

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY MANUAL

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Representative

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Statement

It shall be the policy of the Trumbull Board of Education to encourage participation of a teacher representative on the Board of Education. The purpose of this participation is twofold: a) to provide teachers with an opportunity to inform the Board of Education regarding current agenda items, achievements, celebrations, awards, and the accomplishments of students and teachers relating to programs, conferences, and professional learning, and b) to provide teacher perspective when requested by the Board during meetings.

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Procedure

1. The process for electing the teacher shall be determined by the Trumbull Education Association as approved by the Superintendent.
2. The period of service following appointment by the Board in June, shall be from July 1 to June 30 of the ensuing school year. A representative may be selected to succeed himself/herself.
3. Following appointment, the teacher representative shall attend an orientation session given by the Superintendent and two (2) Board members. This session shall be held if possible prior to the representative's first Board meeting.
4. The representative is expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board and can be appointed to committees of the Board on approval of the Board.
5. The representative will provide a written draft of information and comments to be shared prior to the official posting of the BOE meeting. It will be submitted to the Superintendent's office in advance of any scheduled meetings, no later than five school days prior to the scheduled BOE meeting.
6. All information and topics included in the written report should first proceed through the chain of command and/or the specified grievance process prior to being shared in the public forum of Board of Education meetings.
7. The role of the representative is advisory to and not as a voting member of the Board.
8. The representatives shall stand for all teachers insofar as it is reasonably possible and shall not use his/her position as a forum, neither personal or political, to promote individual or non-representative opinions or projects.
9. The representative shall obtain input from-all teachers, not necessarily only from the teachers' union, nor solely its executive board.
10. Failure to follow these procedures may result in loss of the position.