

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Long Hill Administration Building
Budget Meeting – January 9, 2025

The Trumbull Board of Education met for a Budget Meeting at the Long Hill Administration Building.

Members present:

L. Timpanelli – Chairman
J. Norcel – Vice Chair
L. Nuland - Secretary
C. Bandecchi
J. McNamee
M. Petitti
A. Squicciarro

Members absent:

T. Gallo

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 a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – There was no correspondence this evening.
- C. Public Comment - There were no Public Comment sign ups this evening.
- D. Superintendent Report – There was no report this evening.
- E. Board Chairman Report – There was no report this evening.
- F. Teacher Board Representative Report- John Congdon reported the entire TEA wishes everyone a Happy New Year; teachers are looking forward to a favorable budget for the upcoming school year. Staff are currently participating in Mid-Year Goal Meetings as part of the new Teacher Evaluation Plan. Our membership continues to do an amazing job with their student teachers and as mentors to non-tenured teachers.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Personnel

Dr. Semmel presented the following certified resignations/retirements:

- Eide, Christopher; technology integration specialist at Trumbull High School since March 2022, resigning effective January 17, 2025.
- Fryz, Olya; music teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School since August 1999, retiring June 30, 2025.

- Mann, Madeline; special education teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School since August 2023, resigning effective January 17, 2025.
- Richard, Todd; physical education teacher at Tashua Elementary School since August 2007, resigning effective December 11, 2024.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Petitti) to accept the above certified resignations/retirements as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. 2025-2026 Budget Presentation & Discussion (Continuation)

Part VII - Elementary Schools – Mrs. Jennifer Neumeyer

Mrs. Neumeyer presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$11,188 decrease (-2.45%) over the 2024-2025 budget. The decrease includes texts and workbooks, classroom supplies and library books and supplies.

Part VIII – Middle Schools – Mr. Bryan Rickert, Mr. Peter Sullivan

Mr. Rickert and Mr. Sullivan presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$575 increase (0.23%) over the 2024-2025 budget. The increase includes classroom supplies, library books and activities-advisors.

Part IX – Facilities Department – Mr. Kevin Dion

Mr. Dion presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$13,862 decrease (-0.40%) over the 2024-2025 budget. The decrease includes custodial and maintenance overtime, custodial supplies and gas/diesel.

Part X – Transportation – Mrs. Deena Robushi

Mrs. Robushi and Director of Operations Mr. Kevin Dion presented the proposed budget that reflects a \$723,294 increase (9.4%) over the 2024-2025 budget. The increase includes regular routes, summer bus runs, fuel, SpEd-in district, SpEd- out of district and monitors.

Part XI – PPS Department and TECEC – Mr. Dean Catalano, Dr. Matthew Wheeler

Mr. Catalano discussed the rationale behind this year’s budget request for PPS. For the 2025-2026 school year, TPS will have approximately 1,070 students with disabilities enrolled. To focus on program improvement and statutory compliance, Mr. Catalano presented the staffing requests for 2025-2026 as follows:

Administrative Position

1.0 FTE Director of School Counseling – in lieu of 1.0 FTE School Counselor Department Chair. This position will be responsible for all current Department Chair responsibilities at THS and oversee the 6 school counselors at the middle schools.

Certified Staff Position

1.0 additional position (1.0 FTE)

Mr. Catalano presented the proposed budget for PPS that reflects a \$313,166 increase (6.63%) over the 2024-2025 budget. The increase includes outplaced tuition, health/nursing services, consultants, testing materials and excess cost reimbursement (ECR).

Dr. Wheeler presented the proposed budget for TECEC that reflects a \$600 decrease (-1.54%) over the 2024-2025 budget. The decrease includes professional development and other purchased services.

Closing Thoughts- Dr. Semmel

To conclude this evening's meeting, Dr. Semmel stated the essentials of the budget proposal and our goal to continue the tradition of excellence. He also provided the negative impact if the budget is not fully funded.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:00 p.m.