

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – November 21, 2017
Long Hill Administration Building

The Trumbull Board of Education convened at Long Hill Administration Building 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Testani) to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's Salary, the bus contract bids and for an update of the legal challenges to invoices received from Bridgeport for Magnet School tuition and Special Education Services. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Business Director and Transportation Director were invited to portions of the discussion. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

By unanimous consent of Board members present, it was moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

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

B. Recognition

Trumbull Agriscience students received three gold and two silver medals in competitions at the Future Farmers of America (FFA) National Convention in Indianapolis last week. Emma Rivellese, Diane Zou, and Abram Goda received gold medals, and Erika Pettway a silver medal, in the Food Science and Technology Career Development Event. Margaret Brady earned a silver medal in the Dairy Cattle Handling Event. The Leadership group made up of Dana Jurgielewicz, Kaitlin Marcinko, Libby Rhodes, Kathryn Wilkinson, and Klaudia Poplawski attended workshops and observed public speaking and parliamentary procedure events. The entire group heard keynote speakers such as the Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. The Board congratulated and commended them for their outstanding achievement.

It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Timpanelli) to move Agenda Item III-A - (THSGEMB Participation in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade) to this portion of the meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Trumbull High School Golden Eagle Marching Band (THSGEMB) Participation in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
Mr. Horton presented the itinerary that begins on Wednesday evening, November 22, 2017 as well as the security measures that are in place for participation in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The invitation to perform in the 2017 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is testament to the hard work and commitment of the entire THSGEMB organization. The Board congratulated them on this achievement.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

- C. Correspondence – The Board received a thank you card from Mrs. Testani and family with gratitude for their condolences upon the death of Mrs. Testani's mother in early November.
- D. Public Comments – Board member, Paul Lavoie addressed the Board to express his sincere thanks for his opportunity to serve the town of Trumbull on a Board that put Trumbull students first.
- E. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory thanked Paul Lavoie and Suzanne Testani for their service and welcomed new Board members Jackie Norcel and Kathleen Fearon. Mrs. Chory, Dr. Cialfi and Mike Ward attended the annual CABA Convention in Mystic, Connecticut at which Trumbull received a Level One Board Leadership Award.

Board members attended:

- Oct. 25-27 Read Aloud
- Nov. 4 THSGEMB Fall Classic
- Nov. 9 Town Council meeting
- Nov. 10 Veteran's Day Program at THS
- Nov. 13 TPAUD Underage Drinking and Drug Forum
- Nov. 16-18 CABA Convention
- Nov. 20 THSGEMB at the Trumbull Mall and the Hillcrest 50th anniversary celebration

- F. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi extended his thanks to Board members Mr. Lavoie and Mrs. Testani for their service and congratulated new members Dr. Kathleen Fearon and Jackie Norcel to the Board. Also, all BOE members were invited to the 50th anniversary celebration at Hillcrest. Dr. Cialfi also expressed pride for the Model Congress team that traveled to Washington D.C. to debate in real world issues and had bills passed through the full House and Senate committees. He also reported that Trumbull was recently honored with a Leadership Award at the CABA Convention; congratulations to Trumbull's Teacher of the Year, Jeanne Malgioglio who was honored as a semi-finalist at the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Ceremony; The Trumbull Town Council approved the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan at the November meeting; and thank you to the India Cultural Society for the generous donation of \$1,076 to our Unified Sports Program.

G. Student Representatives Report – Student Reps Sophia Otero and Matthew Kuroghlian reported on events at THS: the post high school planning session; the Veterans Day assembly for seniors; the success of the Model Congress team; the DECA “Cold Hands, Warm Hearts” project; and the success of our girls swim, soccer and cross country teams.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

B. Personnel

Dr. Cialfi reported two certified resignations:

Stephen Lemoine, grade 5 teacher at Middlebrook Elementary School since August 1998, retiring effective June 30, 2018.

Danielle Prybylek, special education teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 2017, resigning effective December 22, 2017.

