

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – November 27, 2018
Long Hill Administration Building
Lorraine R. Smith Assembly Room

The Trumbull Board of Education convened in the Auditorium in the Long Hill Administration Building for a Regular Meeting.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

J. Donofrio

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 a letter from a THS parent suggesting when THS has an early dismissal, buses should be made available to students who attend the Aquaculture program in Bridgeport, Ct.
- C. Public Comments – There were no public comments this evening.
- D. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory reported on the following:
- Congratulations to Dr. McGrath who was a presenter at the CABE Convention in Mystic, Ct. and to all the Board members on receiving the Level 1 Leadership Award.

Recent events attended:

- The CABE Delegate Assembly was held prior to the start of the Convention on November 15, 2018 to vote on recent legislation.
 - The Board of Finance held a special meeting on November 20, 2018 to discuss the Town's and BOE 5 Year Capital Plan. No vote was taken that evening.
 - Several Board members attended the String Fling at THS on November 20, 2018.
- E. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:
- The Madison Middle School Code Club participated in programming virtual robots to execute specific challenges and placed an impressive 10th in the Connecticut Cyber Robotics Coding Competition.
 - Two of our Agriscience students placed in the top three nationally in their categories at the recent National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- The THSGEMB placed third in their class at the US Bands National Championship held at the MetLife Stadium on November 10, 2018.
- The THS Mock Trial Team placed 8th at the 2018 Empire Mock Trial World Championship.
- The student bus tracker system is now up and running; the system enables parents to track their child's school bus location in real time and estimate their arrival at each bus stop.
- All parents of grades 3-5 students are invited to a parent information session presenting Trumbull's revised Reading Workshop curriculum that will include tips on how parents can help develop their children's reading skills.
- Dr. David Bernstein will present an informational session for parents at Madison Middle School that will provide insight on positive school social climate on November 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Town's 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan including the BOE component was discussed at the recent Board of Finance meeting. The one year bond will be voted on at the next Board of Finance meeting on December 13, 2018.
- The Steering Committee for later school start times will meet again in January, 2019.

- F. Student Board Representatives Report – Student reps reported on recent events at THS: the wrap up of our sports teams and the success of our FCIAC champions; the college planning info session for juniors is on November 28, 2018; the Model Congress team returned home with 7 awards from the competition in Washington, D.C.; the Rockwell Dance Center is presenting a winter ballet at THS on December 8, 2018 and Agriscience is sponsoring a holiday plant sale.

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Norcel) to move Agenda Item III-F Post High School Plans, Class of 2018 to this portion of the meeting. Vote: all in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

F. Post High School Plans, Class of 2018 – Mrs. Hilser

Trumbull High School Guidance Department Chair Mrs. Cathy Hilser presented the post high school plans of the Class of 2018 which included summary data comparing statistics of recent classes, as well as trends in post high school planning. She reported that 90% of THS 2018 graduates intend to pursue higher education and the number applying to more competitive colleges is increasing.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Personnel – Dr. Cialfi

Dr. Cialfi reported there were no changes since the last meeting.

B. Approval/Minutes, Special Meeting/Executive Session 11/12/2018 and Regular Meeting 11/13/2018

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2018 Special Meeting/Executive Session and the November 13, 2018 Regular Board of Education meetings as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Policy Committee Report

Mrs. Norcel reported that the Policy Committee of the Board of Education met on November 20, 2018 and reviewed several policies.

Dr. Budd presented the following policies for full first readings:

1. Drug and Alcohol Testing and Required Training for School Bus Drivers, Policy Code 4212.42
2. Administration of Medication by School Personnel, Policy Code 5141.21
3. Security Checks, Policy Code 4212.5
4. Use of Physical Force: Seclusion and Restraint, & Exclusionary Timeout, Policy Code 5144.1
5. Eligibility to Attend Trumbull Public Schools, Policy Code 5111
6. Trumbull High School Graduation Requirements, Policy Code ~~5123.1~~ 6146

It was unanimously agreed to bring these policies back to the Board at a future meeting for full Board approval.

D. Curriculum Committee Report

Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education met on November 15, 2018 and reviewed several new course proposals, a text proposal and curriculum guide.

Approval/New Course Proposals – Dr. Budd

1. Theatre Tech 1
2. Theatre Tech 2
3. Theatre Explorations: Plays
4. Theatre Explorations: The American Musical
5. Digital Music Technology
6. Guitar

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Ward) to approve the above new course proposals as presented. Vote: all in favor.

Approval/New Course Text Proposal – Dr. Budd

7. *The Language of Composition: Reading, Writing, Rhetoric*, 3rd ed. (Core: Advanced Placement English Language & Composition)

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Ward) to approve the above new course text proposal as presented. Vote: all in favor.

Approval/Curriculum Guide – Dr. Budd

8. Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles Curriculum Guide

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the above curriculum guide as presented. Vote: All in favor.

E. Approval/Superintendent's Salary

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Fearon) to approve the Superintendent's salary increase of 2 percent, retroactive as of July 1, 2018. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:32 p.m.