

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular and Special Meetings – Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Long Hill Administration Building

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 (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
L. Timpanelli, Secretary
J. Donofrio, Board Member
P. Lavoie, Board Member
M. Petitti, Board Member (left at 7:00 p.m.)
M. Ward, Board Member

Executive Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. At this time, it was moved (Chory) seconded (Lavoie) to enter Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation, Salary and Contract. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Executive Session began at 5:03 p.m. By unanimous consent of Board members present, it was moved to come out of Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. to discuss a Level 3 TEA Grievance. Board Members and the TEA were both represented by Counsel. After a discussion, it was moved (Ward) and seconded (Petitti) to adjourn the special meeting at 6:28 p.m. (unanimous in favor) and enter a non-meeting to discuss the Level 3 Grievance. Invited guests to the meeting included the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Board Attorney, Mr. Floyd Dugas. The non-meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

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

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.

A motion was made (Lavoie) and seconded (Donofrio) to deny the Level 3 TEA Grievance.
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Correspondence – Secretary Timpanelli reported that the BOE received emails from Booth Hill parents with concerns of enrollment numbers and the need for dedicated classrooms for art and music.

C. Public Comments – Former Board Chair, Deborah Herbst, of 11 Lynbrook Road thanked the Board, teachers, administrators and staff for all their hard work and acknowledged how Trumbull schools have soared in 2016. Booth Hill parent, Emily Voss, of 45 Red Fox Lane asked the Board for a solution for the overcrowding at Booth Hill School so that Booth Hill students can learn the

same as their peers across our district. Superintendent Gary Cialfi commented that the Booth Hill overcrowding issue is under review.

- D. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory recognized the Trumbull community for their tireless effort and enthusiastic support to help continue to strive for excellence in our Trumbull schools.
- E. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported:
- The first official day back for teachers is August 29, 2016. A convocation program will be held in the THS Auditorium at 8:30 a.m.
 - Dr. Cialfi gave an update on the Capital Improvement Projects taking place in our district.
 - Dr. Cialfi was pleased to report on the Connecticut Post’s front page headline “Trumbull’s Scores Leap” that indicates a dramatic increase in Trumbull’s SBAC scores.
 - Dr. Cialfi will establish a committee to research current and future student enrollment numbers at Booth Hill School to consider options to alleviate overcrowding.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/CILU Support, CILU Supervisor Collective Bargaining Agreements
Attorney Floyd Dugas and Dr. Michael McGrath presented the draft agreements for the CILU Support and CILU Supervisors Bargaining Units. A discussion ensued. It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Lavoie) to approve the CILU Support and CILU Supervisors Collective Agreements as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- B. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 8/23/2016
It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2016 Regular Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Ward) to extend the Superintendent’s contract until June 30, 2019 with a 3.5% salary increase. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Personnel

Dr. Cialfi reported the following three resignations:

Carey-Hearn; Board Certified Behavior Analyst (unaffiliated) specialist at Trumbull High School since August 2014, resigning effective August 29, 2016.

Mangini, Jessica; math specialist at Tashua Elementary School since August 2008, resigning effective August 2, 2016.

Toscano, Diane; reading teacher at Madison Middle School since August 2004, retiring effective August 17, 2016.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Timpanelli) to accept the three resignations as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Cialfi presented the following certified appointments which are effective August 29, 2016:

Alterman, Jeffrey; MA/19 (\$91,496) math teacher at Hillcrest Middle School.

Armato, Amanda; 6/8 (\$69,908) speech/language pathologist at Frenchtown Elementary School.

Barrett, Kristine; MA/4 (\$57,626) social studies teacher at Hillcrest and Madison Middle School.
Bruno, Francesca; MA/4 (\$57,626) elementary teacher at Tashua Elementary School.
Costen, Elizabeth; MA/8 (.8) (\$52,149.60) science teacher at Hillcrest Middle School.
Formanek, Dawn; MA/6 (\$61,290) math teacher at Hillcrest Middle School.
Gomes, Ashley; MA/8 (\$65,187) English teacher at Trumbull High School.
Jasensky, Jenna; MA/5 (\$59,430) agriculture teacher Agriscience and Biotechnology Center.
Lauria, Brianna; MA/5 (\$59,430) elementary teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School.
Marini, Michelle; MA/13 (\$76,048) math specialist at Tashua Elementary School.
Miller, Alyssa; MA/6 (\$61,290) elementary teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School.
Novack, Nancy; MA/5 (\$59,430) elementary and middle reading teacher district-wide.
Piccolo, Kimberly; 6/4 (\$62,162) mental health specialist at Trumbull High School.
Popoli, Lauren; MA/8 (\$65,187) elementary teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School.
Potok, Michelle; MA/11 (\$71,502) elementary teacher at Daniels Farm Elementary School.
Preman, Jessica; MA/6 (\$61,290); elementary teacher at Tashua Elementary School.
Quattrone, Michelle; 6/5 (\$64,014) psychologist, district wide.
Ruggiero, Diana; MA/6 (\$61,290) elementary teacher at Middlebrook Elementary School.
Rusate, Christina; 6/13 (\$80,961) business department teacher/ chairperson at Trumbull High School.
Scrofani, Sara; 6/18 (\$93,762) technology integration specialist at Trumbull High School.

