

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull, Connecticut
Trumbull Board of Education Policy Committee
Regular Meeting – April 22, 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:

Loretta Chory, BOE member
Susan LaFrance, BOE member
Patricia Frillici, TAA Rep
Cindy Katske, Community Rep
Kristine Kelty Murano, Parent Rep
Mary Pierson, Community Rep(arrived 5:45 pm)
Rita Ciarmella, Admin. Assistant

Members absent:

Rosemary Seaman, Chair, BOE member
Patricia Colello, Central Office Admin.
Jane Kluspes, TEA Representative
Jennifer Mottolese, Parent Rep
Bryan Woodward, Parent Rep
Tiffany Monteiro, Student Rep
Daniel Netting, Student Rep

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

- A. Introduction—The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- B. Correspondence—There was no correspondence.
- C. Public Participation—Aileen Delaney, 39 Washington Street, asked for an understanding of what was involved in the Board of Education’s decision regarding the non-approval of student international travel. She commented that while there are risks and liability, there are educational opportunities with international travel.

Agenda Item II—Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes 3/11/15 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 March 24 and April 7, 2015 for regular meetings. No policies were presented at either meeting.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. Bullying Prevention and Intervention, Policy Code 5131.911—A brief discussion ensued with regard to the addition of teen dating violence to the policy. Since the policy’s sponsor, PPS Director Pauline Smith, was not able to attend the meeting, this policy was tabled to the next meeting.
- B. Attendance Grades K-8, Policy Code 5113.1—This policy was tabled to the next meeting.

- C. Electronic Monitoring of the Workplace, Policy Code 4118.4—Mrs. Frillici commented that the policy needed updating to comply with State and Federal regulations. She reviewed the information provided by the Board’s attorney. Discussion ensued regarding wording changes based on the advice of the attorney. It was decided to add the wording of the State Statute to the policy. Changes will be made and this policy will be brought to the Board for a first reading on May 5, 2015.
- D. Non-Discrimination in Instruction, Policy Code 6121.200—Mrs. Frillici conveyed that this policy, along with Non-Discrimination in the Classroom, was reviewed by the Board’s attorney. The attorney suggested that since there was duplicity in these policies, one policy was sufficient. The attorney provided wording for the new policy. This policy is continued for review and discussion at the next meeting.
- E. Non-Discrimination in the Classroom, Policy Code 6121.300—This policy was tabled to the next meeting (see Agenda Item IV-D).
- F. Affirmative Action, Policy Code 4000.100—Mrs. Frillici stated that the policy needed updating to comply with State and Federal laws regarding discrimination. She reviewed information provided by the Board’s attorney. Discussion ensued regarding wording changes to comply with the both Federal and State statutes. It was decided that more information needed to be garnered from other area districts’ policies and CABE. Also, it was noted that the Human Resources Department needed to review this and the Non-Discrimination in Employment policy. This policy is continued for review and discussion at the next meeting.
- G. Non-Discrimination in Employment, Policy Code 4111.100—This policy is continued for review and discussion at the next meeting (see Agenda Item IV-F).
- H. Audit Committee of the Board of Education, Policy Code 9133—Mrs. Chory conveyed that the Audit Committee will be an advisory committee to the Board. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the following: purpose and charge of the committee; committee work; membership and inclusion of Town Internal Auditor as an ex-officio member; and more precise wording in the policy to provide clarity of the work of the committee. This policy is continued for review and discussion at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The next Policy Committee meeting will take place May 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.