

**TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT**  
Long Hill Administration Building  
Regular Meeting – December 9, 2025  
**Minutes**

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

Members present:

L. Timpanelli - Chairman  
M. Petitti - Vice Chair  
L. Nuland - Secretary  
C. Bandecchi  
S. Hepburn-James  
T. McGee  
J. McNamee  
A. Squicciarro- online

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. Election of Board of Education Officers

It was moved (Nuland) and seconded (Petitti) to nominate Lucinda Timpanelli as the Chairman of the Board of Education. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (Nuland) to nominate Marie Petitti as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Education. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (McNamee) to nominate Lisa Nuland as the Secretary of the Board of Education. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- C. Correspondence – There has been no correspondence since the last meeting.
- D. Public Comment - There was no public comment this evening.
- E. Superintendent Report - Dr. Semmel extends his congratulations to the newly elected BOE members. He recently attended the Town Council meeting, where discussions focused on the Board-supported teacher contract and the five-year capital plan. Work continues on the 2026–2027 budget, with notable concerns including the projected 13–15% increase in the state partnership health plan and rising utility costs. The BOE will hold budget sessions on January 6 and January 8, 2026, with a final vote expected on February 10, 2026. As this is our final meeting before winter break, the Superintendent wishes all of Trumbull a safe and joyful holiday season.

- F. Board Chairman Report - Mrs. Timpanelli welcomed the Board’s newest members, Stacey Hepburn-James and Tammy McGee, and looks forward to working with them. She and Dr. Semmel attended the CIAC meeting, where discussions focused on issues aimed at supporting and benefiting our students. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Timpanelli extends warm wishes to all for a restful and peaceful holiday season.
- G. Student Board Representatives Report - Danielle Lyon and Naomi Mickens reported: TECEC-pajama party, Dress like a Movie Star Day, clothing drive. Frenchtown-report cards, winter concert, Giving Tree. Middlebrook-Thanksgiving Parade, Paws by Peers. Jane Ryan- author visit, holiday boutique, winter concert, fathers club movie night. Daniels Farm- dolphins for turkey day fundraising, parents night out. Tashua-grade 5 chorus, holiday helpers. Booth Hill-bookworms ELA program, pen pal partnership. Madison-basketball teams; winter music concerts, grade level assemblies. Hillcrest-skate night, podcasting club, Choraleers, afterschool activities. Trumbull High- Model Congress trip, Veterans Day assembly, Powderpuff football game, Agriscience holiday shop and plant sale, college and career center opportunities, Agriscience newest addition “Archer” baby alpaca.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Field Trips

1. THS Winter Percussion to WGI Corning - Corning Painted Post High School, February 14, 2026 to February 15, 2026. - Mr. Josh Murphy

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Nuland) to approve the THS Winter Percussion trip to WGI Corning from February 14 to February 15, 2026 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

2. THS Winter Percussion to WGI Finals – Dayton, OH, April 15, 2026 to April 19, 2026 - Mr. Josh Murphy

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Nuland) to approve the THS Winter Percussion trip to WGI Finals in Dayton, OH from April 15 to April 19, 2026 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. The following minutes of the BOE are presented for approval:

- BOE Executive Session – November 11, 2025

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the minutes of the BOE Executive Session of November 11, 2025 as presented. Abstain-Bandecchi. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- Regular Meeting of November 11, 2025

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Nuland) to approve the minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of November 11, 2025 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Approval/Donation to Jane Ryan Elementary School, Be Kind Mural

Mr. Horan presented the donation from the Jane Ryan School PTA which raised funds in the amount of \$4,000 for the Kind Works Inc. “Be Kind Mural Project.”

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the donation of \$4,000 for the Be Kind Mural at Jane Ryan Elementary as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

D. Personnel

Dr. Semmel presented the following certified appointment:

Scott, Natalie; MA/21 special education teacher at Frenchtown Elementary School effective December 18, 2025.

Dr. Semmel presented the following certified resignation/retirement:

Smith, Karen; grade 5 teacher at Tashua Elementary School since August 1997, retiring effective June 30, 2026.

A motion was made (Nuland) and seconded (McNamee) to accept the above certified appointment/ resignation/retirement as presented. Vote Unanimous in favor.

Dr. Semmel presented a request for Leave of Absence.

O'Hara, Nicole; Kindergarten teacher at Daniels Farm Elementary School since August 2021, is requesting a personal leave of absence without pay from January 5, 2026 through the end of the 2025-26 school year. This request complies with the Trumbull Board of Education Leave of Absence Policy 4150.

A motion was made (McNamee) and seconded (Petitti) to approve the request for Leave of Absence for Nicole O'Hara from January 5, 2026 through the end of the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Vote Unanimous in favor.

E. Finance Committee Report

Approval/October 31, 2025 Financials – Mrs. Pierce

The Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on November 20, 2025, which included the review of the October 31, 2025 financial reports.

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

Adjournment

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