Dr. Cialfi presented one administrative appointment:

Coppola, Paul; Category V/1 (\$133,124) Assistant Principal at Madison Middle School, effective August 17, 2016.

The Board unanimously received and filed all of the above appointments.

D. Approval/Trip, National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention

Agriscience students were in attendance to present the annual trip to Indianapolis, Indiana from October 18 to October 22, 2016 for the FFA Convention which would require students to miss four school days. The trip enables students to participate in leadership workshops and have the opportunity to meet other FFA students from around the world. It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Approval/Town of Trumbull Fall Festival Special Request

Town Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Stuart McCarthy, asked the Board of Education to grant a waiver of its Policy 1330, Use of Public School Buildings and Sites, for two (2) days to allow for an alcohol concession under the direction of the Trumbull Police Department on the grounds of Hillcrest Middle School and Trumbull High School during the Trumbull Fall Festival on Friday, September 9, and Saturday, September 10, 2016. It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Testani) to approve the waiver of Policy 1330 to allow for an alcohol concession on Friday, September 9, and Saturday, September 10, 2016 on the grounds of Hillcrest Middle School and Trumbull High School for the Trumbull Fall

Festival as presented. Vote: 4 in favor (Lavoie, Testani, Donofrio, Chory), 2 against (Timpanelli, Ward). Motion passes.

F. 2016 Smarter Balanced Standardized Assessment Results

Dr. Jonathan Budd gave a presentation highlighting Trumbull district's scores for Smarter Balanced Standardized Assessments in 2016. Trumbull's SBAC scores have shown a dramatic increase in 2016. The District remains committed to strive for continuous improvement in curriculum, instruction and assessment.

G. 2016-2017 Enrollment Update

Dr. Cialfi presented enrollment data as of August 23, 2016 that included class size restrictions taking into consideration that all students' needs be accommodated. Updated enrollment numbers will be continually monitored with the most up to date numbers to ensure the District is prepared for the first day of school.

H. Approval/Financial Reports as of June 30, 2016

Finance Committee Chair Paul Lavoie reported that the Finance Committee met on August 16, 2016 which reviewed financial reports as of June 30, 2016. Mr. O'Keefe gave an overview of the year end financials. It was reported that there were no budget transfers during the month of June 2016. It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Testani) to approve the financial reports through June 30, 2016 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

I. Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Testani reported the Policy Committee met on August 10, 2016.

Dr. Budd presented the following Policies for Second Reading:

1. Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program, Policy Code 5145.511
This policy was reviewed at the July 12, 2016 Board of Education meeting.
It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Donofrio) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
2. Reports and Records of School Transportation Safety Complaints, Policy Code 3541.5 –
This policy was reviewed at the July 12, 2016 Board of Education meeting.
It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Donofrio) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
3. Security Checks, Policy Code 4212.5
This policy was reviewed at the July 12, 2016 Board of Education meeting.
It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Donofrio) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
4. Copyright Law Compliance, Policy Code 6162.6
This policy was reviewed at the July 12, 2016 Board of Education meeting.
It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Donofrio) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Budd presented the following Policies for First Reading:

5. Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault, Policy Code 5141.4
This proposed policy revision reviewed at the August 10, 2016 Policy Committee is in mandatory response to Connecticut Public Act 16-188 and the new policy language implements the suggestions of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE). This policy will be returned to the Board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.
6. Policy Committee, Policy Code 9131
This proposed policy revision clarifies certain membership details such as expiration of terms and procedural details of the Policy Committee and was reviewed at the August 10, 2016 Policy Committee. This policy will be returned to the Board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.
7. Internet Filtering, Policy Code 6141.323
This required new policy is mandated by the federal Children’s Internet Protection Act to codify the District’s obligations for filtering Internet usage in the schools. The language of the policy uses suggestions from CABE. This policy will be returned to the Board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.
8. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Technology in the Schools, Policy Code 6141.328
This proposed policy revision reflects current best practices for use of student personal electronic devices in educational context. This policy will be returned to the Board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.
9. Student Network/Internet Use, Policy Code 6141.321
This proposed policy revision reflects current best practices for network/internet use, in particular by students. The language of the proposed policy revision implements suggestions by CABE. This policy will be returned to the Board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.

Curriculum Committee Report –

Approval/New Course Text Proposal - Dr. Budd presented the following textbook for approval.

1. *Imagina* (Core: Spanish V Honors)

A motion was made by (Timpanelli) and seconded (Ward) to accept the above textbook proposal as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

A motion was made by (Timpanelli) and seconded (Ward) to add to the agenda the following two textbooks for Board approval. Vote: All in favor.

- a. *The Nystrom Desk Atlas* (Grades 6 & 7 Social Studies)
- b. *Entrepreneurship: Building a Business* (Entrepreneurship)

A motion was made by (Timpanelli) and seconded (Ward) to accept the above two textbooks as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

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

2. Grade 6 Language Arts
3. Grade 7 Language Arts
4. Grade 8 Language Arts
5. Honors PreCalculus

A motion was made by (Ward) and seconded (Donofrio) to accept all the above four curriculum guides as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:42 p.m.