

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 9, 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
L. Timpanelli, Secretary
J. Donofrio, Board Member
P. Lavoie, Board Member
M. Petitti, Board Member
M. Ward, Board Member

Executive Session

At 6:00 p.m. it was moved (Testani) and seconded (Petitti) to go into Executive Session to discuss and evaluate the Superintendent's contract. Vote: Unanimous in favor. All Board members were present. By unanimous consent, it was moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – Nina Massaria and Jen Mottolese wrote to the Board requesting that a fourth section of kindergarten be added at Middlebrook School. Former Superintendent, Ralph Iassogna wrote and thanked the Board for allowing him to participate in the THS graduation ceremony.
- C. Public Comments – There were no public comments at this evening's meeting.
- D. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory reported on the following: the TEA negotiations are underway with Board members Donofrio and Ward; the Bylaws Review Committee meetings have taken place this summer with Board members Donofrio, Timpanelli and Chory; and a new superintendent's performance evaluation rubric is being developed that uses CABE's guidelines. She gave a big thank you to all of the Board Committees that have met regularly this summer. Mrs. Chory also attended a CABE Leadership Workshop that discussed the need to make Boards of Education throughout Connecticut more reflective of their community. She has accepted a CABE short term appointment to a Connecticut Legislative task force which was established under PA16-188 to review, streamline and align policies relating to school climate, bullying, school safety and social-emotional learning.
- E. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi had the pleasure of meeting with Officer Blake Petty, THS's new School Resource Officer; he reported on the positive outcome achieved at the Teachers College Writing Institute in which over 80 of Trumbull's K-Grade 5 teachers participated; and conveyed the Press Box refurbishment at THS.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Personnel

Dr. Cialfi reported on the following resignations for Board approval:

Alford, Laura; social studies teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 2008, resigning effective July 28, 2016.

Decker-Lawler, Nicole; science/agriculture teacher teacher at the Agriscience and Biotechnology Center since August 2008, resigning effective August 10, 2016.

Orsi, Christina; mental health specialist at Trumbull High School since August 2015, resigning effective July 29, 2016.

Tom, Susannah; math teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 1999, resigning effective August 4, 2016.

A motion was made (Testani) and seconded (Timpanelli) to accept the above resignations.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The following appointments are effective August 29, 2016:

Ascone, Kelly; MA/12 (\$73,740) math intervention specialist at Hillcrest Middle School.

Cellini, Gene; MA/4 (\$57,626) library/media specialist* at Frenchtown Elementary School.

DiScala, Vincent;** BA/5 (\$54,325) physical education teacher at Trumbull High School.

Duffy, Hannah; MA/8 (\$65,187) social worker at the Trumbull Early Childhood Education center.

Eisenberg, Samantha; 6/5 (\$64,014) college transition specialist at Trumbull High School.

Fedak, Catherine; MA/15 (\$80,884) elementary teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School.

Hovan, Nicole;**MA/11 (\$71,502) special education* teacher at Trumbull High School.

Hourigan, Katelyn; MA/4 (\$57,626) business teacher at Trumbull High School.

Kochan, Ashley; MA/4 (\$57,626) special education* teacher at Trumbull High School.

Maier, Charlotte; MA/6 (\$61,290) elementary teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School.

Manner, Melissa; MA/10 (\$69,332) science* teacher at Trumbull High School.

Micalizzi, Cara; BA/5 (\$54,325) preschool teacher at the Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center.

Olexovitch, Carla; MA/10 (\$69,332) art teacher at Frenchtown Elementary School.

Riccio, Jenna; 6/4 (\$62,162); special education* teacher at Frenchtown Elementary School.

Rooney, Erin; MA/13 (\$76,048) social studies teacher at Hillcrest and Madison Middle School.

Solustri, Julia; BA/6 (\$56,059) reading teacher at Madison Middle School.

Stebbins, Samantha; MA/4 (\$57,626) elementary teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School.

Wolfe, Carly; MA/6 (\$61,290) elementary teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School.

Appointments – Administrative

Beaman, Barbara; Category IV/ 5 (\$150,423) Coordinator of Special Education – High School through Post High School, effective August 15, 2016.

Mallozzi, Floria; Category VIII/1 (\$121,877) Coordinator of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) K-8, effective August 10, 2016.

The recommendation to receive and file the above appointments was unanimously accepted by the Board.

- B. Personnel: Administrative Restructured Positions - Dr. Cialfi discussed the need to reevaluate and restructure two administrative positions. The Coordinator of Special Education position is being established in order to meet new legal requirements that include improving post graduate outcomes for students. The Coordinator K-8 Stem position is being established in order to strengthen the K-8 alignment of math and science instructional and assessment practices. The Board unanimously agreed with Dr. Cialfi's recommendations to establish these new positions.
- C. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 7/12/2016
It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 Regular Board of Education meeting as presented. Abstain: Donofrio. Vote: 6 in favor. Motion passes.
- D. 2016-2017 Enrollment Update – Dr. Cialfi
The administration closely monitors enrollment numbers during the summer months. Dr. Cialfi presented preliminary projected enrollment data as of August 8, 2016 and discussed class size guidelines with the Board. Updated enrollment numbers will be monitored and presented at the next meeting on August 23, 2016.
- E. Teachers College Professional Development – Dr. Budd gave a video presentation highlighting the Teachers College Writing Institute for 80 Trumbull K-5 teachers and administrators held from August 1 to 4, 2016.
- F. Curriculum Committee Report – Mrs. Petitti reported on the Curriculum Committee meeting that reviewed the following textbooks and curriculum guides:

Approval/New Course Text Proposals - Dr. Budd

1. *Math Accelerated: A Pre-Algebra Program* (Core: Pre-Algebra)
2. *Immagina* (Core: Italian Conversation & Culture III, Italian III ACP, and Italian III Honors)
3. *English Language Arts Common Core Performance Coach* Grades 6, 7, & 8 (Core: Grade 6 Reading; Grade 7 Reading; Grade 8 Reading)
4. *The Girl on the Train* (Supplemental: A Critical Approach to Popular Literature)
5. *Jane Eyre* (Supplemental: English 10 Honors)
6. *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* (Supplemental: English 10 and English 10 Honors)

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

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

7. Italian IV- Grades 10 -12 /World Languages
8. French IV- Grades 10-12 /World Languages
9. Advanced Placement United States Government & Politics/Social Studies
10. Grade 6 Reading Curriculum Guide

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

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:45 p.m.