

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Board of Education
Regular Meeting – October 11, 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
T. Gallo
L. Nuland
M. Petitti-online
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. Correspondence – There was no correspondence at this evening’s meeting.
- C. Public Comment
The following people spoke: Meredith Bagley spoke about student surveys; Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox spoke about the value of the arts and civic education; Gloria Manna cited data regarding alleged pornography; Michael Ganino, Chairperson of the Trumbull Senior Commission would like to offer the help from our seniors who are available to volunteer in our schools.
- D. Superintendent Report-Dr. Semmel
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and all of Trumbull Public Schools are participating in fundraising and cancer awareness activities to help support the Cancer Couch Foundation and the Norma Pfriem Breast Center.
 - Dr. Semmel reported as we begin the budget process for the next school year, we must be mindful of inflation and our anticipated 8% insurance increase, 20% transportation increase and 3% staff salary increase. A new THS bell schedule and later start schedule could also impact our budget. Our Transportation Department is currently obtaining bids for a new contract, and if no other costs increase, we preliminarily believe we are looking at a 4.5% increase to next year’s budget. The Superintendent will continue to update the public as we proceed with the budget process.
- E. Board Chairman Report – No report at this evening’s meeting.
- F. Student BOE Representatives Report – Matthew Wich and Elizabeth Steeves reported on events taking place at our schools: on 9/27, the THS Marching Band visited every elementary school.

Daniels Farm- battle of the books, new math lab, student council elections; Middlebrook-be who you are day, pie fundraiser, bingo night; Booth Hill-recognized as a 2022 Blue Ribbon School, October 28 Spooktacular; Frenchtown-award system “Golden Spatula”; Jane Ryan- Lion’s Den, pumpkin and book fairs; Tashua- mum sale, fall catalog fundraiser, after school enrichment program, visit with Trumbull fire truck, Read Aloud day; Madison-SAVE Promise Club, career night, fallout dance, KARE club, TEENtober; Hillcrest- Esports, grade 8 open house at THS, musical Shrek Jr., THS- Hispanic Heritage Month, sports teams stats, Pink Out game to raise awareness for breast cancer, parking policy discussion.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes:

Minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting– September 27, 2022

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Bandedcchi) to approve the minutes of the above noted meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Personnel Report

No changes since the last meeting.

C. Approval/Field Trip – THS Model Congress to Washington, DC

THS Model Congress Advisor Ms. Katie Boland presented the Model Congress trip to Washington, DC during November 10-13, 2022 and asked the Board to waive the 90-day timeline.

It was moved (Bandedcchi) and seconded (Gallo) to approve the THS Model Congress trip to Washington, DC for November 10-13, 2022 and waived the 90-day timeline as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. High School Report

THS Principal Marc Guarino and Counseling Chairperson Cathy Hilser presented the THS High School Report and gave a status update on student achievement on AP, SAT and NGSS. They discussed opportunities for THS students to earn college credits, the graduation rates and post-secondary trends.

E. Enrollment

Dr. Semmel presented the current enrollment and October 1st actual enrollment reported to the State of Connecticut. He discussed projected versus actual totals in all of our schools.

F. TPAUD Update

Project Director Melissa McGarry presented an update on Trumbull’s Prevention Partnership (TPAUD). TPAUD is a grant funded community coalition whose mission is to prevent youth substance use, foster social and emotional health, and build a safe and healthy Trumbull. Since 2006, TPAUD has secured over \$1.8 million in prevention funding for Trumbull. Mrs. McGarry discussed all of the many prevention and training services available.

G. K-3 Literacy Program

Dr. Iwanicki, K-5 Program Leader Terry Buckingham and Special Education Reading Specialist Bernadette Dunn gave an update on the K-3 Elementary Literacy Program. The program provides a solid foundation for our youngest students in building reading and writing knowledge

skills. The literacy team shared the current core aspects of the program as well as expected changes due to State legislation.

H. Curriculum Committee

Dr. Iwanicki reported that the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education met on September 22, 2022 and reviewed the following:

Curriculum Guide and Supplemental Text:

- Grade 7 & 8 Spanish/Español Level A and B (Level 1)

It was moved (Nuland) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the above curriculum guide as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- Grade 11 – American Perspectives – Text

It was moved (McNamee) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the above supplemental text as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

I. Policy Committee Report

Dr. Iwanicki presented the following policy for Third Reading:

- 5131.2 – High School Parking

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Squicciarro) to approve the above policy as presented. Vote: In favor- Squicciarro, McNamee, Gallo, Norcel, Timpanelli, Nuland, Petitti. Against- Bandecchi. Motion passes.

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the fee of \$30 be implemented as presented starting January, 2023. Vote: In favor- Squicciarro, McNamee, Gallo, Norcel, Timpanelli, Nuland, Petitti. Against- Bandecchi. Motion passes.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:34 p.m.