

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Board of Education
Regular Meeting – March 28, 2023

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 7:08 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.

B. Recognitions:

1. Middle School eSports Team

The Middle School eSports students won 1st place in the Fall 2022 Association for Middle Level Education Fall tournament. The team, which consisted of 62 students from Madison and Hillcrest middle schools, won the National Tournament against schools across the country.

The Board congratulated and commended the eSports team for their achievement!

2. THS ACE Robotics 72 – State Champions – First Robotics First Tech Challenge

Trumbull High School ACE Robotics 72 completed their first season competing in the First Robotics First Tech Challenge. During the First Robotics First Tech Connecticut Championship, Trumbull High ACE Robotics ranked first in the qualifying and ended up ranked second overall out of twenty-five teams. The team competed in the finals against the fourth ranked alliance for the championship and defeated them with a record of 2-0 to win the championship. The team has now qualified for the World Championship in Houston, Texas in April.

The Board congratulated and commended the THS ACE Robotics 72 State Champion team for their achievement!

3. THS LL Wrestling State Champions

The Trumbull High School Wrestling Team won its first Class LL Wrestling State Title. Congratulations to the team and coaches!

The Board congratulated the THS Class State LL Wrestling Team.

- C. Correspondence – Ms. McNamee read the following correspondence: The Board received 10 letters regarding the importance of adding Diwali to the school calendar. Trumbull’s EDIT Committee wrote in support of adding Eid Al Fitr and Eid Al Adha to the school calendar. Linda Zwickler and Stephanie Renna wrote about parking issues on Cardinal Circle.
- D. Public Comment - The following people spoke: Amanda Harmon spoke to support equity. Challa Fleming thanked all who support inclusion and diversity and is in favor of adding Eid to the school calendar.
- E. Superintendent Report- Dr. Semmel
- Dr. Semmel expressed his gratitude to the Board of Education members who give their time and expertise to support our students across the Trumbull district.
 - We encourage you to reach out to the Board of Finance to share your thoughts at this evening’s BOF public hearing to support our 2023-2024 budget request.
 - The District is working on developing an inclusive list of holidays that will be listed on our TPS webpage.
 - Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 26 at 6-8 p.m. at Trumbull High School for the District Wide Master Plan workshop. Your participation is vital to the process of rebuilding our schools.
- F. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Timpanelli
- Congratulations to the Model Congress team for their success at the competition this past weekend. Special recognition to the following students: Thomas Ou, Lizzie Steeves and Nicholas Valyayev. Thanks and congratulations to their teachers Katie Boland, Jack LaBarca, Sean Cafferty and Andrea Kremzar for their dedication to the Model Congress team.
 - We encourage the Trumbull community to have their voices heard at the next District Master Plan meeting with Tecton on April 26 at THS.
 - The Board commended the cast and crew of *42nd Street*. Congratulations to the talented students and staff who wowed audiences with their extraordinary performances.
- G. Teacher Representative Report – John Mastrianni is urging all residents to reach out to the Board of Finance in favor of the Superintendent’s budget proposal so that we may keep valuable staff and programs that will continue to support our students.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/Minutes:
Minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of March 14, 2023

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

- B. Personnel Report
Dr. Semmel reported no changes since the last meeting.

C. Policy Committee Report

The Policy Committee met on March 7, 2023 and reviewed the following policies.

Dr. Iwanicki presented the following policies for Second Reading and Approval:

- 5113.1 Attendance Grades K-8

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

- 5113 High School Attendance and Credit Loss

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

- 5144.4 Physical Education and Discipline of Students

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

D. Financial Committee Report

Mrs. Norcel reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on March 23, 2023 and reviewed financials through February 28, 2023. Mr. Hendrickson reviewed the financials with the Board and responded to their questions.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the financial reports through February 28, 2023 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:10 p.m.