

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – May 9, 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 – Outgoing Policy Committee Student Members
Trumbull High School students, Connor Bailo and Carly Netting, both of the Class of 2017, are completing their service as student advisory members of the Board of Education Policy Committee, a term they began in January 2016. The Board commended and congratulated them on their commitment and wished them the best in their future plans.
- C. Recognition – National History Day/Hillcrest Middle School
Four Hillcrest Middle School students won at the regional and state levels of the National History Day competition. They are Anthony Amato, Neya Kidambi, Madhuvanthy Krishna and Sai Kulkarni. The theme of the contest is “Taking a Stand in History” and they chose to research Marion Pritchard, a Christian woman who lived in the Netherlands during World War II and is credited with saving dozens of Jewish children during the Holocaust. The Board commended these students on their outstanding achievement.
- D. Recognition – THS Junior Matthew Kuroghlian, Recipient of *The Kevin J. Sutherland Inspiration in Democracy Award*
THS junior Matthew Kuroghlian was chosen as the recipient of *The Kevin J. Sutherland Inspiration in Democracy Award* which was named for a THS alumnus who was tragically killed in Washington, D.C. Matthew was honored at the March 26, 2017 *Keys to Democracy Awards Dinner* for his dedication to public service and engaging high school students in local and state elections. The Board congratulated and commended Matthew for his exceptional achievement.

E. Correspondence –There was no correspondence this evening.

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

G. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory and several Board members attended:

- Superior Court Hearing regarding Bridgeport Magnet School tuition
- PTSA Council meeting
- Digital Citizenship Parent Forum
- Town Council Budget Vote
- TCTV regular meeting

Mrs. Chory discussed the Governor’s budget proposal that calls for proposed reductions to Trumbull’s ECS/special needs funding and requires the town to pay one-third of annual teacher pension costs. The Board is carefully reviewing our proposed budget to see where efficiencies or reductions can be identified and will provide updates.

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

- The interview process is underway for the Frenchtown Principal position.
- The Tutu Trot will be held in honor of Mia McCaffrey on June 4, 2017, all proceeds will go to a foundation that provides research funding for childhood cancers.
- Seven of our grade 5 Invention Convention participants have been invited to attend the National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo in Alexandria, Virginia.
- The THS Mock Trial team has been preparing for the National Championship competition that will be held on May 11-13, 2017.

I. Teacher Board Representative Report- Mrs. Rubano reported on the following:

Michelle Potok of Daniels Farm started a crochet club; the THS Academic Decathlon Team won their first national silver medal; many World Language students participated in COLT and the national language exams with great success; teachers Allison DeBene and Katie Laird presented at the “Math for Everyone Conference”; Greg Basbagill was awarded the Instructor Award for Course Excellence at UConn; Kirk Shultz was nominated for the “Rookie of the Year” award for excellence in first year teaching; the National High School Mock Trial competition is May 12, 2017; finance students participated in the “Wall Street Experience Tour”; and DECA travelled to Anaheim, California for a competition.

J. Student Board Representative Reports- There was no report this evening.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Beverage Sale

Food Director Betty Sinko presented the beverage sale approval request to the Board which is separate from the Healthy Food Certification. This sale must be in compliance with State Statute (GCS 10-221q) which requires Boards of Education to address the matter of allowing the sale of beverages on school premises that are not on the State’s approved list and meeting the three contingencies: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the foods are not sold from a vending machine or school store.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the Beverage Sale for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. Vote: 6 in favor: Chory, Testani, Donofrio, Lavoie, Petitti, Ward. 1 Against: Timpanelli. Motion passes.

B. Approval/Healthy Food Certification for 2017-2018 School Year

Mrs. Betty Sinko, Food Services Director, stated that per Connecticut General Statute 10-215f, local Boards of Education must annually certify whether the district will or will not participate in the Healthy Foods Certification (HFC) Program. School districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program must take action each year to certify all food items sold or distributed to students separately from a reimbursable school breakfast or lunch will or will not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards. These food items include food offered for sale to students at all times, in all schools and from all sources including, but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored. If the district decides to participate, the food service program may receive an additional 10 cents per lunch in state reimbursement based on the total number of reimbursable lunches (paid, free and reduced) served in the district in the prior school year.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Testani) to approve the Healthy Food Certification in all schools for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. Vote: 6 in favor: Chory, Testani, Donofrio, Lavoie, Petitti, Ward. Against: Timpanelli. Motion passes.

C. Trumbull Education/Community TV Commission: BOE Appointed Seats

In compliance with the Composition/Appointment portion of the Trumbull Education/Community TV Commission*, the recommended BOE non-voting representatives are Todd Manuel, Program Administrator and Jeff Hackett, Technical Advisor.

*Composition; Appointment

“The Commission shall consist of five (5) voting members, who are electors and residents of the Town. No more than three commissioners shall be registered members of the same political party. In addition to the five commissioners, the BOE shall appoint annually, two (2) non-voting representatives: a Program Administrator and a Technical advisor, to serve on the Commission and to assist in the operation of educational programming. The Town Director of Information Technology or his designee (1) shall serve as the non-voting representative for Government programming.”

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Lavoie) to approve Todd Manuel and Jeff Hackett as the BOE non-voting representatives as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Technology and Digital Learning

Director of Digital Learning, Mrs. Christina Hefele, updated the Board on the progress of the Digital Learning Plan. She included K-2 coding pilot with K-2 Coding Pilot with Technology Integrators, Digital Citizenship Initiatives, Teacher Professional Development – Technology Integrators Role, Chromebooks at Middle School, Infrastructure Upgrades, Infinite Campus Updates, and Planning for Next Year.

E. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 4/18/2017

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Personnel Report

Dr. Cialfi reported the following certified resignations/retirements.:

Charles Callahan, social studies teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 2005, retiring effective June 30, 2017.

Jean Caminiti, consumer science teacher at Trumbull High School since August 2004, retiring effective June 30, 2017.

Margaret Carbone, grade 4 teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School since August 1997, retiring effective June 30, 2017.

Bette Sue George, reading teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School since August 1992, retiring effective June 30, 2017.

Gerald George, library/media specialist at Hillcrest Middle School since June 1989, retiring effective June 30, 2017.

It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Petitti) to accept these resignations/retirements as presented.
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

G. Curriculum Committee Report – Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee met on April 20, 2017 and reviewed two curriculum guides.

Approval/Curriculum Guides – Dr. Budd presented the following to the Board:

1. *Personal Finance*
2. *Journalism I and II*

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

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:25 p.m.