

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting – October 24, 2017  
**Madison Middle School**

The Trumbull Board of Education convened at Madison Middle School 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. Correspondence – Kelly Targowski is requesting funding to support the THSGEMB’s Thanksgiving event. Dr. Cialfi and Mrs. Chory are discussing all options.
- C. Public Comments – Mr. and Mrs. Healy informed the Board of an incident at Booth Hill School and their concerns about the TPS concussion policy. They asked the Board for a full review of the policy so that going forward all necessary protocols are adhered to and ensure the safety of all students.
- D. Board Chairman Report – On October 17, 2017, Mrs. Chory attended the CABE workshop focused on Legal Issues that included legislative action impacting schools and a discussion of the Connecticut state budget.
- E. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the events at Trumbull Public Schools:
- We are grateful to PTSA President and Sikorsky engineer, John Karpowich who was integral in bringing the *HeliVenture* activity to the STEM program.
  - Hillcrest and Madison Middle School students created fundraising projects to help raise money for recent hurricane victims.
  - The SAT Prep course starting in November is being administered at THS through Continuing Education with a robust enrollment.
  - The THSGEMB is hosting the New England Regional Championship on Saturday, November, 4, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.at Trumbull High.
  - ELL Night for parents of English Language Learners was held on October 18, 2017 with almost 50 parents in attendance and was hosted by Trumbull’s six ELL teachers.

- F. Teacher Representative Report – Mrs. Rubano reported on the annual Read Aloud Day; the Kindness Club at Frenchtown School; ten Agriscience students who will attend the National FFA Convention; the DECA students participated in the Fall Leadership Conference; the Best Buddies Program is in full swing with Jennifer Penna as the advisor; the Mock Trial Team placed fifth in the Empire San Francisco Competition and Model Congress won three awards in their first competition of the school year.

### Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Digital Learning in Action Presentation

Director of Digital Learning Christina Hefele and Madison tech specialist Michaela Durand presented “Digital Learning in Action” which showcases how technology is being used throughout the district by staff and students to help support curriculum. Madison students were on hand to assist in the presentation showing how Chromebooks enhance student learning every day. Teachers Lisa Cerulli, Corey Dwyer and John Congdon spoke in praise of how this program allows them to teach in a more efficient way and helps teachers collaborate to better support student needs to improve literacy and writing skills.

B. Personnel

Dr. Cialfi reported there were no personnel changes since the last meeting.

C. Minutes – Regular Meeting, 10/10/2017

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Board of Education meeting as presented. Abstain: Lavoie, Testani, In Favor: Chory, Timpanelli, Petitti, Ward. Vote: Motion passes.

D. Approval/Annual Report to the First Selectman

Dr. Cialfi presented the 2016-2017 Annual Report to the Board of Education prior to submitting to the First Selectman.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Testani) to approve the 2016-2017 Annual Report to the First Selectman as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Curriculum Committee Report

Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee met on October 19, 2017 to review items that include new course text proposals and a curriculum guide.

Dr. Budd presented the following curriculum guide for approval:

1. Shakespeare

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the curriculum guide for Shakespeare as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Budd presented new course text proposals for approval:

2. *Advanced Placement Microeconomics Student Manual* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.) & *Advanced Placement Macroeconomics Student Manual* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.) (Core: AP/ECE Microeconomics & Macroeconomics)

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the above new course text proposals as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Budd presented for approval TPAUD surveys as follows:

3. TPAUD High School Student Questionnaire, November 2017, & Middle School Student Questionnaire, December 2017

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Lavoie) to approve the TPAUD surveys for high school and middle school students as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Tri-State Consortium Consultancy Visit

Dr. Budd reported on the recent Tri-State Consortium Consultancy Visit which focused on Writing across the Curriculum K-12, in the Trumbull Public Schools. A video of Tri-State delegates discussing their observations of classroom visits and interviews was shown with a written report to follow. The Tri-State feedback was impressive, depicting Trumbull Public School's dedication to learning and continued strive for academic and social excellence.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:04 p.m.