

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Policy Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education Special Meeting

Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gallo at 5:35 p.m.

Members Present

T. Gallo, Chair of Policy, Vice-Chairman of BOE

M. Petitti, BOE Member

A. Squiccimarro, BOE Member

P. Coppola, TAA representative

J. Mastrianni, TEA representative

C. Perrone, parent representative

M. Ward for Roy Fuchs, Community Rep.

E. Diaz, parent representative

A. Harmon, Trumbull Community Rep.

R. Kode, student representative

C. Wright, student representative

S. Iwanicki, Ed.D., administrative designee

Members Absent

Roy Fuchs, community

K. Lynn, parent representative

- II. Correspondence / Public Comment – Mr. Gallo indicated that he had not received any specifically for this policy meeting.

- III. Report of New Business/Action Items

A. Discussion of Committee Member Representation

New Student Representatives, Catherine “Cat” Wright and Reshma Kode were introduced.

Cat attended Booth Hill, Hillcrest and now as a junior at Trumbull High School would like to be more active in the TPS Community through her volunteerism on the Policy Committee.

Reshma attended Tashua and Madison and is active within groups such as My Friend Abbey and Model Congress, and the 1st Selectman’s Little Youth Committee. She is also looking forward to being a part of the Policy Committee.

B. Policy CPS3293.1 Authorization of Signature

The draft of the Authorization of Signature policy was read. Mrs. Squiccimarro had previously suggested that language should be added clarifying that the Superintendent and Business Administrator must follow certain town regulations. As such the line “In exercising these responsibilities, the Superintendent and Business Administrator shall adhere to the purchasing policies of the Town of Trumbull.” After the changes were discussed, Mrs. Squiccimarro made a motion to bring Policy CPS3293.1 Authorization of Signature to the Board for a first reading. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agree to.

C. Near Future Policy Work

The committee reviewed policies that will need to be reviewed in future meetings. Due to changes in the law, Dr. Iwanicki shared that Policy 4118.112/Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, Policy 5145.5/Sexual Harassment of Students, and Policy 5131.911/Bullying and Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Intervention will all need to be reviewed. The biggest changes are in the procedures that must be followed by administration in regards to these policies. Policy 5141.3/Health Assessments and Immunizations will mean new requirements for parents registering their children. And finally, Policy for Attendance 5113- needs to be revised in a few ways, including to offer credits for semester and year

long credits needs. C. Wright and R. Kode shared the impact of absences on the credits for semester course. Mr. Ward asked about the Review Board practices and if it is still in use. The committee will review each of these policies in future meetings.

D. Future Policy Committee Meetings.

The amount, time, and dates of this year's meetings was reviewed. Dr. Iwanicki had listed seven possible dates. It was noted that in 2017-18 there were 6 meetings; 18-19 there were 4, 19-20 there were 6, and in 20-21 there were 9 meetings. Mr. Gallo noted that he believes the meetings were originally planned to be quarterly. Mrs. Petitti noted that at one time, there were almost monthly. The committee chose 5 meeting dates of March 1, April 5, May 17, September 20, and October 18. The committee agreed that a 5:30 meeting time on Tuesdays would work. It was also discussed that special meetings could be added if needed. Mrs. Squicciarro motioned to set the scheduled Policy Meetings for the year to include the above. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was anonymously agreed to.

Adjournment

Mrs. Petitti motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm. Mrs. Squicciarro seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.