

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Long Hill Administration Building
Special Meeting – March 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

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

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business

- A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.
- B. Correspondence – Mrs. Nuland read the following correspondence: 50 Trumbull residents wrote to express their strong support for fully funding the education budget. All say schools and education should take priority in Trumbull.
- C. Public Comment- there was no public comment sign-ups for this evening.
- D. Superintendent Report - Dr. Semmel
We recognize and celebrate Board Appreciation Month and extend our sincere thanks to our Board members for their continued dedication and service. We are also pleased to share some positive news regarding our budget. The State of Connecticut has informed us that, rather than a projected 15% health insurance increase, we are expected to receive a 12.5% increase. We encourage the community to attend two important upcoming budget meetings: Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. at Madison Middle School, and Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Chambers. At these meetings, the Board of Finance will review the budget line items and determine whether the current town approved 4% allocation is sufficient to support next year's budget. We encourage all Trumbull residents to attend.
- E. Board Chairman's Report – Mrs. Timpanelli commended the achievements of our winter sports teams and applauded the Madison Middle School cast and crew for their successful production of *The Little Mermaid*. She also encouraged members of the Trumbull community to make their voices heard by attending the upcoming budget hearings.
- F. Teacher Board Representative Report - Nedda Carrano reported that great work is happening in classrooms across our district from Pre-K to the ELITE program. Adequate funding is

necessary to maintain and build upon our current successes. A 3-tiered bus system is being considered and TEA expressed the need to review the impact on the school community. While spring conferences have concluded, teachers look forward to continuing our partnerships with families to support students' growth and success.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

- A. Approval/THS Choirs “All-State Mixed Chorus” Trip to Hartford, CT – Mr. Christopher Wasko
Advisor Mr. Christopher Wasko presented the Trumbull High School Choirs “All State Mixed Chorus”, March 26, 2026 to 3/28/26 at the Connecticut Convention Center, in Hartford, CT. The THS Choirs are singing in the All-State Mixed Chorus, which is the highest state level of ensemble music making. Funding for this trip is provided through parents.

It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve the THS “All-State Mixed Chorus” overnight trip to Hartford, CT from March 26 to March 28, 2026 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- B. Approval Car Donation- Mr. Bracksieck-Tech Ed Teacher, Mr. Manuel- THS Principal
It was moved (McNamee) and seconded (Squicciarro) to approve a car donation 2010 Lexus to the THS Auto Technology Program. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- C. Approval/Minutes

- Regular Meeting of February 10, 2026

It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve the February 10, 2026 BOE Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- D. Personnel

Dr. Semmel reported one certified appointment:

Mustakas, Christopher; special education teacher at Jane Ryan Elementary School effective March 2, 2026.

The Board unanimously received/filed the above certified appointment.

- E. TPAUD, Trumbull’s Prevention Partnership Student Survey Results- Ms. McGarry
TPAUD is a community coalition whose mission is to engage youth, parents and community partners to prevent alcohol and drug use, foster emotional health and create a safe environment. TPAUD works toward these goals through education, outreach and enforcement. The success of these efforts is measured through student and parent surveys. Ms. McGarry presented the results of the TPAUD 2025 Student Surveys and responded to the Board’s questions.

- F. Curriculum Committee Report

Mrs. Petitti reported that the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Education met on Thursday, February 12, 2026 and reviewed curriculum guides and a new course.

Curriculum – Dr. Iwanicki presented the following:

- Curriculum Guide Update - *Robotic I, Grades 10-12*
- Curriculum Guide - *Digital Media 2, Grades 10-12*
- Curriculum Guide Update - *Culinary 1, Grades 9-12*
- Curriculum Guide New Course - *UConn Early College Experience Honors If You Love It, Teach It, Grades 11-12*

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (McGee) to approve the above curriculum guide *Robotic I, Grades 10-12* as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve the above curriculum guide *Digital Media 2, Grades 10-12* as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (McGee) to approve the above curriculum guide *Culinary 1, Grades 9-12* as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (Bandecchi) to approve the above curriculum guide new course *UConn Early College Experience Honors If You Love It, Teach It, Grades 11-12* as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

G. Policy Committee Report

Mrs. Squicciarro reported that the Policy Committee of the Board of Education met on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 and reviewed the following policies for first reading:

Policy – First Readings – Dr. Iwanicki

- Policy 5112.1 Kindergarten Enrollment and Early Entry Waiver (2026-2027)
- Policy 6166.1 Selection of Instructional Material: Revisions Needed
- Policy 1312.5 & 6161.14 Library Display and Program Policy
- Policy 1312.4 and 6161.13 – Library Policy Library Collection Development and Maintenance Policy: *A New Policy*

The Board agreed to bring these policies back to a future meeting for second reading.

H. Finance Committee Report – Ms. McNamee

Ms. McNamee reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on March 17, 2026 and reviewed the following:

1. Approvals/Financials as of January 31, 2026 – Mrs. Pierce

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (McGee) to approve the financial reports as of January 31, 2026 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

2. Approval/Budget Transfers – Mrs. Pierce

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (McGee) to approve the budget transfers associated with the annual Food Service Allocation and CSDE Agreement as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 7:15 p.m.