

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 28, 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:

S. Testani, Vice Chairman  
L. Timpanelli, Secretary  
J. Donofrio, Board Member  
P. Lavoie, Board Member  
M. Petitti, Board Member  
M. Ward, Board Member

Members absent:

L. Chory, Chairman

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

A. Pledge of Allegiance - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.

B. Recognition – Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) “Going Green” Award

Mr. Bob Trefry from the CABE Board of Directors presented Trumbull Public Schools with a plaque for the first place award for the “Going Green” initiative. This Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Efficiency program was selected as the topic for the communication award contest and TPS has since reduced our energy expenditures by 33%. The Board congratulated and commended Trumbull Public Schools.

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 report this evening. In the absence of Mrs. Chory, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Testani led the meeting.

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

- The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) has cited Trumbull Public Schools with a first place award for excellence in communicating our Going Green Initiative.
- On March 2, 2017 at Frenchtown, there will be a presentation on the CMT and Smarter Balanced assessments.
- The College and Career Readiness Forum has been selected by the Connecticut School Counselors Association as the “CSCA Parent Program for 2017.”
- According to the CSDE Accountability Report for 2015-2016, Trumbull has been ranked the highest of all DRG B/K-12 school districts.

- Congratulations to Coach Steve Tobitsch (Hillcrest teacher) and the outstanding members of the THS Girls Basketball Team for being the 2017 FCIAC Champions.
- Our THS Boys Basketball Team is the first place seeded team after their recent win in the quarter finals for the FCIAC championship.

G. Teacher Board Representative Report - Mrs. Rubano reported on the following at TPS:

- Daniels Farm first graders will be hosting their “Special Person Day” on March 2, 2017. And at THS:
- The Academic Decathlon team placed first in the Connecticut Competition and has been invited to participate in the Nationals in Wisconsin at the end of April.
- The Model Congress team spent the weekend in Boston where they participated in specialized committees like the Supreme Court.
- The Mock Trial team posted wins in the state quarterfinals and has advanced to the State Competition.
- The World Language Department has created a video highlighting courses offered for the fall of 2017 and the advantages of studying a language at THS.
- THS senior, Jennifer Hance has been nominated to be the 2017 Young American Awards Winner of the Western Connecticut Military Officers Association.
- The 2015-2016 THS Yearbook has been nominated as a Pacemaker finalist. The Pacemaker is often called the Pulitzer Prize of scholastic journalism.

H. Student Board Representatives Report - Dario Arganese reported on the following at THS: the recent wins of the girls and boys basketball teams; the CAPT science test for freshman and sophomores; parent teacher conferences which take place on March 2, 2017; World Language week begins March 6, 2017, a fun week with language students and teachers incorporating cultural activities; and the Senior class Powder Puff football game.

### Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/Trumbull Administrative Support Services (TASS) Collective Bargaining Agreement  
The collective bargaining agreement between TPS and the Trumbull Administrative Support Services expired on June 30, 2016. A successor agreement was bargained during the summer and fall of 2016. This contract was presented to the Board. It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve this contract from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- B. Minutes – Regular Meeting, 2/14/2017  
It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Lavoie) to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- C. Personnel Report  
Dr. Cialfi reported that there was one retirement and two resignations:
- Diane Strever, assistant principal at Frenchtown Elementary School and Middlebrook Elementary School since September, 1987, retiring effective June 30, 2017.
- Nancy Novack, district-wide reading specialist since August 2016, resigning effective June 30, 2017.

Kimberly Piccolo, mental health specialist at Trumbull High School since August 2016, resigning effective February 28, 2017.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Petitti) to accept the retirement and resignations as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Editorial Changes to Mandated Policies

Dr. Budd reported the renumbering/recodifying changes of policies based on the recent Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) audit of the Trumbull Public Schools Policy Manual.

- Renumber 3211 (Gifts to School Employees) to 1313
- Renumber 3524.30 (Exposure Control Plan) to 4147.1
- Renumber 3543 (Student Accident Insurance Program) to 5143.1
- Recodify 4118.41 (Staff Possession and Personal Use of Wireless Communication Devices) to include both Certified & Non-Certified Personnel
- Renumber 5112 (School Assignments) to 5117
- Renumber 6121.1 (Academic Freedom) to 4118.21
- Renumber 6121.4 (Non-Discrimination in Instruction/Classroom) to 6121

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Lavoie) to approve these changes of renumbering/retitling of policies as per the CABE audit as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. School Ceremonies and Observances, Policy Code 6115

Based on the recent Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (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.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to accept this policy as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Curriculum Committee Report – Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee met on February 23, 2017 and reviewed new course proposals, curriculum guides and textbooks.

Dr. Budd presented the following curriculum items for Board approval:

Approval/Curriculum Guide – Dr. Budd

1. Bake Shop I

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

Approval/New Course Text Proposals – Dr. Budd

2. *Disgraced* (Supplemental: Modern Drama)
3. *I Am an Emotional Creature* (Supplemental: Modern Drama)
4. *Water by the Spoonful* (Supplemental: Modern Drama)
5. *The Normal Heart* (Supplemental: Modern Drama)
6. *Hello Herman* (Supplemental: Modern Drama)

At this time, it was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Ward) to table the Approval/New Course Text Proposals until the next meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Approval/New Course Proposal – Dr. Budd

7. Spanish Conversation & Culture IV

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

- G. Finance Committee Report – Mr. Lavoie stated that the Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on February 21, 2017 to review the Financial Reports through January 31, 2017. Mr. O’Keefe reported that there were three budget transfers. Other topics included an update on the Bridgeport Magnet Tuition, DECA/THS Musical marketing and promotions, a request to increase the TECEC tuition by Director Dr. Matthew Wheeler in the 2017-2018 school year, the Food Services RFP, and the THS Health & Wellness Center sponsorships. A discussion ensued.

It was moved (Lavoie) seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the financials as of January 31, 2017 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the three budget transfers as presented by Mr. Lavoie. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 7:45 p.m.