

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Special Meeting – June 16, 2020
Via Audio/Video Conferencing

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

Members present:

L. Timpanelli, Board Chairman
T. Gallo, Vice Chairman
J. Norcel, Board Secretary
S. Kerr
M. Petitti
M. Ward

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Energy Efficiency Light, LLC for Trumbull High School and Trumbull Regional Agriscience and Biotechnology Center Project - Mr. Erwin
Energy Efficient Light, LLC was chosen by the District for the lighting projects at Trumbull High School and Trumbull Regional Agriscience and Biotechnology Center. The district requests the maximum municipal financing for the project. Per the Town, it is recommended that the Board of Education approve the start of the project by Energy Efficient Light, LLC.

It was moved (Kerr) and seconded (Norcel) to approve Energy Efficiency Light LLC for the Trumbull High School and Trumbull Regional Agriscience and Biotechnology Project as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Personnel – Mr. Iassogna

Mr. Iassogna presented the following certified retirement:

Mallozzi, Floria; district Coordinator of K-8 STEM since February 2006, retiring effective June 30, 2020.

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Norcel) to accept the above retirement as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Mr. Iassogna presented one request for Leave of Absence:

Bershefsky, Julia; Kindergarten teacher at Frenchtown Elementary School since August 2006 is requesting a one year personal leave of absence without pay for the 2020-21 school year. This request complies with the Trumbull Board of Education Leave of Absence Policy, 4150.

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the Leave of Absence for Julia Bershefsky as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

C. Policy Committee Report – Mr. Gallo

Mr. Gallo reported that the Policy Committee of the Board of Education met on May 28, 2020. Policies, Combined First/Second Readings

Dr. Budd presented the following first/second reading policies:

1. Drug and Alcohol Use or Possession ~~on School Property~~ by Students, Policy Code 6164.11
2. Student Use and Possession of Smoking Products, Tobacco Products, Drugs, and Alcohol, Policy Code 5131.6
3. Staff Use and Possession of Smoking Products, Tobacco Products, Drugs, and Alcohol, Policy Code 4118.231
4. Public Conduct at School-Sponsored ~~Sporting Events and~~ Activities, Policy Code 1316

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the policies as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Dr. Budd's Comments - Dr. Budd spoke on the following two topics:

1. Social Studies Curriculum- Dr. Budd quoted our District Mission Statement, which states the importance of preparing our students for a “democratic, diverse, and global society.” and stated that we have received inquiries regarding our social studies curriculum, particularly at the elementary level. The Trumbull elementary school social studies curriculum has not been eliminated or reduced for the next school year. In fact, the Board has endorsed an initial revision of the elementary social studies curriculum that will embrace the 2015 Connecticut Social Studies Frameworks and the 2010 Connecticut Core Standard. Any proposed revisions would come first to the BOE Curriculum Committee and then to the full BOE. We anticipate that the proposed revisions will meet the following goals:

- strengthen and expand social studies education;
- establish greater coherence across all six elementary schools; and
- will be responsive to recent trends in advancing the ideals of the “democratic, diverse, and global society” referenced in our District Mission Statement.

2. Later School Start Time Committee- Chairman - Dr. Budd

An important criteria of the Later School Start Time Committee will be transparency. Dr. Budd will facilitate the work of this Committee and provide updates to the Board and the public on the progress of the Committee. As stated, the requirements of a “democratic, diverse, and global society” require thorough, respectful, and civil discussions especially on complex issues. He will request to make a presentation at the Board's July meeting that will be a detailed plan to include the committee's specific agenda and timeline. Dr. Budd will establish a subject area on the TPS website dedicated to this topic that will include updated information; agendas and minutes of meetings; and a place where members of the public can give feedback that will be shared with the Committee. For a successful committee, feedback from the community is vital. His strong belief is that a committee that stresses transparency can be a model for our students of how all voices can respectfully engage in a complex discussion such as later school start times.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 6:23 p.m.