

**TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT**  
**Board of Education**  
Regular Meeting – August 13, 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  
J. Norcel – Vice Chair  
L. Nuland – Secretary  
C. Bandecchi  
T. Gallo  
M. Petitti  
A. Squicciarro

Members absent:

J. McNamee

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:

Caitlin Robinson, The Zarrelli Family, Heather Haversat, Allison Goodman, Elizabeth Gustafson, Danielle Belfiore, Kim Petrafesa, Hillary Goodman, Susan Anderson Horan, Julianna Yaylagul, Tracy Rowan, Peter Pappas, Electra Ferillo, Jennifer Trzcinski, Megan Blasé, Amanda Pinto Regan, Mike T., Devin Ruggiero, Lena Palmer, Layla Fayyaz, Emily Hoyt, Barbara Vogt, Rachel Attivissimo, Joanna Ogorzalek, The Wilson Family, Alexander Claydon, Ritu Raina, Diane Norlander, Elizabeth Minchala, Carleen and J.J. Malfettone, Peter Zaffina, Melissa Bauer, Catherine Gallo, Matthew Gallo, Giselle Tsikaridis, Cameron White, Diane Norlander, Carleen Costy, Meghan Pappas, Peter Zaffina, Jillian Sullivan, and Amit Sukhram, all wrote in support of small class size and asked the Board to add a first grade class at Daniels Farm. Jessica Stephen-Kuser wrote in support of later start times. Kayleigh Zaworski expressed a bus concern. Jordan Frederick and Elizabeth Minchala have questions regarding the new kindergarten start age. Scot Kerr wrote on the accessibility of Narcan.

C. Public Comment

The following people spoke: Jennifer Claydon and Irene DiCiccio both remarked about the importance of smaller class sizes and requested an additional first grade classroom at Daniels Farm.

D. Superintendent Report

Dr. Semmel reported as of this date, we are just 14 days away from the start of the 2024-2025 school year and have hired 29 new certified staff to fill open positions. Our Facilities Department has been hard at work improving our schools: Booth Hill-new roof, Tashua-paving project, TECEC-playground updates and refurbishing the McDougall track at THS.

E. Board Chairman Report

Mrs. Timpanelli reported on the progress and provided information performed on McDougall Field and the upcoming work on the track.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Educator & Leader Evaluation & Support Plan-Dr. Iwanicki

Dr. Iwanicki presented the newly updated Educator & Leader Evaluation & Support Plan. These changes were worked on by representatives from the TEA and TAA with recommendations by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE).

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

B. Approval/Minutes

The minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of July 9, 2024 were presented for Board approval.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Nuland) to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 BOE meeting as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Personnel Report

Dr. Semmel presented the following certified staff for appointment for the 2024-2025 school year:

Acri, Thomas; Agriscience teacher at Trumbull High School Agriscience Center  
Andrews, Scott; technology education teacher at Hillcrest Middle School  
Bonetti, Andrew; business teacher at Trumbull High School  
Brown, Zachary; science teacher at Hillcrest Middle School  
Capobianco, Kaitlin; special education teacher at Hillcrest Middle School  
Cochrane, Jeffrey; technology education at Trumbull High School  
Cohen, Olivia; Spanish teacher at Hillcrest Middle School  
Collado, Olga; math teacher at Trumbull High School  
DiMaggio, Nicholas; school psychologist at Frenchtown Elementary School  
Jorge, Kyriaki; science teacher at Trumbull High School  
Lobo, Julius; English teacher at Trumbull High School  
Mastropolo, Anna; art teacher district-wide  
Mata, Hannah; art teacher at Madison Middle School  
Paz, Matthew; special education teacher at Trumbull High School  
Root, Katelyn; elementary teacher at Daniels Farm Elementary School  
Ruffin, Ashley; special education teacher at Hillcrest Middle School  
Vowinkel, Lauren; math teacher at Hillcrest Middle School  
Wood, Deanna; reading teacher at Hillcrest Middle School

The above certified appointments were received and filed by the Board.

Dr. Semmel presented the following certified resignations:

Napoli, Lysa; special education teacher at Madison Middle School since August 2014, resigning effective July 31, 2024

O'Keefe, Ryan; special education teacher at Madison Middle School since August 2014, resigning effective July 29, 2024

Riley, Kenneth; science teacher at Trumbull High School since August 2020, resigning effective July 31, 2024

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

D. Enrollment

Dr. Semmel presented updated data related to student enrollment in planning for the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Semmel will continue to monitor enrollment and keep the Board informed as we prepare for the opening of our schools.

E. Bylaws of Trumbull BOE, Policy Code 9312 – Dr. Semmel

Dr. Semmel presented the changes made to the Trumbull Board of Education Bylaws, Policy Code 9312.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Gallo) to approve the updated Bylaws of the Trumbull BOE, Policy Code 9312 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Financial Committee Report

Mrs. Norcel reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on August 8, 2024. Mr. Hendrickson presented the fiscal year end 2023-2024 interfund transfers and Non-Lapsing Account adjustment resolution for full Board approval. These adjustments are necessary after the 2023-2024 books close.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Squiccimarro) to approve the fiscal year end 2023-2024 interfund transfers as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Squiccimarro) to approve the resolution to use the Non-Lapsing Account funds to make any accounting adjustments for fiscal year 2023-2024 which are not encumbered and are received after June 30, 2024. The Business Administrator will inform the Finance Committee of the total amount of the Non-Lapsing account funds that are expended. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 7:55 p.m.