

TTRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Budget Meeting – January 13, 2022

The Trumbull Board of Education met for a Budget Meeting at the Long Hill Administration Building.

Members present:

L. Timpanelli - Chairman
J. Norcel – Vice Chair
J. McNamee - Secretary
C. Bandecchi - remote
T. Gallo
L. Nuland
M. Petitti
A. Squicciarro

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.
- B. Custodial/Maintenance Contract – Attorney Dugas presented the custodial/maintenance contract to the Board for review.
It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Gallo) to approve the contract as presented. Vote: All in Favor.
- C. Correspondence – There was no correspondence this evening.
- D. Public Comment
The following people spoke: Jenn Record spoke in support of the Superintendent’s budget and Michele Molloy spoke on behalf of teachers who support kindergarten paraeducators restoration of classroom hours from 10 to 19.5 hours per week.
- E. Superintendent Report- There was no report this evening.
- F. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Timpanelli thanked Dr. Semmel for a comprehensive budget proposal and for responding to the Board’s questions and follow up.
- G. Teacher Board Representative Report
Teacher Board Representative Nick Banks thanked the district for the distribution of N95 face masks and supports the Superintendent’s budget proposal in adding necessary staff. Teachers would like opinion surveys to be anonymous to encourage greater participation.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. 2022-2023 Budget Presentation & Discussion (Continuation)

Dr. Semmel responded to the Board's specific questions relating to class size requirements, the CSDE report on per pupil expenditures and FTE allocations.

Part VIII - Elementary Schools – Mrs. Jennifer Neumeyer

Mrs. Neumeyer stated that all elementary teachers are in favor of restoring kindergarten paraeducators' hours to 19.5 per week. Also stated is the need for an Assistant Principal at Frenchtown and Middlebrook; a need to reinstate a grade 5 Spanish program; reading and math specialists and 3 elementary special education teachers.

Mrs. Neumeyer presented the proposed budget for Elementary Schools that reflects a \$26,657 increase (5.87%) over the approved 2021-2022 budget. The increase includes texts and workbooks, classroom supplies and instructional equipment.

Part IX – Middle Schools – Mr. Bryan Rickert, Mr. Peter Sullivan

Mr. Rickert and Mr. Sullivan presented the proposed budget for Middle Schools that reflects a \$19,125 increase (8.15%) over the approved 2021-2022 budget. The increase includes activities- advisors, classroom supplies and textbooks.

Part X – Facilities Department – Mr. David Cote

Mr. Cote presented the proposed budget for Facilities that reflects a \$219,778 decrease (-6.65%) over the approved 2021-2022 budget. The decrease includes utilities, project lease payments and vehicles.

Part XI – PPS Department and TECEC – Dr. Tammy Hartman, Dr. Matthew Wheeler

Dr. Hartman stated the number of students with IEPs has increased and is proposing the addition of an SRP classroom and 4.0 FTE special education teachers.

Dr. Hartman presented the proposed budget for Pupil Personnel Services (excludes PPS transportation) that reflects a \$708,867 decrease (-13.18%) over the approved 2021-2022 budget. The decrease includes outplaced tuition, purchased professional services and excess cost reimbursement (ECR).

Dr. Wheeler stated the enrollment at TECEC will increase next year and is proposing the addition of a 0.5 FTE preschool teacher.

Dr. Wheeler presented the proposed budget for TECEC that reflects a \$31,568 increase over the approved 2021-2022 budget. The increase includes other purchased services (online data and research programs), testing materials, equipment and furniture.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:15 p.m.