

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting – August 27, 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  
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. Pledge of Allegiance - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.

B. Correspondence - The following Trumbull parents wrote correspondence to the BOE to ask that another 5<sup>th</sup> grade section be added at Frenchtown: Kelly Agosti; Mark and Pam Bissonnette; Lesley DiCocco; Elizabeth Exias; Beth Gilman; Chris Gilman; Danielle Goncalves; Ellie Grosso; Dave Messler; Joe Micalizzi; Dana Pabst; Karen Stocknoff; and Laura and Peter Yarusavage. The following Trumbull parents wrote correspondence to ask that another 3<sup>rd</sup> grade section be added at Frenchtown: Elizabeth Exias; Ella Grosso, Sheree James; Joann Liptak; Dave Messler; Dana Pabst; Saikat Ray and Jennifer Voccola.

The Board received correspondence in support of later school start times.

The following parents wrote to the Board over their concerns with the construction project on Strobel Road and the impact it will have on students' bus schedules and related delays: Beth Coley; Caroline Minella and Lisa Nuland.

C. Public Comments -The following Trumbull parents, Kelly Gipson; Bob Soucy; Allison Henderson; Dave Messler and Bethany Gilman, all spoke to the Board asking that another 3<sup>rd</sup> grade section be added at Frenchtown stating that students flourish in a smaller classroom environment, the classroom is less disruptive and more conducive to learning. Ellie Williams stated that it is not too late to add another 3<sup>rd</sup> grade section and that the BOE should use money that it has in the budget for the benefit of our students.

D. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Chory and/or Board members attended the following:

- August 19- First Selectman's Golf Tournament
- August 21 - CCM Education Policy Committee met to discuss education items for possible inclusion in CCM's legislative program for 2020.
- August 22 – Aquatics Facility Committee presentation proposal meeting
- August 23 – New Teacher's Orientation

- August 26 – Teacher’s Convocation
- Mrs. Chory agreed to fill a vacancy and serve as Area 6 Co-Director of CAFE for the remaining months of the term.

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

- Extensive road construction is scheduled for the Strobel Road area and is expected to continue through 2021. Project updates can be found on the Town and TPS websites. We encourage students to use TPS buses to help alleviate traffic congestion and Dr. Cialfi will continue to communicate updates to all TPS families.
- The Welcome New Teacher Orientation was held on August 23, 2019 at Long Hill.
- The theme of this year’s Welcome Back Teachers’ Convocation was based on our commitment to social and emotional development as the foundation for everything we do. Directly related to this principle is the teachers’ opportunity to be a powerful influence on every student.

F. Teacher Board Representative Report – Mrs. Rubano thanked the BOE for the teacher professional development team building exercises and is looking forward to a new school year.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. 2019-2020 Enrollment Update

The administration closely monitors enrollment during the summer months. Dr. Cialfi presented a breakdown of enrollment numbers as of August 22, 2019 with updates as of August 27, 2019. Dr. Cialfi will continue to monitor the enrollment as we begin a new school year.

B. Approval/Agriscience Future Farmers of America (FFA) Food Science Trip to Springfield, Massachusetts

Advisor Ms. Pam Berlekovic presented a proposed trip to Springfield, Massachusetts for the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Food Science Team who have been invited to attend the Nationals at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts on September 14, 2019. These students will be competing in curriculum-based events in food science and technology.

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the Agriscience FFA Food Science trip to Springfield, Massachusetts as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Approval/Head Start Food Service Agreement for 2019-2020 School Year

Mrs. Sinko presented the annual agreement between the Trumbull/Monroe Head Start program and the Trumbull Board of Education Food Service Department, who will furnish meals to that joint program. Board approval is needed for compliance with Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the Head Start Food Service Agreement for 2019-2020 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Approval/Minutes, Regular Meeting 08/13/2019

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Fearon) to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 BOE Regular Meeting as presented. Vote: 5 in favor. Abstain: Petitti, Donofrio. Motion passes.

