

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
**Board of Education**  
Regular Meeting – May 9, 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  
T. Gallo  
L. Nuland- online  
M. Petitti  
A. Squicciarro

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 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – Ms. McNamee read the following correspondence: Michelle Lesko, Palak Badjatya, Tracey Cleri and Gracie Sassano support later school start times; Helen McCarthy wrote with questions regarding the master plan options; 7 parents wrote to praise the work of Jane Ryan teacher, Samantha Hartson. Rob Stevenson sent the Board 17 letters in support of Samantha Hartson. 4 parents wrote to rehire Jane Ryan teacher, Samantha Marzulli. Jennifer Shay wrote with concerns regarding class size at Jane Ryan. 2 parents wrote in support of Frenchtown teacher, Grace Ferguson. Linda Zwickler asked the Board to reconsider its THS parking policy; Dawn Cuminotto wrote about a THS parking issue and Stephanie Renna submitted a petition.
- C. Public Comment - Jonathan Dizney provided an update on the transportation study using a three-tiered system that would potentially be a cost savings but not at \$900,000 as it relates to late start times. Mrs. Tesoro spoke in celebration of our dedicated Trumbull teachers and staff who work hard every day to guide our students in the learning process and continue to make Trumbull a community of choice.
- D. Superintendent Report
- Dr. Semmel is happy to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week and recognizes the commitment and dedication of our teachers and support staff in Trumbull.
  - Congratulations to all our students who took the smarter balance assessment.
  - We are collecting survey responses for the master plan. All information is on the TPS website. We encourage all residents to take the time to complete the survey so we can make an informed decision as to the future of Trumbull Public Schools.

- E. Board Chairman Report – The Board sends its gratitude to Trumbull’s dedicated teachers and staff. Mrs. Timpanelli attended the BEI breakfast and was impressed by the students who spoke about the positive efforts by BEI. She is looking forward to the review of Tecton’s master plan for our schools.
- F. Teacher Representative Report – John Mastrianni thanked the PTA for their contributions to Teacher Appreciation Week; he talked about potential issues with multiple school start schedules and introduced John Congdon as the new teacher BOE representative going forward.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes:

Minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of April 18, 2023

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the minutes of the above noted meeting as presented. Vote: In Favor-Timpanelli, Norcel, Nuland, Petitti, Gallo, Squicciarro, McNamee. Abstain- Bandecchi. Motion passes.

B. Personnel Report

Dr. Semmel reported one certified appointment:

Barry, Eryn; BA/6 (\$57,137) special education teacher at Madison Middle School effective April 24, 2023.

Dr. Semmel reported two certified resignations:

Guarino, Marc; principal at Trumbull High School since July 2013, resigning effective June 30, 2023.

Jeffries, Laura; school psychologist at Hillcrest Middle School since August 2022, resigning effective June 30, 2023.

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

C. Healthy Food Certification – Mrs. Sinko and Mr. Hendrickson

Mr. (Gallo) made a motion and it was seconded by (Norcel) as follows: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Trumbull Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Mr. (Gallo) made a motion and it was seconded by (Norcel) as follows: The Trumbull Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection

with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. TECEC Preschool Tuition Increase

Mr. Hendrickson and Dr. Wheeler reviewed TECEC tuition in comparison to surrounding towns and presented the recommendation for a TECEC tuition increase from \$3,900 => \$4,000 for the 2023-2024 school year.

It was moved (McNamee) and seconded (Gallo) to approve that the TECEC annual tuition be increased from \$3,900 => \$4,000 for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Policy Committee Report

Policies – First Readings – Dr. Iwanicki presented the following policies for first reading:

- 6154/Homework
- 5131.2/Trumbull High School Student Parking Policy
- 5141.213/Administering Medication to Prevent Opioid Overdose - New Policy

F. Financial Committee Report

Mr. Hendrickson presented the financial reports as of March 31, 2023, for approval and answered the Board’s questions on total spending to date, salaries, benefits and utilities.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the financials as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

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