

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 24, 2017
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 – Isha Dalal Selected for U.S. Senate Youth Program, Washington, D.C.

The Board of Education commended Trumbull High School senior Isha Dalal on being selected as a delegate to the 55th annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) to be held in Washington, D.C. March 4-11, 2017. Among her achievements, Isha is also the founder of Voice, which empowers students to become involved in legislative affairs.

- C. Correspondence –Trumbull parent, Mrs. Jenn Record wrote to the Board commending her children’s teachers at Daniel Farms School for their expertise in engaging students in the learning process.
- D. Public Comments –Mr. Tony Elliano of 180 Fresh Meadow Drive presented examples to the Board of his dissatisfaction with the performance of the DATTCO Bus Company. Mr. Elliano also supplied literature to the Board in support of his concerns.
- E. Board Chairman Report –
- Mrs. Chory reported that several Board members attended the THSGEMB celebration at THS followed by the String Orchestra & Symphonic Band Concert. Several also attended the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) AREA 6 Legislative Breakfast at Staples High School in Westport, Connecticut.
 - Mrs. Chory participated in an informational CABE webinar led by the Connecticut Department of Education Commissioner, Dr. Wentzell that highlighted topics such as mid-year ECS reductions and next year’s budget proposal.

- Mrs. Testani will be the BOE appointee to a committee that will be reviewing the field use policy in conjunction with the Parks/Recreation Department.
- F. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the CABE Legislative Session; Trumbull Community Women are offering mini-grants to academic and unified arts block teachers at the middle schools; and the 2017 Capital Improvement Plan proposal for installing synthetic turf on the THS soccer field.
- G. Teacher Board Representative Report - Mrs. Kathy Rubano reported on the following activities at Trumbull schools:
- Frenchtown students attended a PBIS celebration with the theme, “This School Welcomes You”
 - Daniel’s Farm first grade is experimenting with alternative seating choices and has instituted a technology club to enhance student success
 - Jane Ryan, third graders are studying the skeleton and in February will be doing a food drive for the Trumbull food pantry
 - THS: the Entrepreneurship class created a company to market baseball caps where a portion of the proceeds was donated to Breast Cancer Research; Business Education teachers participated in professional development at NBC Sports in Stamford; English teacher, Nicole Caruso Garcia had a poem nominated for a Pushcart Prize and the Science Department is prepping students for the Science CAPT in March.
- H. Student Board Representatives Report - Annika Redgate reported on the following at THS: the girls’ basketball, wrestling and gymnastics teams are undefeated; Mr. King is nominated to be in the FCIAC Coach’s Hall of Fame; Mock Trial, midterm week and the second semester begins on January 24, 2017.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/THS Model United Nations (UN) Trip to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Advisor Mr. Jack LaBarca requested approval of this trip for the THS Model UN team to compete in the Cornell Model United Nations Conference (CMUNC) in Ithaca, New York from Thursday, April 20 to Sunday, April 23, 2017 resulting in two missed school days. THS junior, Matthew Kuroghlian thanked the Board for giving students the experience of participating in debates on world issues in this academic world renowned model United Nations conference. It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve this trip as requested. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- B. Approval/THS Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Trip to Anaheim, California. Advisors Ms. Christina Rusate and Ms. Alana Tartaglia request approval of this trip for the THS Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) to compete in the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, California from Tuesday, April 25 to Sunday, April 30, 2017 resulting in four days out of school. It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve this trip as requested. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- C. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 1/9/2017
It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Lavoie) to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Personnel Report

Dr. Cialfi reported that there are no changes since the last meeting.

E. Editorial Changes to Mandated Policies

Dr. Budd requested the renumbering/retitling changes of policies based on the recent Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) audit of the Trumbull Public Schools Policy Manual. It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Ward) to approve these changes of renumbering/retitling of policies as per the CABE audit as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Policy First Reading, Policy Code 6115, School Ceremonies and Observances

Dr. Budd presented the following Policy for First Reading:

1. School Ceremonies and Observances, Policy Code 6115

Based on the recent CABE audit of the TPS Policy Manual, this proposed editorial revision of mandated policy 6115 merges the language from closely-aligned TPS Policy 6112.1, "School Day Opening Exercises". Upon ultimate approval of revision of 6115, current policy 6112.1 would be rescinded. This policy will be returned to the Board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.

G. Curriculum Committee Report – Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee met on January 19, 2017 and reviewed new course proposals, curriculum guides and textbooks.

Approval/New Course Proposals

Dr. Budd presented the following new course proposals:

1. Beginning Ceramics
2. Photography
3. String Orchestra 9-12 & String Orchestra 11-12

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Ward) to approve the above three recommended curriculum guides as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Approval/Curriculum Guides

Dr. Budd presented the following curriculum guides:

4. Sports and Entertainment Marketing
5. Modern Drama

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Ward) to approve the two above recommended curriculum guides as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Approval/New Course Text Proposals

Dr. Budd presented the following textbooks:

6. *A Few Good Men* (Core: Modern Drama)
7. *The Call of the Wild* (Supplemental: Grade 7 Language Arts)
8. *The Finest Hours: The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue* (Supplemental: Grade 7 Language Arts)
9. *Victory* (Supplemental: Grade 7 Language Arts)
10. *Million-Dollar Throw* (Supplemental: Grade 7 Language Arts)

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Testani) to approve the five above recommended textbooks as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Budd invited the Board to follow the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments on Twitter @TPSTeaching&Learning.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:10 p.m.