

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – May 8, 2018
Long Hill Administration Building
Lorraine R. Smith Assembly Room

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

Members present:

L. Chory, Chairman
L. Timpanelli, Vice Chairman
J. Norcel, Secretary
J. Donofrio, Board Member
M. Petitti, Board Member
M. Ward, Board Member
K. Fearon, 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. Recognition – THS Connecticut Organization of Language Teachers (COLT) State Competition World Language Department Chair, Susanna Lavorgna Lye and THS Spanish Teacher Maria Manso Garcia reported that 26 World Language students competed on April 26, 2018 at the statewide COLT recitation contest at Southington High School. This is the 9th consecutive year that THS/World Language participated in COLT. Students are judged on fluency and their presentation of published classical poetry in 8 different languages. This year 43 schools in Connecticut participated with THS awarded a total of 18 medals. Students Nikita Devayaboyina and Grace Xiong recited their poems to the Board and were both awarded gold medals at the competition. The Board recognized and thanked all the participants for their hard work.
- C. Recognition – Code Quest Competition – Mr. Scott Kaminski
Mr. Scott Kaminski announced that THS students participated in Lockheed Martin’s Code Quest Computer Programming Competition, a computer programming competition held at Sikorsky Aircraft on April 21, 2018. The team consisted of: Ashwin Sambasivam, Howard Qian, Danyal Sheikh, Adrien Joseph, and Cyrus Asgari. At the event, both teams were extraordinary with two of our students, Ashwin Sambasivam and Howard Qian, winning third place for their division. The Board commended these students for their outstanding participation.
- D. Recognition – THS We The People
Advisor Katie Boland announced that Trumbull High’s We The People team took home the UNIT 3 AWARD this past weekend, representing Connecticut as State Champions at the National Competition. Congratulations goes to Maxwell Bowen, Emma Bulter, Shane Carley, Sarah

Giaquinto, and Joshua Merkin on their Unit 3 Award. The Board unanimously congratulated and commended the entire We The People team for their outstanding accomplishments.

E. Correspondence – The Board received the following correspondence:

- Cat Lamy asked the Board to assign Madison Middle school two additional security guards RJ and Ruth Fontilla extended an invitation to the Board to attend the viewing of *Screenagers* on May 7, 2018 at Madison Middle School.
- Laura Siebold and Beth Coley requested information of why the THS Athletic Director relocated the Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse team during their game on April 17, 2018.
- Lisa Nuland wrote of her concerns of the handling of the Hillcrest school walkout on April 20, 2018.
- The Board received correspondence from parents, students, faculty and staff in support of keeping Trumbull Food Services in house.

F. Public Comments –

The following community members and Food Service employees were present to share their comments to the Board:

- Sue Kriewald, Food Service Manager from Tashua asked the Board not to outsource Food Services and submitted letters and pictures from Tashua students in support of her staff.
- Lorraine Shairer has worked at Madison Middle School for 39 years and is proud of her staff and their hard work to provide children with a healthy lunch.
- Ramon Lugo praised the quality of the Food Service and the staff that makes a difference in our students' well-being.
- Cathryn Lee cited her concerns of a for-profit Food Services management company and asks the Board to do their due diligence before making any changes.
- Roger Pisacreta, Kitchen Manager and Chef from THS urged the Board to consider before they outsource the lunch program that is now self-sustaining.
- Jane Ryan Food Service employees, Theresa Ferranti and Grisel Guillen, presented hand written cards and letters from students in support of the Jane Ryan kitchen staff.
- Kathy Rubano read a letter from the Trumbull Education Association (TEA) in opposition to any plan to replace the current non-profit, self-sustaining operation with a for-profit Food Service management company.
- Matt Kuroghlian spoke about the overwhelming response from Trumbull High students opposed to replacing that the current Food Services.

G. Board Chairman Report – There was no report this evening.

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

- Our Invention Convention program continues to grow every year with 15 grade 5 students who were among the finalists at the UCONN competition. The team has been invited to the National Competition in Dearborn, Michigan at the Henry Ford Museum of Innovation.
- Hillcrest Middle School was named the 2018-2019 Connecticut Association of Schools' (CAS) School of the Year. Hillcrest received this honor after the association evaluated its instruction, curriculum, collaboration and professional learning culture.

- Daniels Farm School grade 5 student, Dannika Jean Curtin has won the Literature Award of Merit in the National competition of the PTA Reflections contest.
- Congratulations to Meg McGovern (former teacher at Booth Hill) who has written *We're Good: The Power of Faith, Hope & Determination*; a story of Meg's former student, Chris O'Brien. Meg and Chris will be at the Trumbull Public Library on May 17, 2018 to meet with Trumbull residents.

