

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 13, 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

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 – Frontier PEG Grant Award to Trumbull Board of Education-Donna Hamzy from Frontier Communications presented a \$12,500 grant to the BOE. The grant will be used by the Business Department at THS to purchase video equipment. State Representative David Rutigliano was on hand to thank Frontier for their generous grant.
- C. Recognition – Trumbull Parents of Students with Learning Differences (TPSLD)-Alice Ferreira and Stephanie Vaughn from TPSLD presented Above and Beyond Awards to those individuals who make a difference each and every day in the lives of students with learning differences.
- D. Correspondence –Secretary Timpanelli reported several emails received by the Board in regard to class size and structuring at Middlebrook and Booth Hill Elementary Schools.
- E. Public Comments – There were no public comments at this evening’s meeting.
- F. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory reported on the following: she thanked Mrs. Testani for speaking on her behalf at the teacher’s convocation, thanked Board members Mrs. Petitti, Mrs. Timpanelli and Mr. Ward who visited Trumbull schools on opening day, and noted that the work of the legislative task force on school climate, which she is a member of, can be accessed on CTN.
- G. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the enthusiasm for Dr. Marc Brackett's comments at the convocation ceremony at THS; Trumbull Schools has submitted a “Going Green” contest entry to CABE that details our energy efficiency plan to reduce energy consumption; Trumbull High’s counseling department hosted their annual Senior Planning Workshop on September 7, 2016 and will also host Financial Aid Planning Night on September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

- H. Teacher Board Representative Report- Mrs. Kathy Rubano thanked the Board for engaging Dr. Marc Brackett in implementing the Emotional Intelligence program to improve school climate. Mrs. Rubano also thanked the many teachers across our district who are working to implement the program. Congratulations to Jim McCaffrey from THS who won 2016 Teacher of the Year!
- I. Student Board Representative Reports – THS students Ms. Annika Redgate and Mr. Dario Arganese reported on events at THS: Link Crew that helps freshmen acclimate to THS, college planning workshops, ACT testing, club sign ups, the senior college application process, back to school night, and the success of the soccer team and the marching band.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 8/23/2016

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2016 Regular Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Personnel

Dr. Cialfi presented the following certified appointments:

Baril, Jacqueline; MA/4 (\$57,626) elementary teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School.

Benson, Anne; \$65.00/hour (unaffiliated) Board Certified Behavior Analyst district-wide, effective September 6, 2016.

Boken, Kevin; 6/11 (\$76,344) science* teacher at Trumbull High School, effective October 4, 2016.

Dwelle, Craig; BA/5 (\$69,908) physical education teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School.

Galow, Lorraine; MA/5 (\$59,430) elementary teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School.

Palmer, Nicole; MA/4 (\$57,626) reading teacher at Madison Middle School.

Pugliese, Matia**; MA/4 (\$57,626) elementary teacher at Frenchtown Elementary School.

Thomas, Amanda; MA/6 (.55) (\$33,709.50) art teacher at Middlebrook Elementary School.

- C. Approval/Head Start Food Service Agreement 2016-2017 –Food Services Director Betty Sinko presented the Head Start Food Services agreement for 2016-2017. Head Start introduces three and four year olds to a nutritious school lunch program. It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Testani) to approve the Head Start Food Services Agreement for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- D. Approval/Trip to inspirED Summit, Menlo Park, California – THS Principal Marc Guarino and Intervention Specialist Bill Mecca presented a trip to visit Facebook headquarters in California along with three THS students. This two day seminar presented by Facebook will explore the role of social and emotional intelligence to help enhance student success. It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the trip to visit inspirED Summit, Menlo Park, California at the Facebook Headquarters as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- E. Post High School Plans – THS Principal Marc Guarino and Guidance Chair Cathy Hilser presented the college outcomes for the Class of 2016 sorted by college and by GPA. They also included the following: four year college summary, thirteen year post-secondary educational plan comparison from 2004, Class of 2016 college applications and elaborated on the students’ progress from high school into college and careers.
- F. Curriculum Committee Report – Mrs. Petitti reported the Curriculum Committee met on Thursday, September 8, 2016 to review textbooks and curriculum guides. The Board commended Dr. Budd’s work and the difference it is making on the education process in our district.

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

1. Grade 6 Social Studies
2. Pre-Algebra
3. Algebra I
4. Senior Seminar
5. ACP Calculus Curriculum Guide
6. ACP Marine Science Curriculum Guide
7. ACP Environmental Science Curriculum Guide

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

- G. 2016-2017 Enrollment Update – Dr. Cialfi presented enrollment data as of September 8, 2016. He detailed actual higher than projected enrollment numbers and outlined the specifics of class size requirements. A discussion ensued involving the student enrollment numbers at Booth Hill School. Updated enrollment numbers will be continually monitored within our district.
- H. Approval/2015-2016 Annual Report – Dr. Cialfi presented the 2015-2016 Annual Report to the Board of Education prior to submitting to the First Selectman. It was moved (Ward) seconded (Donofrio) to approve the 2015-2016 Annual Report to the First Selectman as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:40 p.m.