

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Board of Education
Regular Meeting – May 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

The Trumbull Board of Education met for a Regular Meeting at the Long Hill Administration Building.

Members present:

L. Timpanelli – Chairman
L. Nuland- Secretary
J. McNamee
C. Bandecchi left at 8:28 p.m.
M. Petitti
A. Squicciarro

Members absent:

J. Norcel – Vice Chair
T. Gallo

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 – Mrs. Nuland read the following correspondence: Kellie Ryan inquired about the status of later school start times.
- C. Public Comment - Sonia Grafos spoke in support of technology teachers and the important role they play in our schools.
- D. Superintendent Report – Dr. Semmel
Dr. Semmel would like to thank the First Selectman and the Town of Trumbull elected officials for all their hard work in finalizing the 2024-2025 BOE budget. We are proceeding in our collaboration with the Trumbull Town Council and the Board of Finance to ensure we move forward with the Hillcrest project initiative to be prepared to be on the November ballot. The State reimbursement rate for the Hillcrest project has been identified as 44%. We are grateful for all the support from the PTA and Fathers Club that we receive during the school year. With 14 days remaining on the school calendar, Dr. Semmel sends his best wishes for a successful conclusion to the 2023-2024 school year.
- E. Board Chairman Report - Mrs. Timpanelli
Mrs. Timpanelli sends thanks to all those who participated in the Art Showcase at THS. Congratulations to all the inductees and award recipients inducted into the World Language Honor Societies. Please come to support our baseball team playing in the FCIAC League Championship on Wednesday, May 22 in Stamford, Connecticut.
- F. Student BOE Representatives Report
Grace Schober and Isabel O'Brien reported: TECEC-annual PTO spring party; Daniels Farm- "What's Up Dolphins" news program; Booth Hill-field day, art show; Tashua-World Day for

Cultural Diversity, “Rockin Recess;” Frenchtown-family movie night, field day, Dance-A-Thon; Middlebrook-event held at THS in honor of the Final Mile; Jane Ryan-24th annual Kindercolors performance; art show; Madison-Pops Concert, “Lock In” event; Hillcrest-National Junior Honor Society; THS-THS won first place at the Connecticut High School Geography Challenge, senior prom at Aquaturf, senior class trip to Six Flags, freshmen Spring Fling Dance, final choir concert, award ceremonies and final exams.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes

The minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of May 7, 2024 were presented for Board approval.

It was moved (Bandecci) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of May 7, 2024 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Personnel Report

Dr. Semmel presented two certified appointments:

Chase, Kevin; Category II, Step 5

(\$190,727) Principal at Booth Hill Elementary School effective July 1, 2024.

Murphy, Brittany; MA/6 (\$62,468) teacher of the deaf district-wide effective May 15, 2024.

The above appointments were received and filed by the Board.

Dr. Semmel presented the following certified resignation:

Na, Elissa; art teacher at Madison Middle School since August 2022, resigning effective June 30, 2024.

It was moved (Bandecci) and seconded (Squicciarro) to approve the certified resignation as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Budget Finalization

Dr. Semmel and Mr. Hendrickson reviewed the list of proposed increases and reductions to the Board of Education approved 2024-2025 budget to reach a total net reduction of \$1,603,046.

It was moved (Bandecci) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the finalization of the 2024-2025 budget to reach a total net reduction of \$1,603,046 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Educator Evaluation & Support Plan

Dr. Iwanicki presented the new TPS Educator & Leader Evaluation and Support Plan which is the result of the work of the committee representing all levels from the TEA and TAA. Committee members were present to discuss the highlights and changes in the document.

It was moved (McNamee) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the TPS Educator & Leader Evaluation and Support Plan as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Healthy Food Certification

Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Molyneux presented the Healthy Food Option for the 2024-2025 school year.

Healthy Food Option: *Required vote for participation in healthy food option of HFC. This vote is required for all BOEs that participate in the NSLP. Each BOE must vote “yes” or “no” to participate in the healthy food option of C.G.S. Section 10-215f and follow the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS). The motion and BOE-approved meeting minutes must include the exact motion language below:*

“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, 2024, through June 30, 2025. 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.”

Exemption for Food Items: *Required vote for food exemptions for BOEs choosing healthy food option of HFC. This vote is required for all BOEs that vote “yes” to participate in the healthy food option. The motion and BOE-approved meeting minutes must reflect a “yes” or “no” vote to allow food exemptions using the exact motion language below.*

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.

It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (McNamee) to approve participation in the Healthy Food Option of the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) and Exemption for Food Items in schools for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Policy Committee Report

The Policy Committee of the Board of Education met for a regular meeting on May 13, 2024.

Dr. Iwanicki presented the following policy for first reading:

- Policy 3542.43/Food Charging

It was agreed to bring this policy back to the full Board at a future meeting for a second reading.

G. Facilities Committee Update – Ms. Nuland, David Cote

As of 5/21/24, we received grant approval for the HVAC improvements at Middlebrook. The approval to apply for a grant for the proposed middle school has been received. Mr. David Cote provided an update regarding current facility projects at our schools: security upgrades at all of our schools, greenhouse roof and fence replacement at Agriscience, THS auditorium and softball field lighting improvements and parking lot and drainage work at Tashua, Daniels Farm and THS.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:48 p.m.

Trumbull Public Schools

2024-25 Budget - Final Cut List - Draft

2023-24 Budget	\$119,740,771	
Board of Education Adopted 2024-25 Budget	\$126,133,448	Assumes \$500K decrease in ECR
BOE \$ Increase	\$6,392,677	5.34%
Town Council Approved 2024-25 Budget	\$124,530,402	
TC \$ Increase	\$4,789,631	4.00%
\$ Difference	\$1,603,046	BOE \$ Increase - TC \$ Increase
Increases Required		
Super-Personnel- Substitute Teachers	\$200,000	01802320-51117
Super-Personnel- Substitute Paras	\$90,000	01802320-51119
Super-Personnel- Substitute Secys	\$10,000	01802320-51139
Trans-Admin-SPED In District	\$89,169	01882701-55101
Trans-Admin-SPED Out of District	\$120,445	01882701-55105
Trans-Admin-Monitors	\$188,408	01882701-55108
Benefits-TBOE 401a Contribution	<u>\$73,900</u>	01912520-52010
Sub-Total	\$771,922	
Reductions Required		
Trans-Admin-Reg Buses	\$100,896	01882700-55101
Trans-Admin-SPED-Summer Buses	\$69,102	01882700-55105
Trans-Admin-Fuel	\$60,640	01882700-55109
Health Insurance	\$1,074,754	01912520-52002
Late School Start	\$500,000	
THS Attendance Para (THS-L/W-Paras)	\$27,971	01712400-51120
Rugby	\$43,000	
Sanitary Products	\$75,000	
AgScience (0.45 => 0.20)	\$45,790	01711006-51114
Reduce Technology	\$100,000	01421001-57310
Bus Savings (Elite)	\$22,500	01882700-55101
Bus Savings - V License for van	\$100,000	01882701-55101
Curr Dir-D/W-Teacher Training	\$40,000	01412210-51117
Super-Personnel-Sub Security Guards	\$5,000	01902320-51127
SpEd Curriculum Writing	\$5,000	01011200-51118
Curr Dir-Admin-Professional Development	\$10,000	01412210-55800
Food Service Allocation	\$85,315	Transfer from 210
SpEd Legal	<u>\$10,000</u>	01011200-53308
Total Reductions	\$2,374,968	
\$ Difference	\$0	