

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Board of Education
Regular Meeting – April 18, 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
T. Gallo
L. Nuland
M. Petitti
A. Squicciarro

Members absent:

C. Bandecchi

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Timpanelli asked for a moment of silence in memory of Andy Palo, a former Board of Education member who was a significant contributor to the Town of Trumbull.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – Ms. McNamee read the following correspondence: Daphne Teittinen-Schreck wrote in support of the reading specialists; Felicia Czumble wrote with concerns; three people wrote about parking issues near THS; there were 13 emails in support of healthy start times.
- C. Public Comment
The following people spoke: Jonathan Dizney reported on the transportation study in relation to cost savings of a three-tiered bus system for later start times in Trumbull and Michael Ganino announced the program beginning at Frenchtown where senior citizens volunteer their time to assist students in the learning process.
- D. Superintendent Report- Dr. Semmel
- Dr. Semmel welcomed back the Trumbull community from spring break and announced there are only 40 days left until the last school day. We are looking forward to the end of the year celebrations at all of our schools.
 - Our May goal is to present the options from Tecton for a BOE vote. It is important for Trumbull residents to provide input on the Tecton recommendations. Please attend the Master Plan meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at THS from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to have your voices heard.
 - The Superintendent requested a 4.98% budget increase and the First Selectman has responded with a 3.3% increase. On April 18, a budget discussion meeting will be held at Long Hill with the BOE and the Town Council at approximately 7:00 p.m.

E. Board Chairman Report

Mrs. Timpanelli spoke of the adherence to protocols and progress made with regard to the Operational Review. Financials are online; meetings are available to view. She also spoke of numerous achievements and accomplishments of TPS. The Board continues to work with integrity and fidelity in the budget process.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes:

Minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of March 28, 2023

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

B. Personnel Report

Dr. Semmel reported one certified resignation.

Wasowski, Kathryn; special education teacher at Madison Middle School since January, 2023 resigning effective April 21, 2023

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (McNamee) to accept the above certified resignation as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Using Instructional Coaching to Support Teaching and Learning

Dr. Iwanicki and District teacher representatives presented an update on Instructional Coaching used within Trumbull Public Schools including the District Coaching Philosophy. Teachers gave examples of coaching models and the effect on students as well as classroom teachers Kindergarten through Grade 8.

D. Approval/ Booth Hill Elementary Roof Replacement Project

Mr. John Morello on behalf of Director of Operations Dave Cote presented the Educational Specifications for the Booth Hill Elementary Roof Replacement Project. Authorization for the Board of Education to apply to the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Administrative Services for a School Construction Grant was given by the Trumbull Town Council on February 8, 2023. Funding for the Town's share of the Roof Replacement project was approved as part of the 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Plan by the Board of Education and Town Council.

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the Educational Specifications for the Booth Hill Elementary Roof Replacement Project as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Staff/Long Term Replacements

Prior to May 1 of any given year, the Board of Education is required by the State to non-renew the contracts of non-tenured staff whose employment may not continue. This year, the non-renewal process includes two long-term replacement (substitute) teachers. The long-term replacement teachers were hired for the 2022-2023 school year in a position of fixed duration. It is the opinion of the Superintendent that the non-renewals recommended are within the scope of the statutory teacher employment and tenure provisions, Section 10-151 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and are consistent with provisions of the TEA Agreement applicable to non-renewals of non-tenured and Long-Term Replacement teachers and non-tenured teachers. It may be necessary to revisit this agenda item at a meeting once the final budget numbers are known.

Move that pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes 10-151, the Trumbull Board of Education non-renew the teaching contract of the following two long term replacement teachers and non-tenured teachers at the end of their long-term contract or at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, whichever occurs first, as recommended by the Superintendent and the following non-tenured teachers:

Non-Tenured Teachers

Katherine Dunn – Grade 4, Daniels Farm Elementary
Grace Ferguson – Grade 3, Frenchtown Elementary
Samantha Hartson – Grade 4, Jane Ryan Elementary
Samantha Marzulli – Grade 5, Jane Ryan Elementary
Olivia Porriello – Grade 3, Middlebrook Elementary
Jennifer Derby – Social Worker, Frenchtown Elementary

Long Term Replacements

Christine Fox – Frenchtown Elementary School
Linda Papp – Trumbull High School

and further move that the Superintendent of Schools be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to the above-named teachers and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board of Education to any requests which may be forthcoming from these teachers or their representatives pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-151.

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the above non-renewals of non-tenured staff as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:17 p.m.