

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – May 22, 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
K. Fearon
M. Petitti
M. Ward

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.

The Board paused for a moment of silence to honor the remarkable life of Sarah Koury, a THS 2017 graduate who recently passed away.

B. Recognition – 2018 Invention Convention Finalists

Dr. Floria Mallozzi presented Trumbull's grade 5 students who advanced through their Local School Invention Conventions, Regional Competition in Hamden, Final Competition at UCONN, and now have been invited to compete at NICEE Nationals in Dearborn, Michigan.

National Invitees:

Tashua Elementary	Noah Scrofani Isabella DiMarino Madeline Wilkins
Middlebrook	Emmett White James Millman-Perlah Edward Eisenman Isabella Cabral Ryan Johnston
Jane Ryan Frenchtown	Juliana Hemond Charlotte S. Lewis Ben Parente Rui Pato
Daniels Farm	Erica Laurentino Taylor Berko Riley Connolly Jocelyn Van Stone
Booth Hill	Chloe Speights Avery Jayne Vitucci

The Board commended and congratulated these students for their outstanding accomplishments.

C. Recognition – Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Mentors

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael McGrath and TEAM District Facilitator, Patricia Colello recognized sixteen mentor teachers who have provided support to our beginning teachers through the TEAM program. TEAM mentors guide new teachers using their knowledge of teaching and learning to enable the novice teacher to be more effective in the classroom and complete the TEAM program, which is required for certification. The following were recognized:

Emma Balter
Pamela Brushie
Christopher Caridi
Amy Congdon
Elizabeth Doherty
John Elliff
Heatherly Law
Sylvia Lemoine
Eileen Maffei
Lysa Margiotta
Michele Molloy
Margaret (Maggie) Pereira
Cheryl Pontino
Susan (Sue) Recine
Nicole Sherrick
Thomas (Tom) Zultowski

The Board commended and recognized the TEAM mentors for their contributions.

D. Recognition – 2017-2018 Board of Education Student Representatives & Policy Committee Student Member

THS seniors Matthew Kuroghlian and Sophia Otero are recognized for their contributions to the Board of Education and the community as Board of Education student representatives throughout the 2017-2018 school year. Also, THS senior Sarah Gossman is recognized for her contribution to the Board of Education and the community as Board of Education Policy Committee student advisory member since April 2017.

The Board commended and congratulated these students for their contributions and wish them well in their post high school endeavors.

E. Correspondence –

- The Board received an invitation to attend the FFA Awards Ceremony on May 29, 2018 at the Trumbull Agriscience and Biotechnology Center.
- Jennifer Mottolese, Madison PTA Vice President, asked the Board to form a committee to explore the benefits and complexities of instituting a later school start time.
- The following people submitted letters to the Board regarding the possible outsourcing of the Food Service program: Roger Pisacreta, Carol Langer, Chaz Stolba, Ralph Balducci, Laura Citarella, Robyn Spinner and Kristin Frank.

F. Public Comments –

- Laurie Stolba spoke about the Food Services’ staff members who work hard every day in our schools to feed Trumbull students a healthy lunch, and that it would be a poor choice to change from the current Food Services program.
- Sue Kriewald-Food Services Manager from Tashua talked about how the kitchen staff incorporates fun activities into the lunch program so that students can learn the value in eating healthy food. She commented “Our students are our extended family and we try to make a difference each and every day.” Tashua students submitted cards and drawings in support of the cafeteria staff.

G. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory attended the following events:

- May 10 - First Selectman called a meeting regarding recreation fees
- May 17 - TPS Student Art Exhibit opening at SHU’s Art & Design Gallery
- May 17 - Hillcrest National Honor Society Induction
- May 22 - BEI Breakfast

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

- The annual Business Education Initiative (BEI) Recognition Breakfast was held on May 22 in the Town Library Community Room.
- Fortunately the impact of the thunderstorm did not force a school closing last Wednesday, May 16. Transportation Director Dawn Perkins worked closely with the bus company and several parents in order to make sure that all students could arrive to school safely.
- Congratulations to the 120 students inducted to the National Honor Society at THS.

I. Teacher Representative Report – Kathy Rubano reported:

- THS - The Formula and Golden Associates Marketing Agencies coordinated by Christina Rusate are planning their integrated marketing communications.
- Booth Hill School had 3 NOETIC Math Challenge teams this spring and grades 3 and 5 received Team Achievement awards for their performance.
- Tashua School held their spring concert on May 16 under the direction of Choral Director, Tyler Cohen.
- Congratulations to Hillcrest Middle School for being named the *Best Middle School in Connecticut*.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Best Buddies National Conference Trip to Indiana University

Advisor Ms. Jennifer Penna presented a trip for the Best Buddies Chapter Presidents to attend a leadership conference at the University of Indiana on July 20-23, 2018. There is no cost to the Board of Education. Cost of registration and travel expenses are supported by the Trumbull High PTSA, club fundraisers, TPALD grant, and parental contributions.

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the Best Buddies National Conference trip to Indiana for the period of July 20-23, 2018 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Approval/Beverage Sale

Food Director Betty Sinko presented the beverage sale approval request to the Board which is separate from the Healthy Food Certification. This sale must be in compliance with State Statute (GCS 10-221q) which requires Boards of Education to address the matter of allowing the sale of beverages on school premises that are not on the State's approved list and meeting the three contingencies: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the foods are not sold from a vending machine or school store.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the Beverage Sale for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Approval/Healthy Food Certification

Mrs. Betty Sinko, Food Services Director, stated that per Connecticut General Statute 10-215f, local Boards of Education must annually certify whether the district will or will not participate in the Healthy Foods Certification (HFC) Program. School districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program must take action each year to certify all food items sold or distributed to students separately from a reimbursable school breakfast or lunch will or will not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards. These food items include food offered for sale to students at all times, in all schools and from all sources including, but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored. If the district decides to participate, the food service program may receive an additional 10 cents per lunch in state reimbursement based on the total number of reimbursable lunches (paid, free and reduced) served in the district in the prior school year.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Fearon) to approve the Healthy Food Certification in all schools for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Approval/Minutes, Regular Meeting 5/8/2018

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Personnel Report

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

F. Policy Committee Report

Dr. Budd presented the following policy for first reading:

1. Use of Public School Buildings and Sites, Policy Code 1330

The Board unanimously agreed to bring this policy back for a second reading at a future Board meeting.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to move Item H 2018-2019 Budget Update to this portion of the meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

G. 2018-2019 Budget Update

Dr. Cialfi gave an update on the status of the 2018-2019 Budget. In order to achieve the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget of \$103,536,727 as approved by the Town Council on

April 18, 2018, the Superintendent presented his recommendations by account to address the adjustments in order to achieve the best possible outcome for Trumbull students K-12.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Ward) to approve the Superintendent's recommended adjustments as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor

H. Curriculum Committee Report

Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee met on May 17, 2018 and reviewed several curriculum guides, new texts and new course proposals.

Dr. Budd presented the following curriculum guides for approval:

1. Health Grades 6-8 Curriculum Guide
2. Math Workshop I Curriculum Guide

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

Dr. Budd presented the following new course text proposals for approval:

3. *The Practice of Statistics*, 6th ed. (Core: Advanced Placement Statistics)
4. *Development through Life: A Psychosocial Approach* (Core: Honors UCONN Individual & Family Development)

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the two new course text proposals as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Budd presented the following new course proposals for approval:

5. Grade 5 Spanish
6. Health 10
7. Math Workshop II
8. Honors Veterinary Science

A motion was made (Timpanelli) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the four new course proposals as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:05 p.m.