

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull, Connecticut
Policy Committee
Regular Meeting – July 9, 2014
Long Hill Administration Building Assembly Room

The Trumbull Board of Education’s Policy Committee convened in the Long Hill Administration Building for a Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Loretta Chory, Chair, BOE member
Rosemary Seaman, BOE member
Susan LaFrance, BOE member (arrived at 5:43 p.m.)
Dr. Linda Paslov, Central Office Administration
Patricia Frillici, TAA Rep
Jane Kluspes, TEA Representative
Rita Ciarmella, Administrative Assistant

Members absent:

Guests:

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

- A. Introduction—The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Jane Kluspes, Co-President of the Trumbull Educators’ Association conveyed she is representing the TEA and that Co-President Tammy Baillargeon would also be attending meetings since Ms. Kluspes would represent secondary teachers and Ms. Baillargeon would represent elementary teachers.
- B. Correspondence—There was no correspondence.
- C. Public Participation—There were no public comments.

Agenda Item II—Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes 6/18/14 meeting—It was moved (Frillici) seconded (Seaman) to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports

- A. Board Meetings—Mrs. Chory conveyed the Board will meet on July 15, 2014 and will review “The Management of Food Allergies at School” policy which is being presented as a first reading. Other policies may be added to the Board agenda based on the outcome of this evening’s discussion.
- B. 2014-15 Policy Committee Meeting Schedule—Mrs. Chory reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for the Policy Committee. It was moved (Seaman) seconded (Frillici) to accept the meeting schedule as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. School Assignments for High Density Housing Developments, Policy Code 5112—Version B of this policy was distributed to committee members. Mrs. Chory shared that the wording of the policy is too vague and a better definition of the amount of housing considered “high density” is needed. Mrs. LaFrance shared that less wording would give more flexibility in implementing the policy. A lengthy discussion ensued on the following: definition of high density; Eaves and similar housing developments; homeowners vs. renters; equity of resources for students, staff; flexibility of policy; area districts’ policy; mandatory “surgical” redistricting versus redistricting entire town; movement of families in and out of neighborhoods; parity of class size across the district; impact on transportation; maintaining class size guidelines; and the best interests of students. It was decided that Dr. Paslov would convey the committee’s thoughts and discussion items on the policy with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for their further input into the wording of the policy. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.
- B. Policy Committee of the Trumbull Board of Education, Policy Code 9131—Mrs. LaFrance drafted this policy and Mrs. Chory and Mrs. Seaman edited the draft. Mrs. Ciarmella also made minor grammatical changes. Mrs. LaFrance reviewed all aspects of the policy. Several wording/sentence edits were made for more clarity. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the following: composition of members; having two TAA and TEA representatives; Standing members’ responsibilities/roles; role of general/student members; designees assigned by the Superintendent for creating/revising policy; process for developing/revising policy; use of legal counsel when needed; need for regular review of policy; use of Policy Overview Form; and listing policies under review along with Policy Overview Form on TPS website. Following discussion, it was noted that this policy will be presented to the Board for a first reading at their meeting on July 15, 2014.
- C. Length of Day and School Year, Policy Code 6112—This policy was tabled to the next meeting.
- D. Allotment of Time, Grades 1-5, Policy Code 6112.2—This policy was tabled to the next meeting.

Adjournment

The next meeting for PAC will take place August 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.