

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Long Hill Administration Building
Regular Meeting – February 18, 2025

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
J. McNamee (online)
M. Petitti (online)
A. Squicciarro

Members absent:

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 a salute to the Flag.

Mrs. Timpanelli called for a Moment of Silence in memory of the passing of Middlebrook Security Officer and former Trumbull Police Captain Keith Golding.

B. Recognitions – VFW Teachers of the Year: Trumbull High School - Daniel Geraghty and Madison Middle School – Tracey Cranston

- Trumbull High School teacher, Mr. Daniel Geraghty, has been selected as VFW Post 10059 High School Teacher of the Year 2024-2025.
- Madison Middle School teacher Tracey Cranston has been chosen as the Trumbull VFW Post 10059 Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2024-2025.

Representatives from VFW 10059 reported that both of these teachers have also been selected as VFW District Teachers of the Year and now move on to compete for VFW State Teachers of the Year.

The administration and Board of Education commended and congratulated Daniel Geraghty and Tracey Cranston for this outstanding achievement.

C. Correspondence – Mrs. Nuland reported there was no correspondence since the last meeting.

D. Public Comment

There were no Public Comment sign-ups for this meeting.

- E. Superintendent Report
Dr. Semmel reported that due to the recent inclement weather, he extends his sincere thanks to Trumbull Public Works Department, the Trumbull Police Department and TPS Supervisor of Maintenance & Custodial Services Mr. John Morello for providing outstanding efforts and communication in preparing the schools, parking lots and roads for opening. The budget will be presented to the Board of Finance on March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. In addition, the BOF will hold two hearings on March 13th and March 22nd and these will be included in his February newsletter. With regard to ECR funds, he is hoping that Connecticut legislators will vote in favor of funding special education for the 2024-2025 budget, which is still frozen. He has been in contact with Senator Gadkar-Wilcox who is supportive of this.
- F. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Timpanelli shared that the THS French students are currently on the way back from their trip to Quebec reporting having enjoyed many venues and activities to enrich their French language study including visiting a French-speaking high school.
- G. Teacher Board Representative Report
Teacher Board Representative Mr. John Congdon shared that the staff has enjoyed the long weekend for Presidents’ Day, support funding the proposed budget, and look forward to the March 17th Professional Development Day. Also, teachers have applied for PTA mini-grants to help fund learning activities. In addition, all mid-year goals have been completed and they look forward to the Spring conferences in March.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes

The minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of February 4, 2025 were presented for Board approval.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Bandecci) to approve the minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of February 4, 2025 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Personnel

Dr. Semmel presented the following certified appointment.

Sullivan, Kali; BA/15 special education teacher at Booth Hill Elementary School effective February 10, 2025

This was received and filed by the Board.

C. Approval/Trumbull High School Graduation Date

Dr. Semmel presented the Trumbull High School Graduation date for the Class of 2025 as Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

It was moved (Nuland) and seconded (Norcel) to approve Tuesday, June 10, 2025 as the THS Graduation date for the Class of 2025. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Curriculum Committee Update

Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education met on February 5, 2025 and reviewed curriculum guide revisions and new course requests.

Dr. Iwanicki presented the following:

- Curriculum Guide Revision: *African American Literature*
- Curriculum Guide Revision: *Grade 10 English: ACP, Honors*
- Curriculum Guide Revision: *CP Algebra II*
- Curriculum Guide Revision: *ACP Algebra II*

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the curriculum guide revisions, new course requests, new pilot as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 7:26 p.m.