

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – February 11, 2020
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. Timpanelli, Board Chairman

T. Gallo, Vice Chairman

J. Norcel, Board Secretary

K. Fearon

S. Kerr

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. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – The Board received the following correspondence: Laura Citarella thanked the Board for a constructive BOE meeting on 1/28/20 where her concerns were addressed; Cathleen Dauenhauer wrote asking the Board to put forth a new budget fully supporting all students by providing necessary staff; Barbara Rudini and Felicia Czumble wrote in opposition to a bill to remove the religious exemption to vaccinations in our schools; Frances McKiernan, Ann Marie Feretti and Caroline Minella all wrote in opposition to the 20% weighting of midterm/final grades at THS.
- C. Public Comments – Elementary school parents: Haley McCarthy, Merrienne Cipolla, Chelsea Galioto, Melissa Lehman, Jennifer Ellyson and Clara LaPorte all spoke of the importance of social and emotional health and the documented significance of recess and play in early education; Barbara Rudini and Jaime Polatsek spoke in favor of the religious exemption for unvaccinated students citing first amendment rights and Amy Lehaney requested a comprehensive budget that advocates for all of our students.
- D. Board Chairman Report-Mrs. Timpanelli reported on the following:
- Several Board members attended the THS vs St. Joes's basketball game, a Breast Cancer fundraiser event; the Super Bowl breakfast at Frenchtown and the THS Model Congress competition.
 - There will be a public hearing, (location to be announced) on the issue of vaccinations on February 19, 2020. Please contact your state Representative if you have any questions or concerns regarding vaccinations, as this is a state issue.
 - There will be a Special Board meeting on February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at THS to discuss the budget.

- We had an overwhelming response to the recent Superintendent survey, results are now being compiled.

E. Superintendent Report – Mr. Iassogna reported on the following:

- Five of our schools: Booth Hill, Daniels Farm, Jane Ryan, Middlebrook and Tashua have been recognized as Schools of Distinction by the Connecticut State Department of Education; 2018-2019 Next Generation Accountability results.
- Based on current enrollment numbers for 2020-2021, an additional fourth grade class section will be added at Middlebrook in the fall.
- We welcome Donna Seidell to the District, Donna has begun working as Interim Principal at Jane Ryan.
- Parents/guardians of all Trumbull grade 8 students are invited to attend the transition to high school presentation on February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the THS Auditorium. The District website can also provide answers regarding students' course placement.
- Mr. Iassogna, Dr. Budd and Principal Guarino met to discuss the recent concerns over the weighting of grades at THS. Mr. Guarino will continue to communicate with parents regarding any changes.
- Director of Health, Luci Bango e-blasted a letter to the Trumbull community regarding the CoronaVirus. The letter is also on our Trumbull Public Schools' website.

F. Student Board Representatives Report – There was no report this evening.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval of One-Year Extension to CILU Supervisors & CILU Support Bargaining Unit Contracts – Mr. Iassogna

It was moved (Ward) and seconded (Gallo) to approve the Trumbull CILU Supervisors & CILU Support Bargaining Unit Contracts contract extension as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Approval/Trumbull Substitute Paraprofessionals Memorandum of Agreement – Mr. Iassogna

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Norcel) to table the approval of the Trumbull Substitute Paraprofessional Memorandum of Agreement until another meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor

C. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting & Executive Session 1/28/2020

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Kerr) to approve the BOE minutes with Executive Session of January 28, 2020 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor

D. Personnel – Mr. Iassogna- There were no changes to report.

E. Budget Discussion – Mr. Iassogna, Mr. Cameron

The 2020-2021 budget was presented and discussed at the December 10 and 12, 2019 Board of Education meetings. At this evening's meeting, Mr. Iassogna led a discussion on possible reductions. He added cuts that do not directly impact student learning will be paramount. A Special Meeting is scheduled with the Board on February 18, 2020 at THS at 6:00 p.m. to further discuss the budget.

F. Approval/Field Trips- Mr. Guarino presented the following four field trips for Board approval:

1. Approval/THS Percussion Ensemble Field Trip to Monroe Township, New Jersey on March 14-15, 2020
2. Approval/THS Varsity Color Guard Field Trip to Bethlehem, PA on March 21-22, 2020
3. Approval/THS Varsity Color Guard Field Trip to Dayton, OH on April 1-5, 2020
4. Approval/THS Percussion Ensemble Field Trip to Dayton, OH on April 15-19, 2020

It was moved (Kerr) and seconded (Norcel) to waive the 90 day approval requirement and to approve the four Band field trips as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:32 p.m.