

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Board of Education
Regular Meeting – March 22, 2022

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

Members present:

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

Executive Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. At this time, it was moved by Alison Squicciarro and seconded by Jackie Norcel to move into Executive Session to discuss the TASS contract. Vote: unanimous in favor. The Superintendent, HR Director Regina Williams, Finance Director Paul Hendrickson, and attorney Floyd Dugas were invited to be a part of the discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of supporting the contract. By unanimous consent of Board Members present, it was moved to come out of Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

A. The Regular 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. Correspondence –

Ms. McNamee read the following correspondence: Gloria Manna wrote about a THS pledge; Liz Parenzen spoke of a positive focus; Andrew Douglas is willing to donate items to TPS and Ann Martorana is in support of the BOE budget and would like the BOF to restore the Superintendent’s full budget proposal.

C. Trumbull Administrative Support Services (TASS) Contract Approval

Attorney Floyd Dugas presented the updated bargaining unit contract for the Trumbull Administrative Support Services (TASS) for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Gallo) to approve the TASS Contract from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Public Comment

The following people spoke: Daniel Durden spoke about a THS open house and Sara Scrofani encourages TPS to look for creative ways to foster social interaction with our students.

E. Superintendent Report- Dr. Semmel

- Dr. Semmel expressed words of appreciation to our Board of Ed members who volunteer to serve and help find ways to improve Trumbull Public Schools.
- March 21 marked a Professional Development day for our teachers who were able to attend seminars and hands on educational activities to help enable our students to flourish in their academic and social emotional learning.
- Now is the time for your voice to be heard by the Board of Finance and First Selectman by attending the Tuesday, March 29 Zoom meeting scheduled to discuss the 2022-2023 BOE budget. Currently, there is a \$1.6 million gap between the Superintendent's proposal and the First Selectman's budget allocation. Critical staff and programs will need to be cut if the proposed 4.45% increase is not approved.

F. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Timpanelli

- The Board invites the Trumbull community to visit the grand opening of the ELITE program's bookstore in Trumbull Center scheduled for March 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
- Mrs. Timpanelli attended the THS production of *Footloose* and encourages all to attend this spirited, energetic presentation and gave performance times for the weekend.
- Please attend the public meeting of the Board of Finance on March 29, 2022 where Trumbull residents' comments will be welcome concerning the 2022-2023 BOE budget.
- The Board extends its thanks to the Superintendent and staff for the gift of flowers and chocolate to honor their service.

G. Teacher BOE Rep Report - Mr. Nick Banks

- Teachers want to encourage parents, students, teachers, and citizens to support the BOE budget by signing up to speak at the March 29 public hearing of the Board of Finance and Town Council. Additional resources are necessary to continue to support our students' growth.
- Nick Banks spoke about several programs to engage grade 9 THS students: incoming grade 9 open house at THS, 8th Grade to 9th Grade Transition/Program of Studies in February and Meet the Coaches Night in June. The Open House is an overview of the school, with high school students present to talk about clubs and activities, as well as counselors and administrators. Teachers are not present at the event other than department chairs, since students will not have their schedules until the following year.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/DECA Field Trip to Atlanta, GA on April 23-27, 2022

Ms. Christina Rusate presented the DECA trip to the ICDC Conference in Atlanta, GA. for full Board approval. Two DECA students who were present at the meeting spoke about the impact DECA has made on their leadership and business development acumen.

It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the DECA trip as presented.
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Approval/Minutes of BOE Regular Meeting, March 8, 2022

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Gallo) to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of March 8, 2022 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Personnel

Dr. Semmel presented a certified appointment:

Carino, Lisa; 6/21 (\$114,478) TESOL teacher/department chairperson, district-wide effective March 21, 2022.

The Board unanimously received and filed this appointment.

Dr. Semmel presented the following certified resignations:

Markelon, Lisa; reading/grade 1 teacher at Middlebrook Elementary School since August 1999 (currently on a personal leave of absence), resigning effective June 30, 2022.

Williams, Clay; English teacher at Trumbull High School since August 2019, resigning effective June 30, 2022.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Gallo) to accept the above certified resignations as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Policy Committee Report

Dr. Iwanicki presented the following policies for first reading:

- Policy 4118.112 Sexual Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- Policy 5145.5 Sexual Harassment of Students

These policies will return for second reading at a future Board meeting for approval.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 7:38 p.m.