

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Special Meeting – February 20, 2020

Long Hill Administration Building

Lorraine R. Smith Assembly Room

The Trumbull Board of Education convened in the Long Hill Administration Building for a Special Meeting.

Members present:

L. Timpanelli, Board Chairman

T. Gallo, Vice Chairman

J. Norcel, Board Secretary

K. Fearon

S. Kerr

M. Petitti

M. Ward

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a Salute to the Flag.

I. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

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

Budget 2020-2021

Mr. Iassogna presented an overview of the current budget situation speaking of the difficulty in trying to decide on where to make cuts so as to minimize the impact on students in our classrooms. Each potential cut was scrutinized with great care and consideration with the understanding that our budget deficit needs to be reduced.

Mr. Iassogna presented each reduction to the Board and the rationale behind making this cut. Originally included in the potential cuts were: the elimination of kindergarten Paras for \$320,000; the reassignment of 4.6 Elementary Reading Specialists for \$250,000 and the reassignment of 2.5 Elementary Math Specialists for \$125,000, but fortunately we received at the last minute, an additional \$498,806 in insurance savings on 2/20/20, so we can keep these valuable staff positions intact.

Mr. Iassogna presented only two additional initiatives that are critical in order to move our District forward 1) an increase of \$15.00 in the daily substitute pay to \$100/per day to remain competitive with surrounding Districts and 2) the placement of \$818,286 in the Reserve for Negotiations to provide for the Federal Minimum Wage increase of \$1.00 and other legal and contractual requirements.

The specified items for reduction are:

Reduction of 15% from Professional Development	20,000
Eliminate 2 online subscriptions	15,000
New Textbooks only as required	92,000
Curriculum writing only as required	52,000
Facilities/Vehicles/Gas/Diesel	10,000
Transportation - Late Buses	12,000
Tri-State Consortium	8,000
Phase-Out of Special Ed. Transportation Van	70,000
Tuition Magnet: RCA, Aquaculture, Six-to-Six (Reduced Enrollment)	80,000
Elimination of .25 Tech Support	10,200
Athletic Coaches/Related Materials (reduce budget by 10%)	48,000
Eliminate Facility Admin Position (only .5 in 20-21 budget)	68,977
Reduce Retiree Payments - Actual salary versus projections	95,000
Eliminate Personnel Director Position	130,000
Custodial Reorganization/Overtime	50,000
PPS Reorganization	175,000
Infinite Campus/Digital Software Reduction	15,000
THS Turnover	100,000
Elimination of 3 Elementary & 1 M.S. PPS Clerks	24,000
Reassignment of 4.0 Middle School Math & ELA Chairs	200,000
Reassignment of Department Chair of Psychology/Social Work	54,000
TOTAL	1,329,177

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Request as presented by the Superintendent (to include the above specified reductions) in the amount of \$110,960,860, an increase of 4.56% over the current school year's (2019-2020) allocation to be forwarded to the First Selectman. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

By unanimous consent of all Board Members, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.