

**TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT**  
**Board of Education**  
Regular Meeting – December 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  
C. Bandecchi  
T. Gallo- online  
J. McNamee  
M. Petitti

Members absent:

A. Squicciarro

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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 Wagner reached out with an issue regarding a recent TPS communication. The following people all wrote in support of a Tashua teacher: Jenn Burke, Christine El-Eris, Sarah Broas, Kait Snook, Alba Reeves, Olia Yelner, Scott Madeco, Carly Thomas, Daphne Teittinen-Schreck, Allison Webb Todesco and Rob Todesco. Bree Ann Prezioso suggested neurodiversity training.
- C. Public Comment – There were no sign ups for public comment this evening.
- D. Superintendent Report - Dr. Semmel
- Kindergarten registration for the next school year will begin in January 2025. Information will be available on our website as well as the district, school and town newsletters.
  - We are pleased to announce that Central Office has completed the budget proposal for the 2025-2026 school year. The proposed budget will be available to the public online Friday, December 20, 2024. Major drivers of the budget are salaries, benefits and a 10% increase in the State Partnership Plan. Additionally, the Board of Education will meet on January 7 and 9, 2025 to review the budget. We encourage all members of the community to review the proposal and attend the meetings to provide feedback.
  - Dr. Semmel recently had the opportunity to meet with juniors and seniors at THS during the "If You Love It, Teach It" class, taught by Mrs. Richards. In this engaging session, students gained valuable insight into various professions and had the chance to learn what a typical day in the life of a superintendent is like.
- E. Board Chairman Report
- Mrs. Timpanelli, Dr. Semmel and Mrs. Petitti recently attended a CES-sponsored meeting with legislators, with the opportunity to discuss a variety of issues. During the meeting, the importance of reinstating the full funding that had previously been provided to districts for Special Education was requested. We hope that the legislators will carry this message of need back to Hartford. On behalf of the Board, we send our sincere wishes for a Healthy, Happy and Peaceful Holiday season.

F. Teacher BOE Representative Report

Teacher BOE Representative Mr. John Congdon reported on the success of the professional development day and the positive response to the Hillcrest referendum. The union is looking forward to the continued revision, improvement and implementation of the new Teacher Evaluation Plan. The TEA wishes everyone a healthy and happy Holiday season.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes

The minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024 were presented for Board approval.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve the minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Approval/Donation Book Vending Machine from Middlebrook PTA – Ms. Ponte, Ms. Molloy  
Middlebrook Assistant Principal Michele Molloy presented the donation from the Middlebrook PTA of \$6,240.00 for the Inchy Book Worm Vending Machine to include 100ct tokens, picture book tray and lift gate for delivery. The book vending machine is a creative way to promote a love of reading.

It was moved (McNamee) and seconded (Nuland) to approve the donation of \$6,240.00 from the Middlebrook PTA for the Inchy Book Worm Vending Machine as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Approval – THS Model UN Club to Courtyard Marriott Washington, DC/Foggy Bottom  
Advisor Mr. Jack LaBarca presented the THS Model UN Club trip to Courtyard Marriott Washington, DC/Foggy Bottom which is scheduled for March 20, 2025 to March 24, 2025 for students of the THS Model UN Club to have the opportunity to experience briefings, lectures, and speeches from leading professionals in related fields. Funding for this trip is provided through the THS Model UN Club parents, Ace Foundation, BEI to help with grants, and other fundraising events in the community.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the THS Model UN Club trip to Courtyard Marriott Washington, DC for March 20-24, 2025 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Personnel Report

Dr. Semmel presented the following certified resignation:

Samela, Steven; district physical education/health teacher since September 2023, resigning effective December 20, 2024.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Bandecchi) to accept the above resignation as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Semmel presented the following non-certified resignation/retirement:

Perkowski, Joann; Human Resources Support Specialist at the Long Hill Administration Building since July 2006, retiring effective March 7, 2025

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Norcel) to accept the above non-certified resignation/retirement as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Curriculum Committee Report – Mrs. Petitti

Curriculum Guides:

- Grade 12 Poetry
- Grade 9 ACP Algebra I
- Grade 9 CP Algebra

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

F. Financial Committee Report

The Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on November 21, 2024 which included the review of the October 31, 2024 financial report.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Nuland) to approve the financial reports as of October 31, 2024 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 7:34 p.m.