

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Policy Committee of the Trumbull Board of Education Meeting

Long Hill Administration Building
Tuesday, April 5, 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
M. Petitti, BOE Member
A. Squicciarro, BOE Member
P. Coppola, TAA representative
K. Lynn, parent representative
R. Kode, student representative
J. Mastrianni, TEA representative
S. Iwanicki, Ed.D., administrative designee
M. Ward, community representative for Roy Fuchs

Members Absent

E. Diaz, parent representative
C. Perrone, parent representative
A. Harmon, Trumbull Community Rep.
C. Wright, student representative

- I. Correspondence/Public Comment

Mr. Gallo indicated that he had not received any public comment for this policy meeting, nor had Dr. Iwanicki.

- II. Approval/Minutes – Regular Policy Meeting 3/1/2022

T. Gallo motioned to approve the minutes. A. Squicciarro seconded. A short discussion was held clarifying that TPS Board members *may* participate by phone. A device has been purchased by TPS which will allow for clarity of Board members to be heard if/when participating by phone. The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

- III. New Business

- a. Revision of Policy 5113 High School Attendance- Loss of Credit

Ms. Petitti noted that the examples help further define the loss of credit by percentage and Miss Kode verified that the chart was user-friendly enough for students. The committee discussed that referrals to the Superior Court are no longer required. Mr. Coppola located information stating that the Youth Service Bureau offers support for families and that this organization is encouraged by the state after school measures have been tried. Dr. Iwanicki looked into changing this piece accordingly. Additionally, Mrs. Squicciarro added that Alexis, her daughter surmised that traffic might add to absence and wondered if this should also be excused. The committee agreed that language could be added regarding bus delays, but that individual students must plan for traffic. After discussing other aspects of the policy, a motion was made by T. Gallo to move the policy forward to the BOE for a first reading pending a check of the Superior Court's involvement in truancy. A. Squicciarro seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- b. Revision of Policy 5113.1 Attendance in Grades K-8

The policy was reviewed and it was discussed that an Act was passed regarding the provision of mental health days as an excused absence. It was asked if the addition of mental health days changed the total number of permitted absence days (10 days) in the state law. Dr. Iwanicki checked this with the state regulations, and the mental health days are new forms of excused absence, but the total number of days is still 10. Mr. Ward noted that schools will need to track the mental health days for state reports. After discussion, Mr. Gallo made a motion to bring the policy to BOE with the stipulation that the 10 days will be double-checked; M. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Gallo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm. Mrs. Petitti seconded and the motion was unanimously agreed to.