E. Personnel – Dr. Cialfi

Dr. Cialfi presented the following appointments effective August 26, 2019:

Alison Bayer, MA/6 (.5) (\$31,324) preschool special education teacher\* at the Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center  
Joseph Panno, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (unaffiliated - \$68/hour) at Frenchtown Elementary School  
Tiffany Choi, MA/7 (\$64,423) art teacher at Madison Middle School  
Amanda Cook, MA/5 (\$60,572) kindergarten teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School  
Katherine DeLuca, MA/6 (\$62,648) special education teacher\* Trumbull High School  
Michele Demore, MA/7 (\$64,423) special education teacher\* at the Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center  
Andrea Denkovich, MA/8 (\$66,440) TESOL teacher\* at Middlebrook Elementary School  
Leah Forbes, MA/4 (\$58,734) Spanish teacher\* at Hillcrest Middle School  
Jessica Grossman, 6/17 (\$92,799) special education teacher\* at Tashua Elementary School  
Joseph Guerra, 6/9 (\$73,374) technology education teacher\* at Madison Middle School  
Michelle Han, MA/6 (\$62,468) science teacher\* at Hillcrest and Madison Middle School  
Karen Houghton, MA/6 (\$62,468) grade 3 teacher at Daniels Farm Elementary School  
Colette Lemarie, 6/11 (\$77,811) French teacher\* at Trumbull High School  
Heewon Lim, MA/5 (\$60,572) math teacher\* at Trumbull High School  
Andrea LoCoco, MA/7 (\$64,423) special education teacher\* at Frenchtown Elementary School  
Jennifer Marrone, BA/4 (\$53,657) health/physical education teacher at Trumbull High School  
Lauren Meli, 6/8 (\$71,252) social worker at Booth Hill Elementary School  
Matthew Paola, MA/6 (\$62,468) special education teacher\* at Trumbull High School  
Meredith Petralia, MA/4 (\$58,734) math teacher\* at Hillcrest Middle School  
Amanda Pires, MA/5 (\$66,572.00) grade 4 teacher at Frenchtown Elementary School  
Edward Ripple, BA/4 (.4 - \$21,462) science teacher\* at Madison Middle School.  
Christopher Russo, BA/16 (.8 - \$62,580) music teacher at Trumbull High School.  
Melanie Skeen Gregory, 6/6 (.5 - \$33,594) psychologist at Trumbull High School  
Danielle Steinberg, BA/6 (\$57,137) special education teacher\* at Madison Middle School  
Lina Valenzuela, MA/9 (.4 - \$27,407) Spanish teacher\* at Madison and Hillcrest Middle Schools

\*Denotes shortage area.

These appointments were unanimously received and filed by the Board.

Dr. Cialfi reported the following certified resignations:

Carole Bobela, science teacher at Madison Middle School since August 2018, resigning effective August 19, 2019  
Marika Sagnella, English teacher at Trumbull High School since August 2015, resigning effective August 21, 2019  
Kirsten Karlan, district music teacher since August 2006, resigning effective August 22, 2019

A motion was made to accept the above resignations (Timpanelli) and seconded (Donofrio) and was unanimously accepted by the Board.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Timpanelli) to add an item to the agenda in order to appoint a replacement to the Policy Committee for a community member position vacated by Deborah Herbst.

Vote: all in favor.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Timpanelli) to approve Michelle Malone as a replacement on the Policy Committee to serve for the time remaining in Deborah Herbst's term. Vote: all in favor.

It was moved (Fearon) and seconded (Norcel) to add an item to the Agenda: Policies, Combined First/Second Readings: item 10A. Eligibility to Attend Trumbull Public Schools, Policy Code 5111  
Vote: all in favor.

F. Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Norcel

Mrs. Norcel reported that the Policy Committee of the Board of Education met on August 20, 2019 and reviewed several first and second reading policies. Dr. Budd presented the following policies for full Board approval:

Policies, Combined First/Second Readings – Dr. Budd

1. Asbestos Management Plans, Policy Code 3524.3
2. Budget Transfer, Policy Code 3160
3. Student Use and Possession of Smoking Products, Tobacco Products, Drugs, and Alcohol, Policy Code 5131.6
4. Staff Use and Possession of Smoking Products, Tobacco Products, Drugs, and Alcohol, Policy Code 4118.231
5. Security Checks, Policy Code 4212.5
6. Student Teachers, Policy Code 4122
7. Student Standard of Conduct, Policy Code 5131
8. Student Sunscreen Use, Policy Code 5141.214
9. Administration of Medication by School Personnel, Policy Code 5141.21
10. Individualized Education Program / Special Education Program, Policy Code 6159
- 10A. Eligibility to Attend Trumbull Public Schools, Policy Code 5111

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Fearon) to approve the above first/second reading policies as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Budd presented the following first readings:

Policies, First Readings – Dr. Budd

11. Food Allergy Management, Policy Code 5141.260
12. Student Wellness, Policy Code 6142.101
13. Gifted and Talented Identification and Programming, Policy Code 6141.313
14. Curriculum Development, Policy Code 6141

It was unanimously agreed to bring the above first reading policies back to a future Board meeting for approval.

Prior to adjournment, Dr. Cialfi introduced David Erwin who will be providing part-time interim coverage overseeing Human Resources and PPS.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:52 p.m.