

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Policy Committee of the Trumbull Board of Education Meeting

Long Hill Administration Building  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introduction

Members Present

L. Timpanelli, Chair of BOE for T. Gallo,  
Chair of Policy Committee  
M. Petitti, BOE Member  
A. Squicciarro, BOE Member  
P. Coppola, TAA representative  
K. Lynn, parent representative  
E. Diaz, parent representative  
C. Perrone, parent representative  
A. Harmon, Trumbull Community Rep.  
C. Wright, student representative  
R. Kode, student representative  
R. Fuchs, Trumbull Community Rep  
S. Iwanicki, Ed.D., administrative designee

Members Absent

J. Mastrianni, TEA representative

Invited guests: Marc Guarino, THS Principal; Christopher Siano A-House Principal; Mike Ward, Trumbull Community Representative

II. Correspondence/Public Comment

Mrs. Timpanelli indicated, on behalf of Mr. Gallo, that no public comment was received specifically for the policy meeting.

III. Approval/Minutes – Policy Committee Meeting 4/5/2022

Mrs. Petitti moved to approve the minutes. Mrs. Squicciarro noted that Mr. Gallo should be listed as the Policy Committee Chair, not Vice-Chair of BOE as he had been in the past. This will be corrected. Mrs. Squicciarro moved to approve the minutes provided this correction is made. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- a. 6146/Trumbull High School Graduation Requirements- Mr. Guarino shared that this policy was being revised as a section applied to the years 2011-2022. The sections for next year and beyond needed updated to meet the current Connecticut legislation for graduation requirements and more specifically describe the ways in which students can meet these requirements. Mr. Fuchs asked for clarification on Civic Life Readiness. It was shared that the advisory program helps students to build skills that help students identify community service opportunities and ways to interact with their community. This aspect is complimented by the Independent Project or experience in which students may study a trade or industry that they are interested in or that exist in their town. Mrs. Timpanelli wondered about the requirement to pass the exam as opposed to the course in order to receive credit. Mrs. Petitti echoed that this should be explored rather than placing the weight on one test. There was also considerable

discussion regarding the .25 Independent Project or Experience component. Mrs. Petitti inquired who would be grading the projects and if there were any union implications. She noted that in her experiences, this could become a grievable issue for teachers depending on the amount of work. Mr. Guarino said he will bring concerns about the manner in which credit is decided and confirm the workload for the Independent Project or experience and bring that information back to the committee. Mrs. Squicciarro motioned to table approval of this policy until further information is provided regarding a) course credit being decided by the course grade versus final exam grade as well b) the implications for how the independent study will be graded from a union perspective. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- b. 5145.5/4118.112/ 4218.112 Prohibition Against Sexual Harassment of Students and Personnel- Dr. Iwanicki shared that Human Resources Director, Regina Williams had recently received word from our Board attorneys that collapsing our sexual harassment policy into one consistent policy would help to be sure the definitions are consistent and the procedures are clear. Additionally, adding the forms to our policy ensures that they are accessible to anyone who needs to fill them out. Mrs. Timpanelli shared that it has been past practice to accept any changes recommended by legal counsel. Mr. Fuchs noted that on page 13, there seemed to be an inconsistency in the subject and that it should read “complainant or party,” not “parent.” Mrs., Squicciarro agreed that it must be an error. Mrs., Squicciarro motioned to approve the policy pending a revision to page 13 to read “complainant or party” in lieu of parent if approved by our legal counsel. Mrs, Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.