

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting – March 1, 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:

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

Members absent:

L. Chory - Chairman

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

Mr. Lavoie asked for a moment of silence in honor of 8 year old Newtown boy, Collin Whitmore who passed away on February 25, 2016 from a sudden medical issue.

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – Mrs. Timpanelli reported on the correspondence from several Trumbull residents: Brandee Gilmore, Elizabeth White and Christal Acquah. The BOE received a Level 3 grievance regarding contract provisions relating to Article VII group insurance from TEA and also a notification of a fund raiser from TECEC which will be held on March 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Marisa’s Restaurant in Trumbull. Scot Kerr sent a recap of the successful WGI Regional percussion competition hosted by THS.
- C. Public Comments – Darren Francis commented on the code of ethics that is listed on the CABA website, most importantly: “we should strive for excellence and put children first”. Kathleen Fearon reiterated her request for the Board to establish a study for later THS start times and also Trumbull’s need to implement a STEM program. Johanna Simmel, Paraeducator Union President, expressed her disappointment over the Board’s recent vote for a new health plan. Her research has shown that the new state health plan is not equal or better to our current plan. Susan LaFrance asked the Board to advocate for more than \$377,000 in support of our teachers. She is disappointed in the Board’s vote for the health care plan that was not on the agenda for a vote of the February 2, 2016 meeting.
- D. Board Chairman Report – The Tri Board meeting was held on February 18, 2016 with the Board of Education and the Board of Finance to act on two resolutions relating to the BOE’s Capital Improvement Plan request for 2016.

E. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:

- Congratulations to 2008 THS graduate, Tina Lapsia who has been selected for the White House spring 2016 Internship Program.
- On March 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. the THS Music Department is presenting the Senior Showcase to celebrate the outstanding talents of our seniors.
- Hillcrest Middle School’s Math Counts Team placed second in the Chapter Competition at Fairfield University.
- The THS Mock Trial team beat Ridgefield High School in the state semi-finals and will advance to the state championship.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 2/16/2016

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Lavoie) to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Personnel – Dr. Cialfi reported that there were no changes since the last BOE meeting.

C. Policy Committee Report

D.-Policies – Second Reading

1. Trumbull High School Performance Standards Requirements for Graduation, Policy Code 5123.1 - Dr. Budd presented this revised policy which has been updated based on the elimination of the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT). It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
2. Administration of Medication by School Personnel, Policy Code 5141.21 - Dr. Budd presented this mandatory policy which has been revised based on statutory changes to the administration of epinephrine (Connecticut Public Act 14-76) and administration of anti-epileptic medication (Connecticut Public Act 15-215) and conforms to the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education’s (CABE) recommended language. It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Petitti) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Professional Development Presentation – Dr. Cialfi, Dr. Budd and faculty members presented the details of three recent professional development initiatives:

Teachers College Institute

Teachers Terry Buckingham, Jen Olimpieri and Lisa Ryan visited elementary and middle schools outside of our District to get a hands on approach while interacting with faculty and students to share resources and fine tune teaching strategies with the goal of improving literacy in our Trumbull students.

Professional Learning Communities at Trumbull High School

Principal Marc Guarino and Teacher Fran Basbagill spoke of the collaborative efforts of the THS teachers to improve instruction. All curriculum is impacted with an emphasis on aligning student and educator goals and practices toward the new SAT.

The Tri-State Consortium Consultancy in Writing K-12

Principal Dana Pierce, Assistant Principal Peter Sullivan, Teachers Jodi Netting and Anne Rizza reported on the Tri-State meeting that took place on February 22-24, 2016 in our schools that included classroom visits and interviews with teachers, administrators, parents and students with a goal to improve writing skills across the curriculum.

Agenda Item V—Other

There was no business under this agenda item.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:35 p.m.