

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – August 8, 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 (arrived 7:14 p.m.)
L. Timpanelli, Secretary
J. Donofrio, Board Member
*P. Lavoie, Board Member (*via telephone)
M. Ward, Board Member

Members absent:

M. Petitti, Board Member

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mrs. Chory called for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Byron Campbell who passed away this week. Mr. Campbell was a former member of the Trumbull Cable Advisory Board and was the voice of many Trumbull sporting events.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

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

B. Correspondence

Mrs. Timpanelli reported that she received two pieces of correspondence:

- Mrs. Lara Walden who expressed concern over the impact of the zero percent budget on programs and services, and
- Mrs. Beth Coley who expressed concern about the “We the People” program at the middle schools. Dr. Cialfi has spoken with her in this regard.

C. Public Comments

Middle school student, Katie DeRose addressed the Board in support of continuing the “We the People” middle school program.

D. Board Chairman Report

Mrs. Chory reported that the Board of Finance is meeting this Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged participation to request the \$1.4M be transferred from the Board of Finance contingency plan to the operating budget.

E. Superintendent Report

Dr. Cialfi discussed:

- The Board of Finance meeting this Thursday, August 10 to request the \$1.4M be transferred from the Board of Finance contingency plan to the Board of Education operating budget.

- Dr. Budd's presentation on the SAT School Assessment day for grade 11 students which highlights Trumbull's 33 point increase from last year and competitive status among other DRG B districts (third highest growth in DRG B)
- The Bridgeport Magnet School tuition saga continues which is \$288,000 for Trumbull along with special education services charges

Mrs. Chory asked new Student Board Representative, Matthew Kuroghlian to report on his idea for an initiative policy project. Matthew discussed doing a possible survey of Trumbull's policies. It was recommended that surveys must go through the Curriculum Committee first.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Trip – Future Farmers of America (FFA) National Convention

Advisor, Ms. Pam Berlekovic presented a request for Board approval for a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana for ten Agriscience students to attend the National FFA Convention from October 24 to 28, 2017 resulting in four missed school days. No Board of Education funds are requested. Funding will be provided by parents/students and supplemented with Agriscience fundraising.

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Testani) to approve this trip as requested. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Personnel

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

Jennifer Baglio, MA/9 (\$67,603) elementary teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School.
 Taylor Baker, BA/5 (\$54,629) special education* teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School
 Vivaldi Demas, MA/7 (\$63,562) social worker at Trumbull High School
 Eleni Grafos, MA/13 (\$76,474) special education* teacher at Trumbull High School
 Jaime Greco, MA/9 (\$67,603) elementary school teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School
 Shannon Lynch** MA/10 (\$69,720) elementary teacher at Tashua Elementary School
 Erin McGunnigle, MA/5 (\$59,763) reading teacher at Hillcrest Middle School

*Designated teacher shortage area.

**THS Graduate

The above were received and filed unanimously by the Board.

Dr. Cialfi reported the following certified resignation:

Christie Kania, social studies teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 2003, resigning effective August 3, 2017

It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve this resignation as presented.
 Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Cialfi reported one request for Leave of Absence:

Jacqueline Goldfarb, teacher at Madison Middle School since August 2008, is requesting a personal leave of absence without pay for 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 (Donofrio) to approve the Leave of Absence for Jacqueline Goldfarb for one year. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Minutes – Regular Meeting, 7/25/2017

It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Ward) to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2017 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Aye (Chory, Timpanelli, Lavoie). Abstain (Donofrio, Testani). Motion passes.

D. 2017 SAT School Day Assessment Results

Dr. Budd gave a presentation regarding the April, 2017 SAT School Day Assessment results in evidence-based reading, writing and mathematics for all grade 11 students. He provided a handout which is attached. Trumbull has improved 33 points above last school year's average score and did well among other DRG B districts (third highest growth among DRG B). A discussion ensued.

E. 2017-2018 Enrollment Update

The administration closely monitors enrollment numbers during the summer months. Dr. Cialfi presented preliminary projected enrollment data as of August 3, 2017 and discussed class size guidelines with the Board. He is closely monitoring two areas which are at the cap: Jane Ryan grade 3 and Tashua grade 5. Updated enrollment numbers will be continue to be closely monitored and presented at the next Board meeting on August 22, 2017.

F. Policy Committee Report

Mrs. Testani reported that the Policy Committee met on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 and covered several policies for first reading.

Dr. Budd presented the following Policies for First Reading:

1. Trumbull High School Performance Standards Requirements for Graduation, Policy Code 5123.1
2. Visitors to Schools, Policy Code 1250**
3. Volunteers, Policy Code 1212.1**
4. Guest Speakers, Policy Code 6131**
5. Confidentiality and Maintenance of Student Records, Policy Code 5125
6. Student Data Protection, Policy Code 3520.13
7. Leave of Absence, Policy Code 4150
8. Professional Development, Policy Code 4131
9. Curriculum Committee, Policy Code 9133
10. State-wide Mastery Examinations, Policy Code 6146.2
11. Care of Instructional Materials, Policy Code 6161.2
12. Virtual Courses of Study, Policy Code 6172.6
13. Adult/Continuing Education, Policy Code 6174

The Board unanimously agreed to bring these policies back for second readings at a future Board meeting.

**Dr. Budd noted that the administration would request at the next BOE meeting the Board waive the 30 day guideline on bringing these three policies (#2, 3, 4 above) for a Second Reading.

G. Curriculum Committee Report – Mrs. Timpanelli reported that the Curriculum Committee met on July 27 and August 3, 2017 and reviewed several new text proposals and curriculum guides.

Dr. Budd presented the following New Course Text Proposals for approval:

1. *Geometry* (Core: CP & ACP Geometry)
2. *Human Geography: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination* (Core: Advanced Placement Human Geography)
3. *The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography* (Core: Advanced Placement Human Geography)
4. *Caesar: Selections from his Commentarii De Bello Gallico* (Core: Advanced Placement Latin)
5. *Caesar: The Gallic War: A New Translation*, trans. Carolyn Hammond (Core: Advanced Placement Latin)
6. *A Caesar Workbook* (Core: Advanced Placement Latin)
7. *Vergil's Aeneid: Selected Readings from Books 1, 2, 4, and 6* (Core: Advanced Placement Latin)
8. *The Aeneid*, trans. Robert Fitzgerald (Core: Advanced Placement Latin)
9. *A Vergil Workbook*, 2nd ed. (Core: Advanced Placement Latin)
10. *Alfred's Essentials of Music Theory, Book 3* (Core: Advanced Placement Music Theory)

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

Dr. Budd presented the following Curriculum Guides for approval:

11. Kindergarten Writing Curriculum Guide
12. Grade 1 Writing Curriculum Guide
13. Grade 2 Writing Curriculum Guide
14. Grade 7 Reading Curriculum Guide

It was moved (Timpanelli) seconded (Donofrio) to approve these Curriculum Guides as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:40 p.m.