

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – February 16, 2016
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:

L. Chory, Chairman
S. Testani, Vice Chairman
L. Timpanelli, Secretary
J. Donofrio, Board Member
P. Lavoie, Board Member
M. Petitti, Board Member
M. Ward, Board Member

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – Secretary Timpanelli reported the correspondence from several Trumbull parents: Amelia Audette, Melanie Gleeson, Sandra Kuczynski, Jennifer Meza, Jenn Record and Jennifer Somner.
- C. Public Comments – TEA Co-Presidents: Tammy Baillargeon and Jane Kluspes, TAA Co-President Jackie Norcel, TAA Vice President Peter Sullivan and ParaEducator President Johanna Simmel addressed the Board in their disappointment with the Board’s decision to impose a new health care plan without giving employees the opportunity to study the proposal, look at alternatives and determine if the new plan meets the criteria set forth in the collective bargaining agreement. They asked the Board to set back their decision and agree to negotiate a fair proposal. The following teachers: Margaret Walsh, Kathy Rubano, Cindy Rice Herman, Laura McNaughton, Jennifer Crawford, Gregg Basbagill, Jessica Sage-Rosenblatt, Tom Whitmoyer, Pat Tivadar, and Brenda Windsor all addressed the Board stating their regret in the Board’s adoption of the Connecticut Partnership Health Plan 2.0 before allowing them the opportunity to review the plan and make an informed decision. Several teachers spoke of their health concerns and the uncertainty of the new plan’s coverage and would like the Board to review the disruption analysis. They are requesting the Board act in good faith consistent with their agreement before any action is taken. Resident Tony Daquila asked the Board to resolve a public safety issue that occurs when TECEC is dismissed on Middlebrook Avenue creating a traffic hazard. PTSA Council President Jen Kehley feels that her opinion on the health care vote was misrepresented. She fully supports a thorough analysis before making an informed vote in collaboration with the teachers.

- D. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory reported on the following events:
- The Board of Finance budget hearing is this Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.
 - Tri Board Meeting - Facilities Director Mr. Deming will present to the Town Council on the BOE capital projects proposed for year one of the five year capital plan this Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.
- E. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the following events:
- All THS students are prepping for Teacher Course Recommendation Day.
 - Information has been sent to all parents/guardians regarding SAT testing.
 - The THS’s spring musical, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, is scheduled for March 17-20, 2016.
 - Congratulations to Mr. Scott Kaminski who was selected to attend the 100 Teacher Summit in Boston. We recognize his dedication in developing an AP Computer Science Programming Course for THS students.
 - Thanks to all staff for their cooperation in adjusting their schedules due to necessary school delays due to weather.
- F. Student Board Representatives Reports – Annika Redgate and Steven Stanton reported on events at THS: the success of THS cheerleading and wrestling teams, the induction of Honor Society students, the Color Guard trip, the Tri State writing contest, voter registration, parent/teacher conferences, Mock Trial, the redesigned SAT and the preparations for college applications.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/THS Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Trip to Nashville, Tennessee – Mr. Todd Manuel presented the proposed trip to Nashville, Tennessee, for DECA students to participate in the International Career Development Conference (ICDC). It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the THS Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Trip to Nashville, Tennessee, as presented including a parent/guardian signed waiver relieving the district of any financial obligations due to trip cancellation for any reason. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- B. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 2/2/2016
It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Ward) to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- C. Personnel – Dr. Cialfi reported that there were no changes since the last BOE meeting.
- D. Policy Committee

D. Policies – Second Reading

1. Concussions, Policy Code 5141.7 – Dr. Budd presented this revised policy which has been aligned to statutory changes. It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Timpanelli) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

2. Student Standard of Conduct, Policy Code 5131 – Dr. Budd presented this revised policy which has been aligned to statutory changes. It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Petitti) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
3. Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault, Policy Code 5141.4 – Dr. Budd presented this revised policy which has been aligned to statutory changes. It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Petitti) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
4. Use of Physical Force: Seclusion and Restraint, Policy Code 5144.1 – Dr. Budd presented this revised policy which has been aligned to statutory changes. It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Timpanelli) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
5. Homebound and Hospitalized Instruction, Policy Code 6173 – Dr. Budd presented this revised policy which has been aligned to statutory changes. It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Timpanelli) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Curriculum Committee

Approval/Curriculum Guides – Dr. Budd presented the following curriculum guides for Board approval.

1. Introduction to Music Theory
It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the curriculum guide for Introduction to Music Theory as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
2. Advanced Music Theory
It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the curriculum guide for Advanced Music Theory as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
3. History and Influence of Rock and Roll on Society
It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the curriculum guide for History and Influence of Rock and Roll on Society as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item V—Other

There was no business under this agenda item.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:05 p.m.