

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – January 23, 2018
Long Hill Administration Building

The Trumbull Board of Education convened at Long Hill Administration Building for a Regular 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 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 – There were no public comments this evening.
- D. Board Chairman Report – The CABA District 6 Legislative Breakfast, originally scheduled for January 17, was postponed due to poor weather.
- E. Superintendent Report - Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:
- The budget is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Finance on Monday, February 12, 2018 and, if necessary, on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
 - The Trumbull Public School district has been honored by the College Board with its placement on the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll. Trumbull met the criteria by maintaining a significant increase in the number of enrolled students and by a sustained percentage of students scoring a 3, 4 or 5 on the AP exam.
- F. Student Representatives Report – Student Rep Matt Kuroghlian reported on events at THS: midterms were administered for 4 days beginning on January 18, 2018; Reflection Day was held after midterms to review and reflect on students’ progress thus far in the year; and the THS versus St. Joseph’s basketball game was held and helped raise money for cancer.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/THS Model UN Trip to George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
Mr. Jack LaBarca presented the proposed trip for THS Model UN students to attend and participate in the United Nations Conference to be held at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Students will leave on Thursday, March 1, 2018 and return on Sunday, March 4, 2018 requiring two days of missed school. It was noted that the cost for substitute teachers for this trip and the following 3 trips will not be paid for through the Board of Education budget accounts but instead through a 205 (BOE Programs) account. Mr. O’Keefe will inform the Board of which account is available to absorb these expenses.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the Trumbull High School Model UN Trip to George Washington University as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- B. Approval/THS We The People Trip to Washington, D.C.
Ms. Katie Boland presented the proposed trip for the THS We The People team to travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Finals from Friday, April 27 to Tuesday, May 1, 2018 resulting in a 3 day out of school absence. Students Ethan Bachand and Derek Marble spoke about the invaluable experience of this competition and the hard work and dedication of this year’s We The People team.

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Petitti) to approve Trumbull High School We The People team to travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National We The People finals as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- C. Approval/THS Model Congress Trip to University of Pennsylvania
Ms. Katie Boland presented the proposed trip for THS Model Congress students to participate in the Penn Model Congress Competition to be held at the University of Pennsylvania. Students will leave on Thursday, March 22 and return on Sunday, March 25, 2018 resulting in two missed school days.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the Trumbull High School Model Congress trip to the University of Pennsylvania that will include two chaperones, as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- D. Approval/THS Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) Trip to Atlanta, Georgia
DECA Advisor Ms. Christina Rusate presented the proposed trip for THS DECA students to travel to Atlanta, Georgia to participate in the 2018 International Career Development Conference (ICDC). Students will leave Saturday, April 21 and return on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 resulting in a three day absence from school.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the Trumbull High School DECA trip to participate in ICDC in Atlanta, Georgia as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- E. Personnel Report
Dr. Cialfi reported the following certified appointment: Michelle Mitchell, MA/6 (\$83,882) special education teacher at Hillcrest Middle School, effective 1/29/18.

This appointment was received and filed by the Board.

F. Approval/Minutes, Regular Meeting 1/9/2018

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

G. Tri-State Consortium Visitation Report

Dr. Budd presented a report from the Tri-State Consortium Visitation Team from their October, 2017 visit to the district on Trumbull's approach to Writing Across the Curriculum K-12. This report answered the essential question on the extent of Trumbull's current approach to the teaching of writing K-12 in reflecting instructional strategies, use of assessment data to inform instruction and inclusion of professional learning to invest our resources to realize significant results. The Tri State feedback was impressive citing sustained improvement in our District's progress to advance teaching and learning.

H. Finance Committee Report, Financials as of November 30, 2017

Mr. O'Keefe reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on January 16, 2018 to review the Financial Reports through November 30, 2017. There were no transfers in the month of November, 2017. Mr. O'Keefe updated the Board on the current attainment analysis and a discussion ensued.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the Financial Report as of November 30, 2017 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:15 p.m.