

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull, Connecticut
Trumbull Board of Education Policy Committee
Regular Meeting – February 11, 2015
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:

Rosemary Seaman, Chair, BOE member
Loretta Chory, BOE member
Dr. Michael McGrath, Central Office Administration
Patricia Frillici, TAA Rep
Jennifer Mottolese, Parent Rep
Bryan Woodward, Parent Rep
Cindy Katske, Community Rep
Mary Pierson, Community Rep
Kristine Kelty Murano, Parent Rep

Members absent:

Daniel Netting, Student Rep
Jane Kluspes, TEA Representative
Susan LaFrance, BOE member

Tiffany Monteiro, Student Rep
Rita Ciarmella, Admin. Assistant
Maggie Pereira, TEA Rep

Guests: Michael King, Athletic Director
Marc Guarino, THS Principal

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

- A. 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 1/13/15 meeting—By unanimous consent of members present at the meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item III—Reports

- A. Board Meetings—Mrs. Ciarmella conveyed the Board met on January 20 and February 3, 2015 for regular meetings. At the January 20th meeting, the Board tabled the approval of the Interscholastic Athletic Tryouts Policy. There was also a First Reading of Attendance K-8, some board discussion and suggested wording changes. There were no policies on the February 3rd meeting. However, since a foreign trip approval came before the Board at that meeting, there was much discussion. Board Chair Mrs. Herbst asked that the Policy Committee review the Field Trip policy before any further decisions come before the Board regarding international trip approval.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. Interscholastic Athletic Tryouts, Policy Code 5151 —Athletic Director Mike King reviewed language regarding results of tryouts. He noted that the language was revised

to emphasize that coaches will communicate to all prospective team members that the coach is available to speak with student athletes and/or their parents/guardians regarding tryout results. This policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval at their next meeting on February 17, 2015.

- B. Field Trips, Policy Code 6153—Mrs. Seaman shared that the Board Chair asked the Policy Committee to review this policy with regard to types of trips, i.e. day, domestic overnight, and international trips, and the amount of lead time for trip approval. She conveyed that the Committee was asked to present a draft revision for a first reading at the Board’s next meeting on February 17th. Mrs. Seaman commented that she worked with Dr. McGrath on update wording, especially focusing on international travel. Dr. McGrath conveyed that the Board attorney advised that the Board should consider educational value versus safety, especially in light of world unrest. Mrs. Seaman reviewed all changes made to the policy. Considerable discussion ensued and more revisions were incorporated into the policy. This policy will be presented to the Board for a first reading at their next meeting on February 17, 2015.
- C. Civility and Decorum—This policy was tabled to the next committee meeting.

Adjournment

The next meeting for PAC will take place March 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.