

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – January 22, 2019
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. Pledge of Allegiance - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.

B. Correspondence – There was no correspondence this evening.

C. Public Comments – There were no public comments this evening.

D. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory reported on recent events attended:

- January 11- meeting for general budget discussions with the First Selectman, Town Finance Director, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Business Manager and Mrs. Timpanelli
- January 14- TAG Engineering Showcase with Mrs. Timpanelli
- January 14- PTSA Council meeting
- January 15- Band Orchestra concert - Mr. Ward and Mrs. Timpanelli
- January 17- Chinese Delegation Opening Session with several Board members

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

- The THS Band/Orchestra concert was held on January 15 with rave reviews.
- First semester final projects were presented by 29 grade 5 TAG students to over 100 family members and teachers.
- The pilot Breakfast Program at Frenchtown and Middlebrook continued in its second week with an average of 94 transactions per day.
- Enrollment for grade 11 SAT Prep Sessions in our Continuing Ed program continues to grow.
- Both boys and girls basketball teams are proudly demonstrating an outstanding season.
- Administrators from high performing schools in China visited several Trumbull schools as a component of their two week educational study at Columbia University.

- F. Student Board Representatives Report - Daniella Chuka reported on events at THS: the Western Regional Musical Festival, the Band/Orchestra concert, midterms, Senior Showcase auditions, the visit of the Chinese delegation to THS, All State choir auditions and ACT testing.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/THS Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) Trip to Orlando, Florida
Advisors Ms. Alana Ribas and Ms. Christina Rusate proposed the trip for members of the Trumbull High School Distributive Education Club (DECA) to participate in the International Career Development Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida. Students will leave on Friday, April 26, 2019 and return on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Ward) to approve the THS DECA trip to Orlando, Florida as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- B. Approval/THS Academic Decathlon Trip to Bloomington, Minnesota
Advisor, Ms. Sara Ellis proposed the trip for members of the Trumbull High School Academic Decathlon to participate in the National Academic Competition Finals to be held in Bloomington, Minnesota. Students participating in this trip will leave Wednesday, April 24, 2019 and return Saturday, April 27, 2019 requiring a 3-day absence from school.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the THS Academic Decathlon trip to Bloomington, Minnesota as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- C. Personnel Report
Dr. Cialfi reported no changes since the last meeting.

- D. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting – January 8, 2019
It was moved (Fearon) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 Board of Education meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Timpanelli) and seconded (Norcel) to move Item E. 2019-2020 Budget Approval to a later portion of this meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- F. Curriculum Committee Report – Mrs. Petitti

Approval/New Course Proposal – Dr. Budd

1. Inquiry into Contemporary Texts and Issues

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

Approval/New Course Text Proposals – Dr. Budd

2. *The Mysterious Benedict Society* (Supplemental: Grade 6 Integrated Literacy)
3. *Echo* (Core: Grade 7 Integrated Literacy: Reading)
4. *Navigating Early* (Supplemental: Grade 7 Integrated Literacy: Reading)

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

Approval/Curriculum Guides – Dr. Budd

5. English 9-10 Curriculum Guide

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

6. Science Explorations Curriculum Guide

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

7. Employment Explorations Curriculum Guide

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

G. Presentation on 504 Information – Mrs. Pauline Smith

PPS Director Mrs. Pauline Smith gave a presentation on the subject of responsibilities of the PTA with regard to students who may be eligible for 504 accommodations during PTA sponsored activities citing the American Disability Act.

E. 2019-2020 Budget Approval

The 2019-2020 budget was presented and discussed at the December 6 and 11, 2018 Board of Education meetings. A motion was made by Norcel and seconded by Petitti to approve the Superintendent's budget as presented.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Petitti) to add \$433,346 to the proposed budget for health insurance coverage which is now estimated to increase by 8%, not the 5% growth rate initially requested. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Mr. Ward asked to call the question, requiring an immediate vote on the budget of \$107,991,972. It was determined that a 2/3 vote could override this action. Vote to call the question: Yes - Ward. No - Chory, Timpanelli, Fearon, Petitti, Norcel. Discussion continued.

A motion was made by (Fearon) to add \$275,000 to the transportation budget to go to a three tier system for later school start times. No second – the motion was not taken up for debate.

A motion was made by (Fearon) to add \$100,000 to the budget to hire a Safe School Coordinator. No second – the motion was not taken up for debate.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the amended motion for the 2019-2020 Board of Education Budget for \$107,991,972 which is a year-to-year increase of 4.30% as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:36 p.m.

Understanding the PTA's Responsibilities With Regard to 504

- ▶ Must respond to requests for disability accommodations in a manner that is consistent with District policies, that also complies with 504 and Title II regulations;
- ▶ Must not, on the basis of disability, exclude qualified individuals with disabilities from participation in, deny them the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities;
- ▶ Must provide its services and activities in a manner affording individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate; and must make reasonable modifications in its practices or procedures when the modifications are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability unless to do so would fundamentally alter the nature or the service, program or activity;

Understanding the PTA's Responsibilities With Regard to 504

- ▶ Cannot place a surcharge on individuals with disabilities to cover the costs of measures, such as the provision of auxiliary aides and services that are required to provide the individuals with nondiscriminatory treatment;
- ▶ Must notify its participants and beneficiaries, such as students and parents/guardians, through its publicity materials and website, the process for anyone who wishes to request accommodations for a disability or to file a complaint about disability-related discrimination by the Association.