

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Policy Committee of the  
Trumbull Board of Education  
Regular Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2024—6:00p.m.

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Members Present

T. Gallo, Chair of Policy  
A. Squicciarro, BOE Member  
M. Petitti, BOE Member  
T. Chaudhary, parent representative  
T. Gray, parent representative  
P. Coppola, TAA representative  
Mike Ward, community representative

Members Absent

K. Totten, student representative  
N. Konstantinidis, student representative  
C. Turrieta, parent representative  
N. Banks, TEA representative  
B. O'Connor II, community representative

- II. Correspondence/Public Comment- No public comment has been received.
- III. Approval/Minutes –1/23/2024 Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/23/2024. Mrs. Squicciarro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. New Business
- A. Policy 3542.43/Food Charging- Director of Food Services, Chris Molyneux shared that the practices in our cafeterias have already been updated so that children cannot be shamed for not having enough money to purchase lunches. The changes to the policy are needed to match our practices, but more importantly, to be aligned with the current law. Mr. Gallo asked about the word “shaming” and if the changes are about the food or the student’s economic status. The committee also discussed reasons why students might not have the money in their lunch account and the suggested changes make sense. Mr. Gallo motioned to bring the changes to Policy 3542.43/Food Charging at the next Board meeting. Mrs. Petitti seconded. Mr. Molyneux expressed one more change regarding the lunch amount should read zero dollars. This edit was made and Mr. Gallo amended the original motioned to bring the changes to Policy 3542.43/Food Charging with the additional change suggested by Mr. Molyneux to the next Board meeting. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Policies Regarding Bullying-Update & Next Steps. The Director of Pupil Services, Dean Catalano, and Dr. Iwanicki shared the updates needed to the Bullying and School Climate policies in the legislation. It was highlighted that forms are supposed to be shared by the state that districts must use and these forms have not been published to date. The district also has a CAFE sample policy, but as we are waiting for the state updated forms and transitioning the district to the new terms and requirements, the Policy Committee will wait to have all information prior to make a full revision to our current policy. Policy Chair Mr. Gallo suggested to table the topic until we have all information from the state.
  
- C. Summer Availability. The committee had a short discussion about summer availability. There were many conflicts with the summer dates. If the committee has as an urgent policy need, members will be contacted to hold a “special meeting” as needed. Our next published meeting is September 17, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.