

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting – June 7, 2016  
Trumbull High School Auditorium

The Trumbull Board of Education convened in the Trumbull High School Auditorium for a Regular Meeting.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

J. Donofrio, 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. Recognitions

1. 2016 Tenured Teachers – The following certified staff members were recognized and commended for attaining tenure status with the Trumbull Board of Education: from Booth Hill Elementary, Jenna Sekelsky; from Daniels Farm Elementary, Sara Barthel, Jessica Moyer; from Frenchtown Elementary, Katherine Lance, Jessica Sapia, Jennifer Malling, Rachel Orr, Kerianne Shinnick; from Tashua Elementary Megan Kelly; from Hillcrest Middle School, Johanna Fitzpatrick, Diana Garra, Carolyn Lang, Julia Saunders; from Madison Middle School, Katherine Benoit, Catherine Ciardi, Melissa Fox, Amy Oman, Tracey Ormond, Kaitlyn Picheco, Robert Reda; from Middlebrook Elementary, Abigail Baldino, Ellen Thomas; from Trumbull High School, Rebecca Braskamp, Christopher Caridi, Emily Cooper, Melissa Cunningham, Alexandria Davies, Kimberly Foster, Linda Goodman, Gary Guertin, William Kirk, Jack LaBarca, Robin Luther, Kristin Magazine, Lysa Margiotta, Mary Raccuia, Hope Spalla; and from TECEC, Elisa Esteves.
2. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Leadership Awards – Board Chairman Mrs. Chory and Dr. Cialfi recognized and commended Trumbull High School students and Student Board Representatives Annika Redgate and Steven Stanton, Hillcrest Middle School students Adrien Joseph and Bianca Woodward, and Madison Middle School students Michael Lancia and Julia Nevins. They were presented with a CABE Award certificate and the entire Board of Education commended these students on their achievement.

Board Chair Mrs. Chory requested that one agenda item be added to this portion of the meeting. By unanimous consent of Board Members present, the Board of Education recognized and commended Jessica Spillane and the members of the THS cast and crew of this year's play, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" that won an unprecedented amount of awards including Production of the Year.

3. Trumbull High School 2015-2016 Yearbook – Advisors Mr. Jordan Miller and Dr. Lisa Acerbo presented the 55<sup>th</sup> edition of Trillium yearbook entitled “*Better For It*”. Mr. Miller explained the title of this year’s theme which is the celebration of challenges, “we are better for our experiences, and the real learning starts before the game.” Mr. Miller and Dr. Acerbo thanked the Board, the Superintendent, administration, faculty, parents and staff of Trumbull High and the Trumbull community for their support.
  4. THS “We the People” Team – Twenty-four students from Ms. Katie Boland’s Advanced Placement/Early College Experience American Government class placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation at the *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* competition in Washington, DC this past April. Dr. Cialfi and the entire Board of Education recognized and commended them for this outstanding achievement.
- C. Correspondence – Secretary Timpanelli reported on a thank you letter from Dr. Floria Mallozzi.
- D. Public Comments – Lainie McHugh, of 132 Fresh Meadow Dr. thanked the community for donating their time and energy to this year’s post prom event in which 450 students participated. She also commended Athletic Director Mike King and the Athletic Department for all their hard work in organizing this year’s football program that promotes students’ self- esteem and a sense of family. Mrs. Chory asked Mrs. McHugh to please let the board members know about next year’s event should they want to volunteer.
- E. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory announced the next Board of Education meeting is rescheduled to be held on Monday, June 27, 2016. Mrs. Chory also welcomed Kathy Rubano as the new teacher representative and reported on the following events that she and other board members have attended: :
- May 18- THS Choir Concert
  - May 22- Student Art Exhibition at Sacred Heart University
  - May 25- Madison Jr. Honor Society
  - May 26- We the People honored by CT Legislators
  - May 26- BOE Retirement Dinner
  - May 30- Agriscience Awards
  - June 1- THS Scholarship Night
  - June 2- ACE Elementary/Middle School recognition
  - June 6- CT Theater Awards
  - June 7- CABE seminar in Middleton – Trends in Collective Bargaining
- F. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the THS Athletic Banquet, the ACE Foundation Annual Recognition Celebration on June 9, 2016 and THS graduation on June 15, 2016.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/Collective Bargaining Agreements on Insurance – Attorney Floyd Dugas was in attendance to inform the Board of Education that Trumbull Public Schools have reached agreements with all 8 bargaining units to move to the State Partnership Insurance Plan 2.0 on September 1, 2016 for: TEA (Teachers), TAA (Administrators), CILU Supervisors, CILU Support, Custodial/Maintenance/Security, Paraprofessionals, Food Services, and

TASS (Secretaries). Attorney Dugas presented the specifics of the plan. The major changes include an initial 2.5% reduction in the premium share with a 0.5% increase each year. The medical waiver payments will continue to be phased down, but will remain at 25% of the original amounts as long as we remain on the State Partnership Plan. It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Lavoie) to approve moving all bargaining units listed above to the State Partnership Plan 2.0 as of September 1, 2016. Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made (Testani) and seconded (Timpanelli) to move Agenda Item III -E to this portion of the meeting. Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

E. THS 2015-2016 School Year Review – Dr. Cialfi gave a presentation on the THS 2015-2016 school year highlighting State and National Citations, SAT Scores, Advanced Placement (AP) scores and enrollment, “Most Competitive College” acceptances, and student wellness. Data was presented showing the continuous rise of SAT scores and the increase of AP courses at THS. Dr. Cialfi then discussed how this evidence contributes to “Preparation for College and Career Success”. This report has been made available to the public on the Trumbull school website.

B. Personnel

Dr. Cialfi presented three resignations for the Board’s acceptance. Mr. John Rosco, math teacher at Trumbull High School since August 2004, retiring effective June 30, 2016; Ms. Jennifer Stewart, district-wide special education teacher and specialized resource department chair since August 2012, resigning effective June 30, 2016; and Ms. Stephanie Zetye, science teacher at Trumbull High School since August 2009, resigning effective June 30, 2016. A motion was made (Testani) and seconded (Petitti) to accept the above resignations. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 5/17/2016

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2016 Regular Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Approval/Financial Reports/Minutes as of 4/30/2016 – Mr. O’Keefe reported that the Finance Committee met on May 24, 2016 to review the Financial Reports through April 30, 2016. There were no budget transfers during this time. Also, discussed were the status of the 2015-2016 self-insured health plan, the preliminary 2015-2016 year-end financial projection, recent communications with DATTCO, the district’s transportation provider, and an action plan related to the Continuing Education operational review by the Town Auditor, Therese Keegan. A discussion ensued. It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the financial reports through April 30, 2016 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Curriculum Committee Report

1. Approval/New Course Proposals – Dr. Budd presented two new course proposals.

a. Chamber Strings Ensemble – This new course is for grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 and welcomes any violin, viola, cello or bass student with prior middle school instrumental instruction. It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Petitti) to approve this course for inclusion in the 2016-2017 Program of Studies. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- b. Senior Seminar – This new course which focuses on health/wellness topics is proposed for grade 12 students to help transition them to college. A discussion ensued. It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve this course for inclusion in the 2016-2017 Program of Studies. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Executive Session:

By unanimous consent, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:41p.m. At this time, it was moved (Timpanelli) seconded (Testani) to go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing security plans in Trumbull Public Schools. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Deming, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Connelly and Officer Robert Harry were invited into Executive Session to be part of the discussion. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Executive Session began at 8:45 p.m.

By unanimous consent of Board Members present, it was moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:54 p.m. and adjourn the meeting.