

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Special Meeting – January 17, 2018
Long Hill Administration Building

The Trumbull Board of Education convened at Long Hill Administration Building for a Special Meeting.

Members present:

L. Chory, Chairman
L. Timpanelli, Vice Chair
J. Norcel, Secretary
J. Donofrio, Board Member
K. Fearon, Board Member
M. Petitti, Board Member
M. Ward, Board Member

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

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

B. Public Comments –Trumbull residents Traci Galla of 6300 Main Street; John Karpowich of 29 Ellsworth Street and Jen Kehley of 20 Hill Circle all spoke in favor of the Board supporting Dr. Cialfi’s budget proposal to advocate for every Trumbull student.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. 2018-2019 Budget Discussion and Approval

Dr. Cialfi introduced his 2018-2019 budget proposal and spoke of continuing our significant progress to advance excellence in Trumbull schools. The Board analyzed all areas in the Superintendent’s budget proposal and discussed areas for cost savings in an effort to cover budget exposures. Dr. Budd presented relevant data supporting the Superintendent’s FTE request for Trumbull High School. Dr. McGrath detailed statistics on our SPED spending compared to other districts in Connecticut to support the Superintendent’s Pupil Personnel Services budget request.

The following motions were made to the Superintendent’s budget proposal:

PPS

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Norcel) to reduce the Superintendent’s 2018-2019 budget request in Pupil Personnel Services in the amount of \$611,000. In Favor - Chory, Timpanelli, Norcel, Donofrio, Petitti, Ward. Against – Fearon. Vote: 6 to 1, Motion passes.

Elementary Schools

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Donofrio) to reduce the Superintendent’s 2018-2019 budget request for additional elementary teachers from 4.0 to 1.0 and eliminate two new grade 5 Spanish teachers for a total cost of \$375,000. NO VOTE: motion and second were withdrawn.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Donofrio) to reduce the Superintendent's 2018-2019 budget request for elementary classroom teachers from 4.0 to 3.0 for a cost of \$75,000. In Favor - Chory, Norcel, Donofrio, Petitti. Against-Timpanelli, Ward, Fearon. Vote: 4 to 3, Motion passes.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Donofrio) to reduce the Superintendent's 2018-2019 budget request for two grade 5 Spanish teachers for a cost of \$150,000. In Favor – Donofrio. Against-Chory, Timpanelli, Ward, Petitti, Fearon. Abstain: Norcel. Vote: 1-5-1, Motion fails.

2018-2019 Budget Vote

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the adjusted 2018-2019 Board of Education budget in the amount of \$104,664,635 that represents a year to year increase of \$4,241,457 or 4.22% to be submitted to the First Selectmen. (The 2017-2018 base includes the recent increase of \$90,000 approved by the Town Council on January 8, 2018.) Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:55 p.m.