

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting – October 30, 2018  
Trumbull High School Auditorium

The Trumbull Board of Education convened in the Auditorium at Trumbull High School for a Regular Meeting.

Members present:

L. Chory, Chairman

L. Timpanelli, Vice Chair

J. Norcel, Secretary

J. Donofrio

K. Fearon

M. Petitti

M. Ward

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

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

B. Recognition: First Selectman's Golf Classic Committee Presentation of Funds to: THSGEMB, ACE Foundation, Lacrosse, Baseball, Football and Hockey  
First Selectman Vicki Tesoro presented a check from the proceeds of the First Selectman's Golf Classic to the representatives of the following student organizations:

- Academic Challenge for Excellence (ACE) Foundation
- Trumbull High School Golden Eagle Marching Band
- PowerPlay Club—Hockey
- Laxmen's Club—Boys and Girls Lacrosse
- Touchdown Club—Football
- Diamond Club—Baseball and Softball

The Board recognized and commended the First Selectman and the entire Golf Classic Committee.

C. Recognition: Hillcrest Middle School Selected as Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Middle School of the Year for 2018-2019

Mr. John Sieller of CAS presented the 2018-2019 CAS Middle School of the Year award to Hillcrest Middle School. Based on instruction, curriculum, collaboration, culture and climate, professional learning culture, communication and assessment, the school of the year awards are presented to one elementary school and one middle school each year that "deserve recognition for exemplary programs and practices that successfully meet the needs of 21st century learners," according to the organization's website. The Board congratulated and commended the staff and students of Hillcrest Middle School on this outstanding achievement.

D. Correspondence –The Board received a letter from a Trumbull High student who has questions concerning the recent flood at THS and also received invitations to Veterans Day programs at Middlebrook Elementary on November 9, 2018 and THS on November 12, 2018.

E. Public Comments –Mr. Preston Merritt of 136 North Stowe Place reported to the Board on the success of Trumbull Day 2018 and the positive feedback received from community members.

F. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory and/or other Board members have recently attended:

- October 23       Boards/Commission Dinner
- October 24-26   Read Aloud
- October 26       Business Appreciation Breakfast
- October 29       Calendar Committee

G. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:

- The Trumbull BOE is one of only nine Boards to receive the 2018 Distinction Award from CABE.
- First Selectman Vicki Tesoro recognized 250 grade 3-5 students for their outstanding summer reading accomplishments.
- Please attend a school climate forum on November 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Madison Middle School auditorium conducted by Dr. David Bernstein who will provide insights for parents to help their children navigate the current social environment.
- Trumbull High School will be open for a school day on November 6, 2018 with a 90 minute delay.
- TPAUD will hold a forum for students and parents on November 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at THS.
- Two parent info sessions will be held to present Trumbull’s revised Reading Workshop curriculum to parents:
  - For Grades K-2 on November 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Frenchtown Elementary
  - For Grades 3-5 on November 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Middlebrook Elementary

H. Student Representatives Report – Daniella Chuka and Michael Cerulli reported on the following events at THS: the progress of our athletic teams; the annual football game on Thanksgiving Day; the Agriscience open house for prospective freshman and their parents on November 1; the Harvest Ball for juniors and seniors; the student led black box theater presents *The Good Doctor* on November 9-10; the Powder Puff game to be held on November 10 and the Veterans Day program on November 12, 2018.

### Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/THS Model UN Club Trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – Mr. Jack LaBarca THS Teacher and Advisor Mr. Jack LaBarca is requesting approval for the Trumbull High School Model UN Team to participate in the United Nations Conference hosted by UPenn held at the Philadelphia Marriott in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Students participating in this trip will leave on Thursday, January 31, 2019 and return on Sunday, February 3, 2019 requiring two days of missed school.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the THS Model UN trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- B. Approval/Permanent Single Agreement (ED-099) to Participate in the Child Nutrition Programs  
The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Requires state agencies (SA) to provide each school food authority (SFA) with a single Permanent Agreement (Agreement) when the SA administers any combination of the USDA Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs). This New Agreement will supersede all previous Agreements with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) as well as the last Authorized Signature Change form that is on file with the CSDE.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the Permanent Single Agreement (ED-099) to participate in the Child Nutrition Programs as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- C. Approval/Capital Improvement Plan Revision

Mr. Deming and Dr. Cialfi reported that a “water retention pond” on Driftwood Lane, adjacent to Madison Middle School, must be addressed as a component of the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan. The pond has overflowed, especially on September 25, 2018, causing flooding in the Driftwood vicinity. The retention pond needs engineering evaluation and corrective action. The Capital Improvement Plan request for this item is \$60,000.

Additionally, ADA accessibility to the Trumbull High School athletic fields must be addressed. The primary issue is accessibility to bleachers, dugouts and parking. The Capital Plan request for this item is \$105,000.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the two Capital Improvement Plan Revision requests as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- D. Approval/Minutes, Regular Meeting 10/09/2018

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

- E. Personnel Report

Dr. Cialfi reported the following certified resignations/retirements:

Harold Darak, math teacher at Trumbull High School since August 2015, retiring effective November 9, 2018

Karolyn Fleegal, math teacher at Madison Middle School since August 1999, retiring effective June 30, 2019

Victor Sesto, adaptive physical education teacher, district-wide since September 1984, retiring effective June 30, 2019

June VanSteinburgh, world language teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since September 1973, retiring effective June 30, 2019

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Norcel) to accept these resignations/retirements as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Cialfi presented the following certified appointment:

Sabrina Chevrette, BA/4 (.5) special education teacher at Tashua Elementary School, effective October 15, 2018.

The Board received and filed the above appointment.

F. Curriculum Committee Report

Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee met on October 19, 2018, and reviewed several curriculum guides.

Dr. Budd presented the following curriculum guides for full Board approval:

1. Honors Mythology Curriculum Guide
2. Advanced Placement Biology Curriculum Guide
3. Advanced Placement / Early College Experience European History Curriculum Guide

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the above curriculum guides as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:20 p.m.