- I. Student Board Representatives Report - Matt Kuroghlian reported on THS: the AP exam schedule begins on May 7, 2018; May 11-Poetry Slam; May 12-Farm Fair; May 17-Honor Society Induction; May 24-Spring Concert; and May 30-Awards Night. Matt also gave the Board an update on the THS sports teams.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Norcel) to move Agenda Item III- Approval of Trumbull Day to this portion of the meeting. Vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- B. Approval/Trumbull Day 2018 Special Request

The Trumbull Day Commission, represented by Mr. Preston Merritt, Mr. Marc Lepore and Lt. Kenneth Jones, and First Selectman Tesoro presented the request that the Board of Education waive a portion of Policy 1330, Use of Public School Buildings and Sites to allow for the sale of wine and beer on the grounds of Hillcrest and Trumbull High Schools on Thursday, June 28, Friday, June 29, and Sunday, July 1, 2018. *"As with recent Trumbull Day events, we plan to serve beer and wine to patrons. The procurement of a temporary liquor permit from the State of CT and coordination with the Trumbull Police Department, who will be providing security for the event, is currently underway. Alcohol service will be handled by trained staff to assure that patrons are of legal drinking age and that no one is over-served at the event. All alcohol must be purchased through the vendor. Bags and coolers will be checked at entry points and patrons will not be permitted to bring alcohol onto the property."* The commission will be expanding the area that these beverages can be consumed in to include the stage and the area where the food truck will be located. All other provisions of the Board Policy must be adhered to and alcohol distribution and consumption must be properly monitored and controlled by the Trumbull Police Department, First Selectman's office, and Trumbull Day Commission members, to insure that this concession is regulated in a responsible and appropriate manner.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve a waiver for the Town of Trumbull to allow an alcohol concession booth on the grounds of Hillcrest and Trumbull High School in conjunction with Trumbull Day on Thursday, June 28 and Friday, June 29, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 1, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. as requested. Vote: In favor- Timpanelli, Fearon, Petitti, Donofrio. Against- Chory, Ward. Abstain- Norcel. Motion passes 4-2-1.

- C. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting, 4/17/2018

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 Board of Education meeting as presented. Abstain- Donofrio Vote: Motion passes.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Security Bond

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made (Donofrio) and seconded (Norcel) to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Security Bond and invited Dr. Cialfi, Dr. McGrath, Dr. Budd, Mr. Hackett and Mr. Deming into Executive Session. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

By unanimous consent, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 8:40 p.m.

It was then moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the security bond in the amount of \$1,568,000. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Personnel Report

Dr. Cialfi reported the following certified resignations/retirement:

Mr. Lee Karash, science teacher at Madison Middle School since August 2002, retiring effective June 30, 2018.

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Donofrio) to accept the retirement of Mr. Lee Karash as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Enrollment as of May 1, 2018 and Projected Enrollment for 2018-2019

The administration closely monitors enrollment numbers. Dr. Cialfi presented enrollment as of May 1, 2018 and preliminary projected enrollment data for the 2018-2019 school year. Also discussed were class size guidelines. Updated enrollment numbers will continue to be monitored by the District.

F. Policies

Dr. Budd presented the following Policies for First Reading:

Policies, First Readings – Dr. Budd

1. Distribution and Promotion of Products, Services, and Informational Materials, Policy Code 1325
2. Sexual Harassment of Students, Policy Code 5145.5
3. Individualized Education Program / Special Education Program, Policy Code 6159
4. Exposure Control Plan, Policy Code 4147.1
5. Prevention of Communicable and Infectious Diseases, Policy Code 5141.8

It was unanimously agreed by the Board that these policies will be returned to the Board for a second reading and approval at a future meeting.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Donofrio) to add to the agenda a discussion and vote for the 2018 school year calendar. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Donofrio) to change Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from a legal day to a full school day on the calendar. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

G. Finance Committee Report – Mr. O’Keefe reported that the Finance Committee met on April 24, 2018 and reviewed the financial reports through March 31, 2018. In addition to the financials, the Finance Committee reviewed a draft proposal for BOE indoor facility use, year-to-year copier usage by school, year to date furniture purchases and updates on SPED Excess Cost Grant, Food Services RFP, Bridgeport Magnet Tuition issue and Bridgeport SPED services billing issue.

It was moved (Fearon) and seconded (Donofrio) to approve the following budget transfers:

1. Transfer of \$91,099 from Reserve for Negotiation to Custodial Salaries (\$71,057) and Maintenance Salaries (\$20,042)
2. Transfer of \$13,823 from Reserve for Negotiations to Security Salaries
3. Transfer of \$39,200 from various intern accounts which will not be utilized to the Teacher Substitute account.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the financial reports through March 31, 2018 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

In addition (from last Board meeting) there was a motion to approve the February, 2018 actuals (Timpanelli) and seconded (Norcel). Vote: unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:25 p.m.