

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting – October 29, 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. Recognition – First Selectman’s Golf Classic Presentation

First Selectman Vicki Tesoro presented proceeds from the First Selectman’s Golf to the following student organizations:

- Academic Challenge for Excellence (ACE) Foundation
- Trumbull High School Golden Eagle Marching Band
- PowerPlay Club—Boys and Girls Hockey
- Laxmen’s Club—Boys and Girls Lacrosse
- Touchdown Club—Football
- Diamond Club—Baseball and Softball
- Boys Basketball

The students and their advisors bring pride, honor, and distinction to the Trumbull community year after year. These organizations provide extraordinary opportunities outside of the classroom for students to excel, whether through athletic pursuits or academic team activities.

The Board unanimously congratulated and commended the First Selectman’s Golf Classic Committee for their much appreciated donations.

C. Recognition – THS Girls Cross Country Team

The Trumbull High School Girls Cross Country team traveled to Orlando to compete in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Disney Cross Country Classic at the ESPN Wide World of Sports. Our team, the 2019 FCIAC West Division champs and currently ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state, continued their winning streak in more ways than one. On the course, the Varsity girls were the champions of the Large School Division race as Emily Alexandru, Kali Holden, and Alessandra Zaffina were 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> overall, respectively. The JV team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> as a team in their division led by Erianna Gentile. Off the course, the girls volunteered for an afternoon and evening at the Give Kids the World

Village in Kissimmee, Florida. The Village hosts children with critical illness and their families through Make-A-Wish Connecticut.

Coach Jim McCaffrey, whose family are alumni at the village, wanted to share the village with the team and provide them with an opportunity to give back. The girls learned about the philanthropic mission of the Village; they toured the grounds, interacted with guests, and provided dinner service in the cafeteria. Their actions throughout the entire trip were testament to the quality of character that our community and schools instill in our students. This team continuously makes Trumbull proud.

The Board unanimously congratulated and commended the THS Girls Cross Country Team for their outstanding achievement.

- D. Correspondence - There was no correspondence this evening.
- E. Public Comments - TEA President, John Mastrianni addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the increase of teacher resignations and how to make sure this is not the new norm and is proposing a climate survey, he offered assistance in the Superintendent search, and is looking forward to working with the newly elected Board to move our District toward a positive future. PTSA President, Ruth Fontilla is hopeful that plans will soon be announced for the Superintendent search and how the community can be involved to get the best candidate for Trumbull.
- F. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory reported:
- Oct 18- Dedication at THS in memory of Coach Gangemi
  - Oct 20- Great Pumpkin Classic to support THS scholarships
  - Oct 21-CABE Board of Directors meeting in Wethersfield
  - Oct 21-23- Read Aloud in Elementary and Preschools
  - Oct 22- UCONN School of Education Distinguished Leadership Award presented to Dr. Budd
  - Oct 22- Boards/Commission Dinner
  - Oct 24-Dedication at THS in memory of Coach McDougall
  - Oct 25-Economic Development breakfast
- G. Superintendent Report – Dr. Cialfi reported on the following:
- The formal Agriscience Program Review is scheduled for December 4-5, 2019 by a CSDE consultant. Our next BOE meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2019 at Agriscience where staff will demonstrate our grant funded greenhouse renovation functions.
  - Technology Department Head Jeff Hackett and Dr. Cialfi are in the process of applying for a state funded grant for the new media/video system to deliver live broadcasts at THS.
  - Dr. Budd, Mrs. Frillici and Dr. Cialfi met to discuss data driven services that are being allocated to Middlebrook.
  - Plans are underway for several Veterans Day Assemblies on November 11, 2019:
    - THS- 7:45 a.m. refreshments with an 8:30 a.m. program start
    - Middlebrook- 9:00 a.m.
    - Frenchtown- 9:30 a.m.
    - Jane Ryan- 2:00 p.m.
  - All Pre-K through grade 12 teachers are scheduled to participate in our November 5, 2019 Professional Development Day at our schools.

- H. Teacher Representative Report – Mrs. Rubano reported: thanks to Dr. Floria Mallozzi for all her hard work with science curriculum at the middle school level, the results on the NGSS Science Assessment were better than anticipated; the TEA is asking the BOE for a CEA Blitz- a climate survey to develop an understanding of district needs. At THS: 25 students attended the 2019 Great Debates hosted by the Ct. Chapter of NAACP; 16 math team members came in 7<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams at a recent competition and library and media specialists celebrated National Media Literacy Week to promote professional development at THS.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Technology Update, Summer 2019 Projects

Mr. Jeff Hackett updated the Board Members on the Technology Department's 2019 summer projects. These projects included the installation and setup of 1500 Chromebooks; an upgrade on network infrastructure to support new classroom telephones; an upgrade on elementary Wi-Fi; added security cameras at the Agriscience barn area; an upgrade to internet filters and multiple server and software upgrades.

B. Approval/Minutes, Regular and Special Meetings 10/15/2019

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 BOE Regular and Special Meetings as presented. Vote: 5 in favor. Abstain: Fearon. Motion passes.

C. Personnel – Dr. Cialfi

Dr. Cialfi reported the following resignations/retirements:

Beers, Lisa; grade 5 teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School since September 1986, retiring effective June 30, 2020.

Caron, Angela; math teacher at Madison Middle School since August 2006, retiring effective June 30, 2020.

Domanick, Stephanie; grade 3 teacher at Daniels Farm Elementary School since August 2004, retiring effective June 30, 2020.

Donovan, Luann; social worker at Middlebrook Elementary School since August 1999, retiring effective June 30, 2020.

Lemoine, Sylvia; music teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School since September 1986, retiring effective June 30, 2020.

Piekarski, Thomas; vocational Agriscience teacher at the Agriscience and Biotechnology Center since December 1997, retiring effective June 30, 2020.

Piquette, Eileen; grade 2 teacher at Middlebrook Elementary School since September 1987, retiring effective June 30, 2020.

Rogowski, Julie; kindergarten teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School since May 2001, retiring effective June 30, 2020.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the resignations as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Policy Committee Report

Mrs. Norcel reported that the Policy Committee met on October 17, 2019.

Dr. Budd presented the following:

Policy, Combined First/Second Readings

1. Reimbursement of Expenses, Policy Code 4133

It was moved (Fearon) and seconded (Ward) to approve the above First/Second Reading of policy with a 30 day notice waiver, as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Fearon) and seconded (Norcel) to amend Policy Code 4133 to add a sentence at the end of the policy statement on page 1 that this policy excludes the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent in relation to reimbursement of expenses. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- E. Curriculum Committee Report – Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee met on October 23, 2019. Dr. Budd presented the following:

Approval/Curriculum Guides

1. Advanced Placement Computer Science A Curriculum Guide
2. Advanced Placement French Language & Culture Curriculum Guide

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

F. Finance Committee Report

Mr. O’Keefe reported that the Finance Committee of the BOE met on October 24, 2019 and reviewed financials through September 30, 2019 that included five budget transfers, an update on the expanded Breakfast Program at the elementary and middle schools, a review of unbudgeted Special Ed costs, and an update on a recent health plan renewal study from Siegel Consulting.

1. Financial Reports as of September 30, 2019

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Fearon) to approve the financial reports and budget transfers through September 30, 2019 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:55 p.m.