

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull, Connecticut 06611
Trumbull Board of Education Policy Committee
Regular Meeting – August 13, 2014
Long Hill Administration Building Assembly Room

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

Members present:

Loretta Chory, Chair, BOE member
Dr. Linda Paslov, Central Office Administration
Rosemary Seaman, BOE member
Susan LaFrance, BOE member
Patricia Frillici, TAA Rep
Jane Kluspes, TEA Representative

Members absent:

Rita Ciarmella, Admin Assistant

Guests: Coleen Figliuzzi, School Nursing
Supervisor

Observers: Hugh Carlson, Liam Walsh, Lauren Walsh, Jennifer Mottolose, Vicki Tesoro, Cindy Katske

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

- A. Call to Order/Introduction—The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Correspondence—There was no correspondence.
- C. Public Participation—There were no public comments.

Agenda Item II—Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes 7/9/14 meeting—By unanimous consent of members present at the meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item III—Reports

- A. Board Meetings— Two policies, The Management of Food Allergies at School and Trumbull Board of Education Policy Committee were presented to the Board for a first reading on July 15, 2014. The Board will meet on August 19 and September 2 and 16 for regular meetings.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. The Management of Food Allergies at School, Policy Code 5141.260—This policy was presented to the Board for a first reading on July 15, 2014. The Board did not suggest any changes. Mrs. Frillici reviewed minimal wording changes. Discussion ensued regarding “nut free” tables in school cafeterias, training already in place for teachers and school nurses, and consistency of implementation of policy throughout the district. School Nursing Supervisor Coleen Figliuzzi will train school nurses and athletic coaches and PE teachers and agrees to attend PTA meetings to review guidelines if invited.

Feedback will be solicited once policy is adopted and in place. This policy is being returned to the Board for a second reading and approval on August 19, 2014.

- B. School Assignments for High Density Housing Developments, Policy Code 5112—Assistant Superintendent Dr. McGrath, sponsor of the policy, was not available this evening. Mrs. Chory conveyed that presently there were two drafts of this policy. She drafted a third version and shared with the committee. This version has not yet been shared with the Superintendent or Board Chair. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the following: high density housing defined as housing over 6.0 units per acre; movement of students living in high density housing to a school other than their district [neighborhood] school; moving students in any housing to a school other than their district [neighborhood] school after the beginning of the school year—to prevent/alleviate overcrowded classes; district having flexibility to move students when necessary; Board versus Superintendent's decision on student movement or adding classes; and surgical redistricting. It was decided to bring notes back to Dr. McGrath for review. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.
- C. Trumbull Board of Education Policy Committee, Policy Code 9131—This policy was presented to the Board for a first reading on July 15, 2014. Discussion ensued regarding the composition of membership, their roles, and the number of general members. Minor changes were made to wording and number of community members from 1 to 2. It was noted that parent/guardian members do not have to belong to PTA. Vicki Tesoro, former community member of the Policy Advisory Committee, questioned how community/parent members will be selected for membership. Mrs. Chory shared that anyone interested in becoming a member should contact the Board of Education Chair or Policy Committee Chair. She noted that language to that effect will be included in the policy. Also noted was that the Superintendent will assign an administrator to oversee the development of new policy or the revision of current policy. This policy is being returned to the Board for a second reading and approval on August 19, 2014.
- D. Rescissions—Policy Advisory Committee, Policy Code 9132.1 and Policy on Policy, Policy Code 9311—Mrs. Chory commented that these policies will be placed on the Board agenda for August 19th for approval of rescission.
- E. Length of School Day and Year, Policy Code 6112—Dr. Paslov reviewed changes to the policy to reflect full day kindergarten and changes in legislation. This policy will be presented to the Board for a first reading on August 19, 2014.
- F. Allotment of Time, Grades 1-5, Policy Code 6112.2—Dr. Paslov reviewed changes to the policy to reflect full day kindergarten. This policy will be presented to the Board for a first reading on August 19, 2014.
- G. Reporting to Parents, Policy Code 5124—After reviewing the Policy Overview, this policy will move forward with revisions. Dr. Paslov conveyed that the policy must align with what is currently in place regarding report card distributions. Mrs. LaFrance commented that she

will suggest having 4 report cards a year at the elementary/middle level when this policy is brought to the Board for a first reading. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.

- H. Professional Development, Policy Code 4131—Dr. Paslov shared that per State Statute, CEUs have been replaced by professional learning hours. She commented that administrator and teacher requirements need to be updated. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.

At this time, Mrs. LaFrance commented that the following policies may need to be changed: Interscholastic Athletics, Interscholastic Athletic Tryouts, and Pay to Participate due to the elimination of the mandatory fee for athletic accident insurance.

Adjournment

The next meeting for PAC will take place September 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.