

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – September 26, 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

By unanimous consent of all Board members present, it was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Lavoie) to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Trumbull Administrators' Association Contract. The Superintendent, Dr. McGrath, Dr. Budd and Mr. O'Keefe were invited to be a part of the discussion. By unanimous consent of Board members present, it was agreed to come out of Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 – Cat Lamy of 47 Fawn Meadow Drive brought to the attention of the Board of the extreme heat at Madison Middle School which hampers student learning and is asking for a remedy to this issue.
- D. Recognition – Gilder Lehrman History Award Recipient Ms. Katie Boland
Dr. Cialfi announced that Trumbull High School Social Studies teacher, Ms. Katie Boland, advisor to the We the People and Model Congress has been named the 2017 Connecticut History Teacher of the Year. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History adjudicated the achievements of nominees through a rigorous selection process. Mr. Steve Armstrong of the Connecticut State Department of Education presented this award to Ms. Boland. THS We the People students: Lindsay Adams, Ethan Bachand and Larry Zhang spoke with high praise about their inspirational teacher, Ms. Boland.

- E. Board Chairman Report - Mrs. Chory reported on the following events at Trumbull Public Schools:
- 9/22 TPAUD conference at THS
 - 9/27 CABA Officer Nominating Committee
 - 11/18 Chamber Singers performance at CABA/CAPSS conference
- F. Superintendent Report - Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:
- October 11-13 Teachers and administrators from high performing districts in the Tri-State Consortium will visit Trumbull to assess teaching and learning in writing across the curriculum in grades K-12.
 - October 24 Tentative - BOE to be joined by the Finance Board and Town Council for the Technology/One to One presentation at Madison Middle School.
 - October 25 Read Aloud Day at Daniels Farm, Jane Ryan and Tashua Schools
 - October 26 Read Aloud Day at Booth Hill, Frenchtown and Middlebrook Schools
 - October 27 Read Aloud Day at TECEC pre school
- G. Teacher Representative Report - Mrs. Rubano reported on events at Trumbull High School:
 The World Language Department is pleased with the implementation of the Spanish and French 8th grade placement exams and gives a thumbs up to the new AP Latin/Italian course, H Italian and H Latin 2 & Spanish 4 Conversation and Culture. The Social Studies Department's new course: AP Human Geography is a huge success. Students and teachers in the Mock Trial, Model UN, Model Congress, and We the People are hard at work preparing for their competitions. Congratulations to Katie Boland for receiving the Gilder Lehrman History Award. Stephanie Jalowiec from the English Department is assisting teachers with reading strategies. The senior college planning night had over 400 parents and students in attendance. Counselors also met with all seniors during the school day to help them better understand the application process.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Personnel

Dr. Cialfi presented the following certified resignation:

Michelle Quattrone, district-wide school psychologist since August 2016, resigning effective October 20, 2017.

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

B. Minutes – Regular Meeting, 9/12/2017

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Approval/November 2017 Revised Board of Education Meeting Date

A change in the schedule for the month of November 2017 for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is proposed for adoption by the Board of Education. November 14, 2017 is the originally scheduled date and November 21, 2017 is the proposed rescheduled date.

It was moved (Testani) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the above change in date for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to November 21, 2017. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Approval/2017-2018 Revised Budget

Mr. O'Keefe presented the 2017-2018 budget that has been revised to reflect the changes that were approved by the Board of Education at their July 25, 2017 meeting. The changes reflected a final approved budget for 2017-2018 in the amount of \$100,333,178 representing a year-to-year increase of \$1,400,000 or 1.42%.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the above 2017-2018 final budget as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Approval/Non-Affiliates Salaries, Part II

Dr. Cialfi presented Part II of Non-Affiliates' Salary increases which are in alignment with corresponding bargaining units.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve a \$3,700.00 payment to the Payroll Insurance Manager for expanded duties. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Testani) to approve the above Non-Affiliates' Salary Increase as presented. After discussion and unanimous consent of all Board members present, the motion was withdrawn.

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Donofrio) to defer the discussion of the increases of the above Non-Affiliates salaries until November 21, 2017 or sooner. The Board would like to wait until further information is known regarding the budget for the State of Connecticut.

F. Policy Committee Report

Mrs. Testani reported that the Policy Committee met on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

Dr. Budd presented the following Policies for Second Reading:

Policies, Second Readings – Dr. Budd

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

It was moved (Testani) seconded (Timpanelli) to approve these three policies as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

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4. Security and Safety, Policy Code 3516
5. Fire Safety & Crisis Response, Policy Code 6114.1

6. Student Standard of Conduct, Policy Code 5131
7. Curriculum Development, Policy Code 6141
8. Instructional Use of Commercially-Produced Media, Policy Code 6177
9. Security Checks, Policy Code 4212.5
10. Use of Physical Force: Seclusion and Restraint, Policy Code 5144.1

It was agreed by the Board to bring these seven policies for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.

G. Approval/Trumbull Administrators' Association (TAA) Bargaining Unit Agreement

It was moved (Lavoie) and seconded (Donofrio) to defer the approval of the Trumbull Administrators' Association (TAA) agreement until such time that we have more clarity from the State of Connecticut on their budget. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:06 p.m.