

**TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT**  
**Board of Education**

Regular Meeting – September 24, 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  
C. Bandecchi  
J. McNamee  
M. Petitti  
A. Squicciarro- online

Members absent:

J. Norcel  
T. Gallo

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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: Amanda Prater, Antoneth Mitchell and Steve Giglione wrote to the Board with transportation concerns; Chris Pettinella had a request at THS that was resolved by Mr. Manuel; Patricia Kelly and Jamie Molgard wrote to ask that all clubs receive equal treatment at THS.
- C. Public Comment – There were no speakers at this evening’s meeting.
- D. Superintendent Report – Dr. Semmel reported on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a community forum at Hillcrest in the cafetorium regarding the Hillcrest referendum that Trumbull will be voting on November 5, 2024. The total cost of the project is \$142,375,000, but the cost to Trumbull taxpayers will be \$82 million after a 44% state reimbursement rate. To stay informed, please visit our website for a summary of the presentation.
- E. Board Chairman Report - Mrs. Timpanelli reported:  
The “Observe the Moon Night” event at Middlebrook was highly successful as many 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their families attended. Students saw the moon, Saturn and the Space Station.  
CES held a Grand Opening of their building that serves elementary through high school special ed students. The Golf Classic was a success and checks will be presented to participant clubs at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Education Meeting. THS will honor the Class of 1974 at the first home football game on Friday night, September 27<sup>th</sup> in commemoration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion.
- F. Teacher BOE Representative Report  
Mr. John Congdon reported: many teachers worked on curriculum writing over the summer to prepare for the school year; in August, teachers attended professional development that included

workshops on MTSS, Infinite Campus updates and new district initiatives: after school clubs, sports and activities are underway at all school levels; Back to School nights have been held and teachers are looking forward to the streamlined Teacher Evaluation Plan that has been implemented in our district.

### Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval of THS Model Congress Trip to Washington, DC, Omni Shoreham Hotel  
Advisor Ms. Katie Boland presented the Trumbull High School Model Congress trip to Washington, DC, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel from November 14 to November 17, 2024. Students will learn the legislative process. Funding for this trip is provided through Trumbull ACE Foundation and BEI, as well as local fundraising.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Nuland) to approve the THS Model Congress Trip to Washington, DC, from November 14-17, 2024 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- B. Approval/Minutes  
The minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of September 10, 2024 were presented for Board approval.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of September 10, 2024 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- C. Personnel Report  
Dr. Semmel presented the following non-certified resignation/retirement:  
Hellthaler, Gail; guidance secretary at Madison Middle School since March 1995, retiring effective September 9, 2024.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the retirement as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- D. Capital Plan/Facilities Update  
Director of Operations Mr. Kevin Dion presented the Trumbull BOE 5-year Capital Improvement Plan that included a summary of current district needs and completed facilities projects.

It was moved (Nuland) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve the Trumbull BOE 5-year Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- E. SBAC Update  
Dr. Iwanicki presented a summary of the latest Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) results. The vast majority of students continue to meet or exceed the goal in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. Examining formative and summative data continues.

- F. Curriculum Committee Report – Dr. Iwanicki  
Curriculum Texts & Guide Revisions:

Approval of New Text Proposal: *Chemins 2023 Levels 1, 2, and 3* French 1, 2, and 3

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve *Chemins 2023 Levels 1, 2, and 3* French 1, 2, and 3 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Approval of Curriculum Guide Update- United States Political Systems (CP, ACP, Honors,) Grades 11-12

Approval of Curriculum Guide Update- Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition, Grades 11-12

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the above two curriculum guides as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

#### G. Financial Committee Report

The Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on September 12, 2024 which included the review of the final June 30, 2024 financial report. Creating the final financial statements requires the approval of the attached Intra-Fund transfers for the General Fund. Also, approval is required for the district's semi-annual Inter-Fund transfers.

A motion was made (Bandecchi) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the June 30, 2024 financial report, including approval of the Intra-Fund transfers for the General Fund as presented and approval of the Inter-Fund transfers as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

#### Adjournment

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