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

Dr. Cialfi presented one request for Leave of Absence:

Julia Bershefsky, Kindergarten teacher at Frenchtown Elementary School since August 2006 (currently on child rearing/FMLA leave), is requesting a personal leave of absence without pay for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. This request complies with the Trumbull Board of Education Leave of Absence Policy, 4150.

It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the above request for Leave of Absence as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Minutes – Regular Meeting, 10/24/2017

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Testani) to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2017 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Approval/Non-Affiliate Salaries, Part II

Dr. Cialfi presented Part II of the Non-Affiliate Salaries that was tabled from the September 12, 2017 meeting.

- Assistant Superintendents - Grant both Assistant Superintendents a 2.35% increase from \$176,636.65 to \$180,787.61
- Business Administrator - Grant the Business Administrator position a 2.35% increase from \$155,077.56 to \$158,721.88
- Grant the Director of Building & Facility Maintenance position a 2.35% increase from \$130,688.25 to \$133,759.42
- Grant the Payroll & Insurance Manager an increase of 2.25% from \$80,982.58 to \$82,804.69

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve Part II of the Non-Affiliate Salaries as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Approval/Superintendent's Salary

Based on the evaluation and extension of the Superintendent's contract approved at the September 12, 2017 Board of Education meeting, the Board granted the Superintendent a 2.75% increase in salary.

It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Ward) to approve the Superintendent's 2.75% increase in salary as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Approval/2019-2020 District Calendar

Dr. Budd presented the district calendar for 2019-2020 that was brought forward from the November 14, 2017 Calendar Committee and is in conjunction with the C.E.S. Regional Uniform School Calendar. The first day for all students will be a full day on Thursday, August 29, 2019 and the planned last day of school is June 12, 2020, with seven "snow" make-up days, if needed, added as indicated on the attached calendar.

It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the 2019-2020 district calendar as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

G. Professional Development, November 2017

Dr. Budd gave an overview of the Professional Development activities held for certified staff on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. The theme for the workshops for K-12 teachers was "Trumbull Writes" which incorporated teacher inspired lessons using the power of writing and learning progressions to support student growth and creativity.

H. Policy Committee Report

Dr. Budd presented the following policies for Second Readings:

Policies, Second Readings – Dr. Budd

1. Security and Safety, Policy Code 3516
2. Fire Safety & Crisis Response, Policy Code 6114.1
3. Student Standard of Conduct, Policy Code 5131
4. Curriculum Development, Policy Code 6141
5. Instructional Use of Commercially-Produced Media, Policy Code 6177
6. Security Checks, Policy Code 4212.5
7. Use of Physical Force: Seclusion and Restraint, Policy Code 5144.1

It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Ward) to approve the above policies as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

I. Curriculum Committee Report

Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee met on November 16, 2017 to review a curriculum guide, new course and text proposals.

Dr. Budd presented the following for approval:

Approval/Curriculum Guide – Dr. Budd

1. Advanced Placement Human Geography Curriculum Guide

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

Approval/New Course Text Proposals – Dr. Budd

2. New Course Text Proposal: *The Glass Castle* (Supplemental: English 11)
3. New Course Text Proposal: *Angela's Ashes* (Supplemental: English 11)
4. New Course Text Proposal: *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* (Supplemental: English 11)

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

Approval/New Course Proposals – Dr. Budd

5. Advanced Placement Art History
6. Applications of Marketing
7. Robotics
8. Principles of Design
9. Digital Design & Printing

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

J. Approval/2017-2018 Budget

Mr. O'Keefe stated that the BOE Finance Committee met on November 20 to review the current assessment of the 2017-2018 budget exposures.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Ward) to authorize the Superintendent and Board Chairman to request the Board of Finance transfer \$1,187,250 from the contingency account to the Board of Education operating account to cover budget exposures which include PPS Consulting, PPS Outplaced Tuition, PPS Legal, Health Benefits and several other expense items. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Ward) to authorize the Superintendent and Board Chairman to request the Board of Finance reserve \$443,000 in the contingency account for potential negative exposure resulting from litigation of disputed magnet school tuition and special education service expenses.

K. Approval/Transportation Bid Recommendation

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Testani) to defer the approval of the Transportation Bid Recommendation vote to a future meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:10 p.m.