

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Budget Meeting – December 12, 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
L. Timpanelli, Vice Chairman
J. Donofrio, Board Member
K. Fearon, Board Member
M. Petitti, Board Member
M. Ward, Board Member

Members absent:

J. Norcel, Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Ward) to go into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. to discuss the Trumbull Administrative Support Services (TASS) Level 3 Grievance; the Administrator's contract; the reserve for negotiations budget account and school security. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Business Administrator and BOE Attorney Dugas were invited to be part of the discussion. Vote: Unanimous in favor. By unanimous consent of Board Members present, it was moved to table the TASS grievance discussion and come out of Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

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

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to move Agenda Item III-A/Approval/Trumbull Administrators' Association (TAA) Contract to this portion of the meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

A. Approval/Trumbull Administrators' Association (TAA) Contract

Attorney Floyd Dugas presented the successor collective bargaining agreement with the TAA from the period of 2018 through 2021. He detailed information reflecting percentage salary increases of 2%, 2% and 2.25% for the 3-year contract period that are consistent with other negotiated agreements throughout the state.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the Trumbull Administrators' Association (TAA) Contract 2018-2021 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to move Agenda Item II-E /Comments from First Selectman Vicki Tesoro to this portion of the meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The Board welcomed First Selectman, Vicki Tesoro to the podium. Mrs. Tesoro is looking forward to working with the Board to continue to build a strong education system in Trumbull which is the key to a vital community. Mrs. Tesoro cited her assurance of collaborating with the Board of Education and thanked the Board for their commitment to the education of our Trumbull students.

B. Recognition – Trumbull High School Model Congress

The Trumbull High School Model Congress team has won several awards recently at the Princeton Model Congress held in November and the Yale Model Congress in December through the direction of Advisor Katie Boland. Students Ethan Bachand, Derek Marble and Larry Zhang spoke of their dedication to the program and of their invaluable experience in debating societal issues and exercising their civic duty. The Board congratulated them for their participation and for their many awards including Best Delegate received in recent competitions.

C. Correspondence – There was no correspondence this evening.

D. Public Comments – There were no public comments this evening.

E. Board Chairman Report – There was no Board Chairman report this evening.

F. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:

- The THS We the People team held Night of the Experts at the Town Council Chambers to prepare for the State Finals to be held on Monday, December, 18, 2017 at Central Connecticut State University.
- We are pleased to announce an update in Infinite Campus to the Student Performance Report which will help strengthen student and parent communication.
- The BOE request for the \$1,187,250 transfer to the contingency account will be addressed at the December 14, 2017 Board of Finance meeting.

G. Student Representatives Representative Report – Matthew Kuroghlian discussed events at THS: the Good Citizens Award; the THS winter concert and the senior class preparing for college and careers.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Alternative Education Programs

Dr. McGrath, Principal Marc Guarino and House Principal Ms. Jennifer Chirles

Dr. McGrath updated the Board regarding the change in legislation that required us to develop guidelines for our Alternate School program that will enhance student achievement. The Alternate School program is now based in the four portables at THS and a current Alternate School student spoke of the benefits of the program he has received.

Ms. Chirles and Mr. Guarino outlined a typical school day of an Alternate School student and discussed critical points of the program's achievements.

A. Personnel Report

There are no changes since the last meeting.

B. 2018-2019 Budget Presentation & Discussion

Part VII – Middle Schools

Mr. O'Keefe presented the proposed budget for Madison and Hillcrest Middle Schools with no change from last year's budget. The 2.0 FTE reduction at the middle schools will be offset to the need for additional teachers in the Elementary Schools due to projected enrollment. Madison and

Hillcrest Principals, Mr. Peter Sullivan and Mr. Stafford Thomas were on hand to answer questions from the Board.

Part VIII – Trumbull High School & Athletics

THS

Mr. O’Keefe presented the proposed budget for Trumbull High School. The requested budget is flat year to year but includes an additional staffing request of 4.0 FTEs. Dr. Budd presented an analysis in support of the need for the additional FTEs at THS. The data supports evidence that smaller class size does matter and that students have a greater opportunity to make a difference in the classroom. Mr. Guarino and Mr. Manuel were on hand to answer questions from the Board.

Athletics

Mr. O’Keefe and Mr. King presented the proposed budget for Trumbull High School Athletics. The proposed increase includes an increase in equipment, purchased services, supplies and dues/fees. Also discussed was the Pay to Participate fee which will remain the same as the current year.

Part IX – Technology

Jeffrey Hackett, Manager of Technology, discussed the proposed budget for Technology. The proposed \$52,381 increase from last year’s budget represents a 6.87% increase. The primary drivers include computer and WAN equipment.

Part X - Digital Learning

Christina Hefele, Director of Digital Learning discussed the proposed budget for Digital Learning. The proposed \$22,647 increase from last year’s budget represents a 14.79% increase. The primary driver is an Infinite Campus renewal plus an update that includes eBackpack.

Part XI - Facilities

Sean O’Keefe presented the proposed \$11,000 increase for the Facilities budget. The primary driver for the increase is in the water account.

Part XII – Transportation-excluding Athletics/Music

Sean O’Keefe presented the Transportation budget that includes a \$620,174 increase, a 13.14% increase over last year’s budget. This request incorporates the new bus contract pricing approved at the previous Board of Education meeting.

Part XIII – Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Michael McGrath presented the proposed recommended budget that includes a \$22,642 increase, 4.92% increase from last year. The primary driver is non-SPED tuition. The budget does not include any funding for Bridgeport’s Fairchild Wheeler and Discovery Magnet Tuition.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:20 p.m.