 7:42 p.m.