

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – March 15, 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. Recognition – Ms. Jennifer Winschel and the Hillcrest 8th Grade Orchestra performed musical selections for the Board. Members of the Board recognized and commended them on a job well done.
- C. Correspondence – Mrs. Timpanelli reported there was no correspondence this evening.
- D. Public Comments – Kathleen Fearon thanked TPAUD for all their good work in the Trumbull community.
- E. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory attended a meeting that took place with TEA & TAA union representatives, the State Controller’s office, United HealthCare and CVS Caremark to address questions and concerns regarding the Connecticut Partnership 2.0 Healthcare Plan. She also attended the following recent events: a presentation on the upcoming Smarter Balanced Test held at Frenchtown School, the Trumbull Community TV Committee meeting, Part One of the CAFE Leadership Institute Program. Also, several Board Members attended the BEI Legislative Forum at THS.
- F. Superintendent Report –
 - Dr. Cialfi spoke of the success of the Legislative Forum/Preparing of Post High School activities held at THS on March 10.
 - THS Anatomy and Physiology students visit St. Vincent’s Medical Center where they are exposed to all aspects of a hospital setting.
 - Madison and Hillcrest will host their parent/teacher student led conferences on March 22 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

- G. Student Board Representative Report – THS students Annika Redgate and Steven Stanton reported on the following events at THS: the 97% SAT participation, the THS musical which begins this Thursday, March 17, the success of the indoor track, wrestling, gymnastic and decathlon teams and Mock Trial.

Mark your calendars:

March 23	Agriscience Plant Sale
March 24	Truth About Hate Assembly
March 28	World Language Week
March 31	Sophomore Ring Dance

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 3/1/2016

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Testani) to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Six in favor (Testani, Timpanelli, Donofrio, Lavoie, Petitti, Ward). Abstain: Chory. Motion passes.

- B. Personnel – Dr. Cialfi reported that there are five certified resignations and one non-certified resignation that require the Board’s acceptance. The certified resignations are as follows:

Michael Ferraro, (.5) physical education teacher district-wide since January 2008 and currently on a personal leave of absence, resigning effective June 30, 2016; Melissa Giaquinto, special education teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 2012, resigning effective June 30, 2016; Amy Guttman, grade 2 teacher at Daniels Farm Elementary School since August 2012 and currently on a personal leave of absence, resigning effective June 30, 2016; Nicholas Martorana, special education teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 2015, resigning effective June 30, 2016; and Jillian Stugard, grade 1 teacher at Middlebrook Elementary School since August 2009 and currently on a personal leave of absence, resigning effective June 30, 2016. The non-certified resignation/retirement is Claudia Konopka, secretary in the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments Department since November 1989, retiring effective May 31, 2016. These were unanimously accepted by the Board. It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Petitti) to accept all five resignations and one retirement as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- C. Approval/Academic Decathlon Team Trip to Anchorage, Alaska – Advisor Mr. Dean Pelligra was in attendance to discuss the recent state win for the Academic Decathlon Team which qualifies them to participate in the National Academic Competition this April in Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Pelligra presented the team’s schedule of events to the Board.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the Academic Decathlon Team trip to Anchorage, Alaska as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- D. Trumbull Parents Against Underage Drinking & Drugs (TPAUD) 2015 Student Survey Results Presentation – TPAUD Project Director Melissa McGarry presented the results of this student survey. Topics discussed were data collection efforts, student/parent attitudes, behaviors and accessibility of alcohol and drugs to minors. Statistical analysis was presented to communicate the current state of alcohol and drug use in our teens and prevention efforts. TPAUD Chairperson Vicki Tesoro made closing remarks.

E. Policy Committee

Policies-First Reading- Dr .Budd

1. Code of Ethics, Policy Code 4118.22 - Dr. Budd presented this proposed new policy that incorporates the Connecticut Code of Professional Responsibility for Teachers and the Connecticut Code of Professional Responsibility for Administrators into the district's policy manual for transparency, clarity and reference for all constituents. There were no recommended changes from Board Members. This policy will be returned to the Board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.
2. Food Services Personnel, Code of Conduct, Policy Code 3542.22 - Dr. Budd discussed this proposed new policy which is based on federal regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture for schools receiving federal funds for Child Nutrition Programs, one of which is the National School Lunch Program. The language of this policy follows the federal regulations exactly. There were no recommended changes from Board Members. This policy will be returned to the Board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.

F. Curriculum Committee

F.1. - Approval/Curriculum Guide – Dr. Budd presented the curriculum guide for *United States History – College Prep, Advanced College Prep, Honors*. It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the curriculum guide for *United States History – College Prep, Advanced College Prep, Honors* as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F.2. – Approval/Textbook – Dr. Budd presented the textbook for the World Language Department at Trumbull High School entitled *Immagina – 2nd Edition* for inclusion in Italian IV ACP and Italian IV Honors courses offered to students in Grade 12. It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the textbook for *Immagina – 2nd Edition* as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- G. Town of Trumbull Business-Education Initiative (BEI) Update – Mr. Lavoie attended the BEI Board of Directors meeting and reported these updates: a recognition breakfast is scheduled for May 31, 2016 at 7:30 a.m., and there are currently 17 mini grants awarded through BEI that have 685 students participating in various projects.

Agenda Item V—Other

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Testani) to add to the agenda an executive session to discuss the union grievances before the Board regarding health insurance. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:48 p.m.

At this time, it was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Testani) to meet in Executive Session to discuss the TEA grievance before the Board regarding health insurance. Superintendent Cialfi, Assistant Superintendent McGrath and Business Administrator O'Keefe were invited in Executive Session to be part of the discussion. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Executive Session began at 9:00 p.m. By unanimous consent of Board Members present, it was moved to end Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.