

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – September 11, 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 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.

Executive Session

At this time, it was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Norcel) to enter Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and pending litigation concerning the Bridgeport tuition issue. Vote: all in favor. Dr. Cialfi, Dr. McGrath and Mr. O'Keefe were invited to be part of the discussion. By unanimous consent of Board members present, it was moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

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

Mrs. Chory called for a moment of silence in honor of all those we lost on 9/11 and the many acts of bravery that we will always remember.

- B. Correspondence –The Board received numerous emails concerning the performance of our new bus company, Durham School Services, specifically in regard to a Madison Middle School bus route; Ellie Grosso asked about specific enrollment numbers at Frenchtown; Christopher DeCruze asked about our policy on temperature and closing school.
- C. Public Comments –Catherine Lamy of 47 Fawn Meadow Drive asked the Board to resolve several bus issues with Durham School Services Madison Middle School buses that include route and scheduling problems; Craig Russell of 11 Candlewood Road inquired about the duration of an acceptable time limit that a Trumbull student should be on the bus.
- D. Board Chairman Report – There was no report this evening.
- E. Superintendent Report - Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:

- Dr. Cialfi would like to thank our parents and the entire Trumbull community for cooperating with all of the special arrangements that were required for the early dismissals during the first days of school.
 - Our Back to School Convocation featured our 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year; Rob Devine, a language arts teacher and dive coach from Madison Middle School.
 - The Town of Trumbull Five Year Capital Plan was approved with the BOE component at the Town Council meeting on September 6, 2018.
 - There is a Student Transportation Policy that includes an appeal process to address transportation issues. Forms were provided at the BOE meeting and are also available on our trumbullps.org website under BOE policies. Dr. Cialfi also indicated the average time for a Trumbull bus run and noted that TPS does not approach the hour long bus run that is the maximum time limit allowed in Connecticut.
- F. Student Representatives Report - Student Representatives Daniella Chuka and Michael Cerulli are looking forward to working with the Board in making a difference for students at THS. They reported on the following: athletics are under full swing; the ACT was administered this weekend; the Senior Post Planning night will take place on September 26, 2018; Dr. Acerbo published her first book, *Apocalipstick*; Mr. Anderson has been selected for in the Connecticut Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; and the fall play, *The Good Doctor*, is beginning to audition.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes 8/28/2018

It was moved (Donofrio) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 Board of Education meeting with one amendment as presented: There were 23 emails overall in regard to adding a third grade section at Daniels Farm School. Because the class size increased to 78 before the start of the school year a fourth section was added. Some parents responded with an email to say thank you. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Personnel

Dr. Cialfi reported no changes since the last meeting.

C. 2018-2019 Enrollment Update

The administration closely monitors enrollment during the summer months. Dr. Cialfi presented a breakdown of enrollment numbers as of August 30, 2018. Dr. Cialfi will continue to monitor the enrollment as the school year progresses.

D. Professional Development, July-August, 2018

Dr. Budd spoke of the critical need for professional development for teachers and the significant positive impact it has on our students. Teachers Terry Buckingham, Laura Hatstat, Marianne Ferrari, Petrina Gunsolley, Gina Zuk, Jami Brown, Jodi Netting and Thomas Edwards spoke of their experiences in building reading and writing skills and how to make them interconnect by using mindful approaches that will yield truer learning.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:04 p.m.