

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – January 9, 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 – The Board received an invitation from Dr. Cialfi to attend the 2018 Superintendent’s College and Career Readiness for Success Forum.
- C. Public Comments – There were no public comments this evening.
- D. Board Chairman Report – There was no Board Chairman report this evening.
- E. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:
 - The Special BOE meeting will be held on January 17, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. to discuss/vote on the 2018-2019 budget.
 - The police sponsored D.A.R.E. program will be presented to our elementary principals and will be added to our grade 5 curriculum.
 - The Varsity Football Head Coach position has been posted and we are in the process of developing an interview committee.
 - TPS is one of only ten Connecticut school districts that have been included by the College Board in the national AP District Honor Roll based on increased enrollment and improved performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2017 scoring a 3 or higher than those in 2015.
- F. Teacher Representative Report – Mrs. Rubano reported at Daniels Farm School: the Technology Club created a News Show and Student Council visited a local nursing home. Hillcrest and Madison Middle Schools issued a 1-to-1 roll out of chromebooks to students. At THS: the Mock Trial program advanced two of their teams to the playoff round of the state competition; Mrs. Rubano’s Psychology classes visited the Institute for Living to learn about the treatment of mental illness; the Academic Decathlon team will be hosting the Connecticut State Competition at THS on February 24, 2018; four Peer Leaders presented a bullying lesson to students at the

Connecticut Association Leadership Conference; seniors taking Peace, Protest and Tolerance visited the VA hospital in West Haven, Connecticut to meet with veterans and share their experiences.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/Trumbull High School Music Department Trip to Hartford, Connecticut
Mrs. Anne Tornillo presented the proposed trip for THS Music Department students to attend and perform in the All-State Music Festival held in Hartford, Connecticut from April 19 to April 21, 2018.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the Trumbull High School Music Department trip to Hartford as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- B. Approval/Minutes, Budget Sessions 12/7/2017 and 12/12/2017

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the minutes of the December 7 and December 12, 2017 Board of Education meetings as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- C. Personnel Report

There are no changes since the last meeting.

- D. Board of Education Appointments 2017-2019

Mrs. Chory presented the following appointments of Board of Education Members to serve on committees from 2017 through 2019:

Sub Committees:

Curriculum Committee — Marie Petitti (Chair), Lucinda Timpanelli, Mike Ward

Policy Committee—Jackie Norcel (Chair), Kathleen Fearon, Marie Petitti

Finance Committee — Loretta Chory (Chair), Jackie Norcel, Kathleen Fearon

Facilities Committee —Jeff Donofrio (Chair), Lucinda Timpanelli, Mike Ward

Other Committees:

Vendor Contract Review Committee —Jeff Donofrio, Lucinda Timpanelli

Union Negotiations — Jeff Donofrio, Mike Ward

Superintendent's Goals & Evaluation Committee — Loretta Chory, Lucinda Timpanelli

CES Liaison — Mike Ward

Head Start — Marie Petitti

TPSLD (Trumbull Parents of Students with Learning Disabilities) —Jackie Norcel

TPAUD (Trumbull Parents Against Underage Drinking/Drugs) — Lucinda Timpanelli

BEI Committee — Kathleen Fearon

- E. Policies

Dr. Budd presented the following two policies for Second Readings

1. Homeless Students, Policy Code 5118.1
2. Concussions, Policy Code 5141.7

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the above policies for approval by the full Board as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Budd presented the following seven policies for First Readings

3. Non-Discrimination, Policy Code 0521
4. Affirmative Action, Policy Code 4000.1
5. Non-Discrimination in Employment, Policy Code 4111.1
6. Employee's Service in the Guard or Reserve, Policy Code 4150.1
7. Attendance Grades K-8, Policy Code 5113.1
8. High School Attendance / Loss of Credit, Policy Code 5113
9. Loan of Textbooks to Nonpublic School Students, Policy Code 1351

These seven policies will come before the board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.

F. Finance Committee Report, Financials as of October 31, 2017

Mr. O'Keefe reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on November 20, 2017 to review the Financial Reports through October 31, 2017. There were no transfers in the months of September and October 2017. In addition to the financials, the Finance Committee also reviewed the results of the Transportation RFP which resulted in a recommendation made to the BOE at its meeting on November 21, 2017 and accepted.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the Financial Report as of October 31, 2017 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

G. 2017-2018 Budget Discussion

Dr. Cialfi updated the Board regarding the letter sent to the Board of Finance to request approximately \$1.2M of the remaining \$1.4M that was put into the Contingency Account in the town budget be transferred to the BOE Program Expenses account. Only \$90,000 for SPED legal expenses was approved by the Town Council.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to amend the agenda and add the following Action Item: The BOE directs the Superintendent, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes section 10-76g(b), to submit a letter and accompanying documentation to the Trumbull Town Treasurer indicating the amount of SPED expenditures in excess of estimated expenditures and request the application of the excess cost grant monies received from the State to the BOE account. Vote to add to agenda: All in favor.

Mr. O'Keefe then detailed a list of budget exposures that include SPED and Health benefits. Dr. McGrath detailed the cost threshold of SPED students and how costs are identified and the obligation of the BOE and the Town to cover rising costs. Motion to approve added action item moved (Ward) and seconded (Fearon). Vote: All in favor.

H. 2018-2019 Budget Discussion

Dr. Cialfi introduced a discussion regarding proposed budgeted items for 2018-2019 that was presented in December 2017. The Board will contemplate areas for cost savings that will not impact student learning to prioritize our excellent level of student achievement.

A Special Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. to vote on the 2018-2019 budget.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:35 p.m.