

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Policy Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023-- 5:30p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introduction at 5:32pm.

Members Present

T. Gallo, Chair of Policy
M. Petitti, BOE Member
A. Squicciarro, BOE Member
N. Carrano, TEA representative
P. Coppola, TAA representative
T. Chaudhary, parent representative
B. O'Connor II, community representative
M. Ward, community representative
S. Iwanicki, Ed.D., administrative designee

Members Absent

T. Gray, parent representative
C. Turrieta, parent representative
C. Wright, student representative
R. Kode, student representative

II. Correspondence/Public Comment. Dr. Iwanicki shared that no public comment related to Policy was received.

III. Approval/Minutes –Mr. Gallo moved to approve the minutes of the 3/07/2023 meeting. Mrs. Petitti seconded. Mrs. Squicciarro abstained. The motion passed.

IV. New Business

- a. 6154/Homework- Discuss and Review for Possible Revision-- The committee discussed that references to specific holidays should be removed as it is not needed for days off. Mrs. Petitti agreed that it was not necessary. A. Squicciarro suggested that additionally the committee could omit their mention and add “and assignments should not be due on that day or the following day.” Admin rep, P. Coppola, shared that principals make several reminders to teachers regarding holidays and his survey of their experiences is that schools have not experienced any difficulties in hearing from parents. Mrs. Chaudhary added that having extra days would put pressure on the teachers and she doesn't think it is necessary. Mr. Guarino shared that the language may help with teachers who do not understand the holidays. Mrs. Petitti responded that this is already covered by the parent/

guardian note which is included in the policy. Mr. O'Connor relayed that he feels that homework is a part of preparing students for life, and that the policy could be left the way it is currently written. He also echoed the pressure it would put on teachers if we added more language around exceptions. The policy revisions were reviewed and there was a discussion about adding the language "and assignments shall not be due the following day," about the due date. Mrs. Petitti added that teachers are professionals that make these decisions without needing it to be written into the policy. Ms. Carrano agreed that the language change would be difficult for teachers and is fine the way it is currently written. Mrs. Squicciarro and Mr. Gallo suggested that the language was needed. Mrs. Squicciarro then suggested that both choices could be brought to the Board for a vote.

- b. 5131.2/Trumbull High School Student Parking Policy- Review Revisions for Approval-- Dr. Iwanicki summarized that there are three changes suggested to the THS Parking Policy: 1) the expansion of the title, 2) the removal of "prorating" and allowing the Board to decide the fees, and 3) the sharing of the space by up to three students. Mr. Guarino added that they got feedback that students would be interested in this change and it would help them respond. Mr. McLaughlin added that it would be helpful. Mr. O'Connor expressed that we should not even have a parking policy to begin with. Mr. Gallo shared that there are a lot of safety issues and we are one of the largest high schools in the state. Mrs. Petitti agreed. Mr. O'Connor agreed that a policy is needed, but clarified-- not a fee. The committee then reviewed each of the suggested changes. Mrs. Squicciarro asked about who owns the spot if only one person pays for the space. After much discussion, the committee agreed to add the language, "The permit is the property of the student whose IC account is connected to the purchase."
- c. 5131.2/Trumbull High School Student Parking Fee-- Recommendation of the Policy Committee— The recommended fee for a parking permit was also discussed. Mr. Guarino suggested \$75.00 as the fee for the year which covers expenses. They feel given other events which students pay for, this price is reasonable. Any additional money would be used to add cameras and add spaces over time. Fees that area towns change were also shared. Mrs. Petitti asked if there were any fines if they park in the wrong space, and it was shared that there are not. Mrs. Squicciarro asked that we ask the Finance Committee. It was clarified that the full Board approves fees; the Policy Committee is making a recommendation. Mr. O'Connor suggested to keep it at \$50 for this year while people are still getting adjusted to the new policy. Mr. Ward feels \$100 is more appropriate. Mrs. Chaudhary suggested perhaps raising it from \$50 if three people are sharing it. Mrs. Petitti replied that given the newness we need to stay the course and that the Finance Committee needs to watch this carefully. Mr. Gallo motioned and Mrs. Petitti seconded to adopt the changes as presented and recommend \$50 as the possible fee to the full Board. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. 5141.213/Administering Medication to Prevent Opioid Overdose- New Policy- The policy was reviewed and it was shared with the committee that there have

been incidences where children in schools across the country have needed Narcan due to drug overdose. This policy will allow access to approved professionals such as a nurse or a school resource officer to administer Narcan without a preapproved prescription. Dr. Iwanicki shared additional language which clarifies the use on school grounds during school hours. Mrs. Squicciarro asked if there was any way to ask if parents wanted to deny consent. Mr. Gallo shared the ways in which implied consent works as an EMT which also applies to schools. Mr. Gallo moved to bring the policy to the Board with additional language discussed tonight. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Additional Meeting. Dr. Iwanicki shared that there are other polices which have been brought forward which need approval. The committee will need to have a Special Meeting as another is not on the calendar for several months. The committee selected Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30pm.

Mr. Gallo adjourned the meeting at 7:15p.m.