

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting – April 7, 2020
Via Audio/Video Conferencing

The Trumbull Board of Education met via video/audio conferencing for a Regular Meeting.

All Board Members were present via video conference:

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. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business-Correspondence Mrs. Norcel

The Board received the following correspondence from the Trumbull community:

6 people wrote in favor of cancelling the April break and 4 wrote to keep the break; 3 people wrote with bargaining unit concerns; 2 concerning COVID-19 communications; 5 wrote regarding distance learning and grading; 1 in favor of later school start times; 3 stating that staff should not be laid off - specifically our paraprofessionals; 3 stating that schools should reopen immediately and 1 that schools should reopen on April 20; 3 regarding the Tech Integrators and 1 parent wrote saying thank you for refunding TECEC spring tuition.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Revised 2019-2020 District Calendar – Mr. Iassogna

- Change the following vacation days to student/staff days:
 - Thursday, April 16
 - Friday, April 17
- Change the Teacher PD Day on Tues., April 28, to a student day
- Set the last day of school for Wednesday, June 17, with THS graduation on Tuesday, June 16

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

B. Approval/Delegation of Financial Refund Authority – Mr. Iassogna, Mr. Cameron

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board can authorize the Superintendent to implement potential full or partial refunds of certain pay-to-participate fees (e.g., spring sports), tuition for TECEC Trimester 3, and Continuing Ed classes with subsequent report to the Board.

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Fearon) to approve the Superintendent as authority to implement potential full or partial refunds of certain pay-to-participate fees (e.g., spring sports) and/tuition for TECEC Trimester 3, and continuing ed classes with subsequent report to the Board as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Approval/Delegation of Policy Modifications – Mr. Iassogna, Dr. Budd

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, delegate to the Superintendent authority to modify certain BOE policies (e.g., attendance, health assessments and immunizations, length of school day and year), with subsequent reports to the Board.

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the Superintendent as authority to modify certain BOE policies (e.g., attendance, health assessments and immunizations, length of school day and year), with subsequent reports to the Board. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Financial Reports

● 2019-2020 Budget Update-Mr. Cameron

Interim Business Manager Al Cameron presented the February and March financials to the Board, first reviewing the outlook of the February financials which projected a substantial deficit, then reviewing the March financials which projected a significant drop in deficit due to the school closure. Mr. Cameron further stated that there may not need to be a request for Supplemental Appropriation from the Town due to unanticipated cost savings. He will continue to monitor the 2019-2020 budget status with updates to the Board and the Town of Trumbull.

It was moved (Fearon) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the February and March 2020 financials as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

● Supplemental Status - Mr. Iassogna

Mr. Iassogna thanked the Board and the Trumbull community for their support and continues with daily updates concerning the virus and the Governor's directives regarding all Connecticut school related mandates. At this time, Mr. Iassogna and staff continue to monitor the 2019-2020 budget that is significantly impacted by our school closure and the potential need for a more modest supplemental appropriation from the Town of Trumbull.

E. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting 3/10/2020

It was moved (Kerr) and seconded (Ward) to approve the minutes for the 3/10/2020 BOE meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Personnel – Mr. Iassogna stated that there were no changes.

G. Pending Litigation to resolve a Federal case with a student/parents and the BOE, the Board is asked to authorize the Superintendent to settle this case as recommended by the Board attorney.

It was moved (Kerr) and seconded (Norcel) to authorize the Superintendent to settle this case as recommended by the Board attorney. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

With a message of encouragement and hope from Mrs. Timpanelli, Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:02 p.m.