

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Budget Meeting – December 11, 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
J. Donofrio
K. Fearon
M. Petitti
M. Ward

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – Karin Stocknoff wrote asking the Board to consider adding one section to the 5th grade class next year at Frenchtown; the Board received two invitations: the winter concert at Frenchtown on December 20, 2018 and the We the People dress rehearsal at Town Hall Council Chambers on December 12, 2018.
- C. Public Comments – Melissa Lehmann of 15 Turney Place asked the Board to address the importance of recess at our elementary schools and the necessary role it plays in the development of healthy students.
- D. Board Chairman Report – There was no report this evening.
- E. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:
- The College Board announced that Trumbull Public Schools is one of 373 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the District Honor Roll.
 - Trumbull High School’s annual Holiday Concert will be presented on December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the THS auditorium.
 - The annual Southern Fairfield County Superintendents’ Association Legislative Breakfast was held at Cooperative Educational Services (CES) on December 7; all 3 of Trumbull’s state representatives attended: Reps. Rutigliano, Devlin, and McGorty; discussion topics included the Classroom Safety Bill, Education Cost Sharing, Special Education Excess Cost Grant and High School Graduation Requirements.
- F. Student Board Representatives Report – Daniella Chuka reported on sports at THS and the auditions/call backs for the play *Chicago*.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Norcel) to add a discussion and possible action item to the meeting agenda in response to a letter received today and dated December 3, 2018 (attached) from Mary Beth Thornton, Town Council Chair in response to the BOE request to add 3 employees into the pension plan. Vote: All in favor.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Norcel) to authorize BOE Chairman, Loretta Chory to send a letter to the Pension Board asking to add three BOE employees to the Pension Plan as a follow-up to the response received from Town Council Chair. The new letter should request a delay of any employee refunds until after the matter is resolved. Vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Personnel Report

Dr. Cialfi reported no changes since the last meeting.

B. 2019-2020 Budget Presentation & Discussion - Continuation - Dr. Cialfi, Mr. O'Keefe, Staff

Part VI – Middle Schools – Mr. Peter Sullivan, Mr. Stafford Thomas

Mr. O'Keefe presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$200 increase over last year's budget.

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Thomas were present to answer questions from the Board.

Part VII – Trumbull High School & Athletics – Mr. Marc Guarino, Mr. Todd Manuel, Mr. Michael King

THS

Mr. O'Keefe presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$40,902 increase over last year's budget. The main drivers are activities/competitions, police services and advisors. There is an additional staffing request for a .60 FTE World Language teacher based on new graduation requirements. Mr. Guarino and Mr. Manuel were present to answer questions from the Board.

Athletics

Mr. O'Keefe presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$29,960 increase over last year's budget; the main drivers are supplies, contractual increases for coaches and purchased services such as outside facility rentals for hockey and gymnastics. Mr. Mike King was present to answer questions from the Board.

Part VIII – Technology – Mr. Jeffrey Hackett

Mr. O'Keefe presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$35,825 increase over last year's budget. The main drivers are software, computer equipment and WAN connections. Mr. Hackett discussed with the Board technology resources for the upcoming school year.

Part IX – Digital Learning - Ms. Christina Hefele

Mr. O'Keefe presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$2,586 increase over last year's budget.

Ms. Hefele talked with the Board about recent advances in technology and the implications on digital learning at our schools.

Part X – Transportation – Mrs. Dawn Perkins

Mr. O'Keefe presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$170,544 increase over last year's budget. The main drivers are contractual increases for regular buses, SPED buses and fuel. Mrs. Perkins reported on the resolution of several bus issues from the beginning of the school year.

Part XI – Assistant Superintendent – Dr. McGrath

Mr. O’Keefe presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$22,642 increase over last year’s budget. The main driver is non-SPEC tuition (AquaCulture, 6-to-6 Magnet and Discovery Magnet). Dr. McGrath was present to answer questions from the Board.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Norcel) to cancel the Trumbull Board of Education budget meeting scheduled for December 13, 2018. Vote: All in favor.

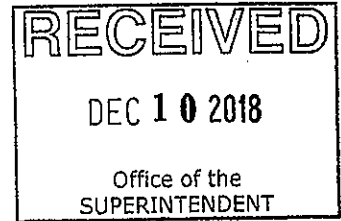
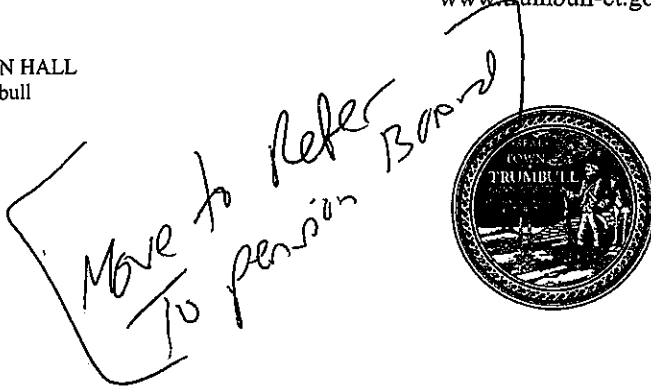
Adjournment

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

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December 3, 2018

Dr. Gary Cialfi
Superintendent of Schools
6254 Main Street
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Re: Town Defined Benefit Plan

Dear Superintendent Cialfi:

I am in receipt of your email on behalf of the Board of Education requesting that the Town Council amend the Defined Benefit Plan to include three Board employees in the Plan. These employees were mistakenly advised by the Board of Education that they were entitled to participate in the Plan.

In accordance with the Town charter, the Town Council is not in the position to take any action on your request without the recommendation of the Pension Board.

You will need to direct your request to the Pension Board.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Beth Thornton".

MARY BETH THORNTON
Town Council Chair

cc: Vicki A. Tesoro
Maria Pires
Daniel F. Schopick, Esq.