

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Budget Meeting – January 12, 2023

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

Members present:

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

Members absent:

J. Norcel

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: Chris Chase wrote in support of healthy start times for the 2023-2024 school year; Anne Meyer Rosa, Christina Rossi and Daphne Teittinen-Schreck ask that all Frenchtown specialists be retained and Bree Ann Prezioso wrote in favor of adding summer social events for autistic children.
- C. Public Comment – no public comment this evening
- D. Superintendent Report – no report this evening
- E. Board Chairman Report – no report this evening
- F. Teacher Board Representative Report -Teacher Board Representative John Mastrianni asked the Board to fully fund the Superintendent’s budget proposal for the next school year.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. 2023-2024 Budget Presentation & Discussion (Continuation)

Part VIII - Elementary Schools – Mrs. Jennifer Neumeyer

Mrs. Neumeyer stated the importance of the literacy consultants and math specialists and the critical role they play at our elementary schools. She urged the Board to maintain the number of specialists and supports the addition of an elementary assistant principal.

Mrs. Neumeyer presented the proposed budget for Elementary schools that reflects a \$35,121 increase (7.63%) over last year’s budget. The increase includes classroom supplies and texts and workbooks.

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 \$19,202 increase (7.88%) over last year's budget. The increase includes classroom supplies and texts, library books and activities.

Part X – Facilities Department – Mr. David Cote

Mr. Cote presented the proposed budget for Facilities that reflects a \$204,895 increase (6.60%) over last year's budget. The increase includes electricity, natural gas, gasoline, recycling and supplies. We continue to reap the benefits from solar panels that help defray our energy bill.

Part XI – PPS Department and TECEC – Mr. Dean Catalano, Dr. Matthew Wheeler

Mr. Catalano presented the proposed budget for Pupil Personnel Services that reflects a \$355,002 increase (7.61%) over last year's budget. The increase includes outplaced tuition and consultants. PPS is requesting an increase to outplacement funding to ensure adequate funding based on 2022-2023 actuals and anticipated changes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mr. Catalano discussed the success of the Elite and Reach programs and the benefits to our community.

Dr. Wheeler presented the proposed budget for TECEC that reflects a \$8,478 decrease (-17.16%) over last year's budget.

To conclude this evening's meeting, Dr. Semmel stated the essentials of this budget proposal, discussed some of the potential reductions (e.g. transportation and insurance), and provided the timeline for final approval.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:25 p.m.