

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Board of Education
Regular Meeting – May 23, 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 Robin Bova, a valued TPS employee.

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: Jane Flanigan and Stephanie Renna have concerns about students parking on streets near THS; Emilio Annunziato and Stephanie Vaughn have questions regarding elementary graduation; Mahreen Seyal wrote about next year’s school calendar; Heather Uva and Darcy Foreman have budget cut concerns and fear the loss of good teachers.
- C. Public Comment - There were no public comments this evening.
- D. Superintendent Report- Dr. Semmel
- Dr. Semmel reported there are only 14 more school days and is looking forward to the end of year celebrations at TPS.
 - The TPS high school principal position has been posted for internal applications on our website.
 - We encourage all Trumbull residents to complete the online master plan survey so we may properly gauge the Trumbull community’s thoughts and concerns to evaluate the future of our school buildings.
- E. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Timpanelli would like to thank Sacred Heart University’s Discovery and Planetarium for their donation to the Hillcrest planetarium. She is happy that this area will be revitalized. The Board is looking forward to the end of the year celebrations at our schools.

- F. Student BOE Representatives Report – Elizabeth Steeves reported: Frenchtown-Good Times Roll cart, SBAC testing; Middlebrook-wings scholarship, international festival; Tashua-kindergarten round up, field trips, mother's day plant sale, spring concert, Bens Bells mural, multicultural night, field day, dinner at SicilEat; Booth Hill- art assemblies, cornhole tournament, field day, grade 5 variety show; Jane Ryan-book fair, one school one book kickoff; Daniels Farm- chorus concert, field trip, chick hatching, celebration of the arts, field day, dolphin fair, grade 5 picnic; Hillcrest-geography competition, quiz bowl, NJHS induction, interact club, spring concerts, Esports teams, environmental club; Madison- field trip, dance, stepping forth ceremony, SAVE club, NJHS induction; THS-award and scholarship ceremonies, poetry slam, elementary school walkthrough, prom, college transition workshops, AP exams and finals, meet the coaches night, Ag farm fair, pep rally, freshman field day and the success of our sports teams.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes:

BOE Retreat of May 8, 2023 Minutes

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Gallo) to approve the minutes of the above noted meeting with the following amendment: First Selectman Vicki Tesoro was also present at the meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

BOE Regular Meeting of May 9, 2023 Minutes

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

B. Donations from SHU Discovery Science Center and Planetarium

The following donations were made from Sacred Heart University's Discovery Science Center and Planetarium:

- Telescope Middlebrook Conservatory

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

- Spitz SciDome Planetarium System

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

C. Steps to Innovation

Steps to Innovation: TPS Excellence in Science – Dr. Iwanicki presented an overview of the steps that were following to update the Middle School Science curriculum. Team Leaders Rebecca Ardito, Jody D’Addario, and Grade 8 Science Teacher John Mastrianni then presented the program review process as well as the core resources that were selected for the middle school Science curriculum moving forward.

In addition, Dr. Iwanicki presented the revitalization and partnership with SHU’s Discovery Science Center and Planetarium’s Executive Director Erika Eng along with Planetarium

Director and Sacred Heart Professor, Elliott Severn, and Director of Education and Strategy, Sarah Tropp-Pacelli.

D. Personnel Report

Dr. Semmel reported two non-certified resignations/retirements:

Perkins, Dawn; Transportation Coordinator at the Long Hill Administration Building since July 2003, retiring effective July 28, 2023.

Wild, Mary; secretary in the Business Office since September 2000, retiring effective June 16, 2023.

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

E. School Lunch Prices for 2023-2024

Mr. Hendrickson and Mrs. Sinko presented proposed lunch pricing for 2023-2024. Due to food, paper, and tray price increases, Food Service requests a \$0.15 increase for all breakfast and lunch offerings.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (McNamee) to approve a \$0.15 increase for all breakfast and lunch offerings for school year 2023-2024 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. School Climate Survey

PPS Director Dean Catalano presented the district-level safe school climate survey results, and discussed how the results will begin to inform the district's next steps with regards to school climate initiatives.

G. Budget Finalization

Dr. Semmel and Mr. Hendrickson presented a list of proposed reductions to the Board of Education approved 2023-2024 budget to reach a total reduction of \$1,952,922.

A motion was made (Norcel) and seconded (Gallo) to approve a \$1,952,922 reduction to the Board of Education approved 2023-2024 budget. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

H. Policy Committee Report

Policies – Second Readings – Dr. Iwanicki presented the following policies for second reading:

- 6154/Homework

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

- 5131.2/Trumbull High School Student Parking Policy

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

- 5141.213/Administering Medication to Prevent Opioid Overdose - New Policy

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

Adjournment

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