

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Long Hill Administration Building
Regular Meeting – July 8, 2025
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
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.
- B. Introduction of Business Manager - The Superintendent introduced the new Business Manager, Ms. Alison Pierce, who brings with her two decades of experience in public school finance. She has previously held the same role and we are confident in her ability to effectively manage the Trumbull Public School District.

Also, introduced at this evening’s meeting: the new TEA BOE Representative - Nedda Carrano and our two new Student BOE Representatives: Danielle Lyon and Naomi Mickens.

- C. Correspondence – Mrs. Nuland reported: Maryelena Palmer wrote about her concerns regarding personnel. Bree Ann Prezioso writes that she continues to have concerns regarding special education. Sandra Kucznski has concerns over substitute shortages. Kate Magness shared her appreciation of Mr. Steve, the driver of Booth Hill bus #6. Kim Petrafesa, Venessa Pall, John Petrafesa, Lena Palmer, Jennifer Claydon, Devin Ruggiero and Diane Norlander are advocating for another 2nd grade section at DFS.

D. Public Comment

There were no Public Comment sign-ups for tonight’s meeting.

E. Superintendent Report- Dr. Semmel

Our hiring process is on track and yielding strong candidates, and we are confident that we are in a strong position as we head into the new school year. The Superintendent also sends his regards and wishes the Trumbull community a safe and enjoyable summer.

- F. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Timpanelli wished the Trumbull community a happy and healthy summer.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/Trumbull Administrative Support Staff (TASS) Bargaining Unit Contract
The Trumbull Administrative Support Staff (TASS) Bargaining Unit Contract from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, was presented for full Board approval.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Nuland) to approve the Trumbull Administrative Support Staff (TASS) Bargaining Unit Contract for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- B. The minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of June 3, 2025, were presented for Board approval.

It was moved (Norcel) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve the minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of June 3, 2025 as presented. Abstain- Squicciarro. In favor- Timpanelli Norcel, Nuland, Bandecchi, McNamee, Petitti. Motion passes.

- C. Personnel

Dr. Semmel presented one certified resignation:

Moore, Bridget; social worker at Trumbull High School since August 2021, resigning effective June 30, 2025.

Dr. Semmel presented one non-certified retirement:

Butler, Lauren. Calendar year secretary to the Superintendent at the Long Hill Administration Building since October 2000, retiring effective July 31, 2025.

A motion was made (Norcel) and seconded (Squicciarro) to accept the resignations/retirements as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- D. Enrollment

Dr. Semmel presented updated data related to student enrollment in planning for the 2025-2026 school year. He will continue to monitor enrollment during the summer months and update the BOE.

- E. Approval/1:1 Insurance Fees

Mrs. Christina Hefele presented the proposed 1:1 insurance fee for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Grades 5-8 1:1 Program - \$25

THS Device Loaner Program - \$45

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Norcel) to approve the 1:1 insurance fees for 2025-2026 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. School Climate Update

Mr. Catalano, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, presented district level school climate survey results and discussed how the results will begin to inform the district's next steps with regard to school climate initiatives.

G. Approve/Interschool Food Services Agreement - Mr. Molyneux

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Norcel) to table the approval of the interschool food services agreement with Aspire until the August BOE meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor

H. Financial Committee Update

Mrs. Norcel reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on June 26, 2025. Ms. Pierce presented the financial reports through May 31, 2025 for full Board approval.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the financial report as of May 31, 2025 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:18 p.m.