

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – July 25, 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
L. Timpanelli, Secretary
P. Lavoie, Board Member
M. Petitti, Board Member
M. Ward, Board Member

Members absent:

S. Testani, Vice Chairman
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 -There was no correspondence this evening.
- C. Public Comments – Mr. Guy Stella of 4 August Lane addressed the Board as a former Superintendent and touted Trumbull Public Schools for their outstanding academic achievements, and he urged the Board to craft a budget that is respectful to students and staff that will allow our schools to continue to flourish; Mrs. Jen Kehley of 20 Hill Circle asked the Board to look for creative ways to bridge the budget gap that will not be detrimental to our students and to be transparent to Trumbull residents throughout the process.
- D. Board Chairman Report - Mrs. Chory attended the CAFE Leadership Institute Program in Westbrook, Connecticut, on July 25, 2017.
- E. Superintendent Report - Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:
 - Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents; Fran Rabinowitz will present the keynote address at the TPS Convocation on August 28, 2017.
 - As a result of updated curricula and effective implementation with best instructional practices, Trumbull students continue to outperform all other districts in DRG B in SBAC test scores.
- F. Teacher Representative Report - Mrs. Kathy Rubano reported that TPS teachers grades K-12 are diligently working on curriculum and professional development during the summer to prepare for the beginning of school.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 7/11/2017

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Approval/Town of Trumbull Fall Festival Special Request

Town Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Stuart McCarthy, asked the Board of Education to grant a waiver of its Policy 1330, Use of Public School Buildings and Sites, for two (2) days to allow for an alcohol concession under the direction of the Trumbull Police Department on the grounds of Hillcrest Middle School and Trumbull High School during the Trumbull Fall Festival on Friday, September 8, and Saturday, September 9, 2017.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the waiver of Policy 1330 to allow for an alcohol concession on Friday, September 8, and Saturday, September 9, 2017 on the grounds of Hillcrest Middle School and Trumbull High School for the Trumbull Fall Festival as presented. Vote: 4 in favor (Chory, Lavoie, Petitti, Timpanelli), 1 against (Ward). Motion passes.

C. 2017 Smarter Balanced Assessment Results

Dr. Budd gave a presentation on the May 2017 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) results in literacy and mathematics for students in grades 3 through 8. Trumbull's exemplary performance has been sustained at the top of DRG B and surpassed the majority of districts in DRG A. Our scores are 4th highest in the state. The district remains committed to strive for continuous improvement in curriculum, instruction and assessment.

D. 2017-2018 Enrollment Update

The administration closely monitors enrollment numbers during the summer months. Dr. Cialfi presented preliminary projected enrollment data as of July 20, 2017 and discussed class size guidelines with the Board. Updated enrollment numbers will be monitored and presented at the next meeting on August 8, 2017.

E. 2017-2018 Budget

At present, the budget for the State of Connecticut has yet to be finalized and the status of the Board of Education 2017-2018 budget remains at \$98.9M. This is flat year-to-year to the 2016-2017 budget (0%) and is a \$2.8M reduction from the First Selectman's approved Board of Education budget. Dr. Cialfi and Mr. O'Keefe presented a list of 2017-2018 expenditures to be deferred until a final decision is made on the statewide budget and how it will impact the Town of Trumbull budget. The deferred items represent \$1.4M from the \$101,742,587 First Selectman's proposed Board of Education 2017-2018 budget. The result of this \$1.4M deferral would be a \$100,342,587 budget (1.42% year to year increase).

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Timpanelli) to reduce, defer, or transfer the list of expenditures of the 2017-2018 Budget as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Ward) send a letter from Mrs. Chory and Dr. Cialfi to the Board of Finance Chairman, Mrs. Hammers, requesting that the transfer of \$1.4M from the contingency account to the BOE account be added to their next agenda. This amount is needed to address the remaining shortfall in the budget. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Personnel

Dr. Cialfi reported the following certified appointments effective August 28, 2017:

Jill Angotta, 6/9 (\$72,393) teacher of the deaf at Hillcrest Middle School.
Carrie Tomasiewicz, 6+15/10 (\$77,063) special education teacher at Trumbull High School.

Dr. Cialfi reported one certified resignation:

David DeAngelo, special education teacher at Trumbull High School since August 2008, resigning effective August 25, 2017.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Petitti) to accept this resignation as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor

G. Policy Committee Report

Dr. Budd presented the following Policies for Second Reading:

1. Student Network/Internet Use, Policy Code 6141.321
2. Student One-to-One Device Insurance Program, Policy Code 5143.2
3. Pay to Participate, Policy Code 5138

Following discussion, it was moved (Ward) and seconded (Petitti) to table the approval of these three policies until a later date. Vote: Unanimous in favor

Dr. Budd presented the following Policy for Rescission:

4. Safety Patrol, Policy Code 5134

This rescission request was brought forth based on the recommendation of the elementary school principals. It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Timpanelli) to rescind this policy as presented. Vote: 4 in favor, (Chory, Lavoie, Petitti, Timpanelli), 1 against, (Ward) Motion passes.

H. Curriculum Committee Report – Dr. Budd presented the following:

Approval/New Course Text Proposal –

1. *The History of Terrorism: From Antiquity to ISIS*, updated edition (Core: Honors Global Insights)
2. *Precalculus: Enhanced with Graphing Utilities*, 7th edition (Core: ACP PreCalculus)

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

Adjournment

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