

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Board of Education
Regular Meeting – October 25, 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

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 – Ms. McNamee read the following correspondence: Ann Martorana wrote in support of the reading and math specialists.
- C. Public Comment
The following people spoke: Mike Ganino thanked the Board for their service and Dr. Semmel for the opportunity for our seniors to volunteer in our schools. Daniel Durden spoke of an open house at THS.
- D. Superintendent Report- Dr. Semmel
- Dr. Semmel is looking forward to this evening’s presentation from Tecton. Trumbull residents are encouraged to attend the following discussion groups with Tecton that will help impact the master plan for all of our schools:

Booth Hill	11/3/22	6-8 p.m.
Frenchtown	2/2/23	6-8 p.m.
Madison	3/22/23	6-8 p.m.
THS	4/26/23	6-8 p.m.
 - The District is working on a new more comprehensive user friendly TPS website. Our online payment process is being met with great success.
 - The grade 9 Underage Drinking and Drug Forum will take place on November 9 at 7:00 p.m. at THS. You can access TPAUD on our school website where you will find important information on building a healthy Trumbull.
 - Cold and flu season is upon us, so we are encouraging all students and staff to use good hand washing hygiene and to stay home if you are feeling sick.

E. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Timpanelli thanked the Board members who recently attended events at our schools- Booth Hill celebration of their Blue-Ribbon status and the Agriscience Farm Fair this past weekend. Congratulations to our THS boys’ soccer team who is currently ranked number one in the State.

F. Teacher BOE Representative Report – there was no report this evening.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes:

Minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting– October 11, 2022

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

B. Personnel Report

Dr. Semmel reported the following certified resignations/retirements:

Hawkins, Debra; music teacher at Frenchtown Elementary School since August 1993, retiring effective June 30, 2023.

Hock, Jane; science teacher at Madison Middle School since August 1999, retiring effective June 30, 2023.

Netting, Jodi; language arts teacher at Madison Middle School since August 1996, retiring effective June 30, 2023.

Maffei, Eileen; family and consumer science teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 1995, retiring effective June 30, 2023.

Paklaian, Lauren; science teacher at Madison Middle School since August 1999, retiring effective June 30, 2023.

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

C. Tecton Update on Master Plan- Antonia Ciaverella and Jeff Wyszynski from Tecton Architects presented an overview on the development of a Master Plan for TPS - all building sites have been visited and initial programming discussions have begun. The conditions analysis includes: building site, architectural exterior and interior, code requirements and building systems. Tecton cited specific examples at each of our buildings with safety being the primary concern. Discussed were demographic and enrollment projections, identification of priorities and planning options and the importance of community engagement which is critical to represent the needs across the District. Tecton will continue to update the Trumbull community and invites all Trumbull residents to attend the following discussion groups:

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D. iReady Date to Plan Future Learning

Dr. Iwanicki gave a presentation of Fall iReady data and the use of this universal assessment tool to monitor student progress. The data provides valuable information in terms of the impact of our curriculum and the strategies used in its delivery and monitors student progress and tells us where we need to concentrate our instruction. Dr. Iwanicki detailed math and reading results and compared them to last year as well as the next steps with iReady data as we continue to implement high quality curriculum instruction to our students.

E. Policy Committee Report

Policy Chairman Tim Gallo would like to recognize and thank the following volunteers for their work on this year's Policy Committee: Efralim Diaz, Roy Fuchs, Amanda Harmon, Katie Lynn and Cassandra Perrone.

Dr. Iwanicki presented the following policies for First Reading:

- 5141.3 – Student Health Services, Health Assessments and Immunizations
- 1212.1 - Volunteers

F. Approval/Substitute Teacher Rates

Dr. Semmel discussed the rationale for a pay increase for substitute teachers in our District.

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve the daily substitute pay rate increase from \$100 to \$120 per day. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

G. Financial Committee Report

The Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on October 11, 2022 and reviewed financials through July and August, 2022. Included in the review was a proposed transfer of \$200,000 from the Non-Lapsing Account for the purchase of technology related items in 2022-2023.

It was moved (McNamee) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve the financial reports through July and August 31, 2022 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (McNamee) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve the transfer from the Non-Lapsing Account in the amount of \$200,000 to purchase technology related items as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:50 p.m.