

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Board of Education
Regular Meeting – September 10, 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- online
C. Bandecchi
T. Gallo
J. McNamee
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.
There was a moment of silence in remembrance of the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001.
- B. Recognition – Teacher Tenure
Administration is proud to announce the following staff members who have attained tenure status with the Trumbull Board of Education and presented them with a certificate.
- Booth Hill Elementary School – Daniel Breschard and Jenna Youd
 - Frenchtown Elementary School – Kimberly Almonte and Megan Angus
 - Frenchtown & Middlebrook Elementary School – Melissa Farrow
 - Jane Ryan Elementary School – Lindsey Anderson and Mikki Iannacone
 - Middlebrook Elementary School – Chelsea Civitella, Casandra Ekstrom and Julie Gerrity
 - Hillcrest Middle School – Alyssa Doran, Katherine Duffy, Erica Edwards, Maria Salcedo-Frulla and Melissa Valendra
 - Madison Middle School – Roza Canaj and Michele Zalewski Belanger
 - Trumbull High School – Patricia Ashley, Amy Champagne, Nicholas Daddona, Christopher Eide, Joshua Murphy, Michele Murzak and Jean Presutto
 - Central Office – Laura Bennett, Lisa Carino, Dean Catalano
- C. Correspondence – Mrs. Nuland read the following correspondence: The following people have class size concerns at DFS: Krista Watson, Erica Siegel, Michelle and Radek Obuchowski, Janina Saintiluis. The following people wrote to the Board with transportation issues: Pete Yarusavage, Jessie Beecham, Mark Pires, Vanessa Vargas, Nicole and Christopher Maksymiw, Rachel Brenna, Cheryl Arbelo, Steve Viglione, Christine ElEris.
- D. Public Comment
The following people spoke: Brian Moore has enrollment concerns and Gail Marion Ayotte spoke about enrollment and transportation and the priority to keep students safe.

E. Superintendent Report

- Dr. Semmel would like to thank all the Trumbull staff for a successful start to the 2024-2025 school year. We will continue to work on transportation issues. Parents can use the bus tracking app that is available to download on our website.
- The Hillcrest Middle School Referendum vote will be on the November 5, 2024, general election ballot. Due to special legislation approved by the state legislature, the Hillcrest project will receive a 44% reimbursement rate, a significant savings for Trumbull taxpayers. More information will be provided to the public in the near future about the impact this project will have on town taxpayers and the impact the construction will have on the students, staff, and the area surrounding the school.

F. Board Chairman Report

Board members visited our schools on the first day of classes. It was wonderful to see the energy and vibrancy among all. We are pleased to announce that Chief Lombardo has reinstated our second School Resource Officer for the 2024-2025 school year. The Board looks forward to SRO3. The work on McDougall track at THS is now complete and ready for student use. Mrs. Timpanelli asked that the Town start saving for the next refurbishment of the field.

G. Student BOE Representatives Report - Student BOE Representatives Jiya Malhotra and Vanessa Maignan reported: TECEC-renovated playground; Daniels Farm-back to school night; Frenchtown-school assembly read aloud, TRACKS motto; Jane Ryan-back to school night; Booth Hill-back to school night BBQ, assembly read aloud; Tashua-fifth grade students map update, All Star baseball team were honored; Middlebrook- school bus principal ride along, third grade team create a positive learning environment; Hillcrest-Football Friday Spirit Day, Hillcrest referendum; Madison- NJHS and KARE fundraising drive to help Connecticut flood victims, coed Cross Country team practice; THS- link crew orientation, fall sports, McDougall track work completion; back to school night, club fair.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval of THS World Language French Trip to Quebec, Canada

Mr. Shaun Liebskind presented the World Language French department trip to Quebec, Canada which is scheduled for February 14 to February 18, 2025. Students will experience French culture, visit historical monuments, enjoy winter sports and meet with students to improve fluency. Funding for this trip will be provided by students/families, and fund-raising activities.

It was moved (Bandedcchi) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the World Language French trip to Quebec, Canada from February 14-18, 2025 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Donation from Daniels Farm PTA

Mr. Hendrickson presented the donation of \$2,160 for 80 chairs, \$610 for two folding chair dollies, and \$3,117.52 for a loveseat with two swivel tablets from the Daniels Farm Elementary School PTA; the total donation is \$5,887.52.

It was moved (Bandedcchi) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the donation of \$5,887.52 from the Daniels Farm Elementary School PTA to fund 80 folding chairs, two folding chair dollies, and a loveseat with two swivel tablets as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Approval/Minutes

The minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of August 13, 2024 were presented for Board approval.

It was moved (Gallo) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of August 13, 2024 as presented. Abstain: McNamee Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Personnel Report

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

Aschar-Sobbi, Lynette; BA/5 grade 4 teacher at Daniels Farm Elementary School

Camus, Dr. Alexandra; MA/19 science at Trumbull High School

Connolly, Margaret; MA/4 grade 4 teacher at Frenchtown Elementary School

Pfohl, Amanda; 6/9 special education teacher at Madison Middle School

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

E. Enrollment

Dr. Semmel presented updated data related to student enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year.

F. Approval/Head Start Food Service Agreement

Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Molyneux presented the annual agreement between the Trumbull/Monroe Head Start program and the Trumbull Board of Education Food Service Department, who will furnish meals to that joint program. Board approval is needed for compliance with Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

It was moved (McNamee) and seconded (Nuland) to approve the Trumbull Board of Education Head Start Food Service Agreement as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 7:50 p.m.