

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Long Hill Administration Building
Regular Meeting – June 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m. / *6:00 Executive Session
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
S. Hepburn-James
J. McNamee
A. Squicciarro

Members absent:

C. Bandecchi
T. McGee

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

BOE Members present:

Lucinda Timpanelli
Marie Petitti
Lisa Nuland
Stacey Hepburn-James
Julia McNamee
Alison Squicciarro

BOE Members absent:

Chris Bandecchi
Tammy McGee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. At this time, it was moved (Squicciarro) seconded (McNamee) to discuss the Superintendent's increase and increases of non-affiliates. The Superintendent and Attorney Floyd Dugas and Mr. Chella were invited to be a part of the discussion. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Executive Session began at 6:06 p.m. It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (McNamee) to come out of Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

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. Recognition - CHSCA Basketball Coach of the Year – Buddy Bray

Trumbull High's Boys Basketball Coach, Buddy Bray, was awarded the Connecticut High School Coaches' Association Coach of the Year award at this year's Boys Basketball All State Banquet.

The Board and Administration commended and congratulated Mr. Buddy Bray on his outstanding achievement.

C. Recognition – Board of Education Student Representatives – Danielle Lyon, Naomi Mickens

Trumbull High School seniors Danielle Lyon and Naomi Mickens are commended for their contributions to the Board of Education and the community as Board of Education student representatives throughout the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board and Administration commended and thanked Danielle Lyon and Naomi Mickens for their contribution to the Board of Education and wished them well.

- D. Recognition - Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Leadership Awards
The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Awards program was developed to give local Boards of Education the opportunity to recognize student achievement and potential. The following students have received this award:

- ❖ Danielle Lyon – Trumbull High School
- ❖ Naomi Mickens – Trumbull High School
- ❖ Vera Nguyen - Hillcrest Middle School
- ❖ Andrew Sulzycki - Hillcrest Middle School
- ❖ Mia Lorant - Madison Middle School
- ❖ Uzair Shaik - Madison Middle School

The Board and Administration commended these students for their achievement and presented them with a certificate.

- E. Recognition – THS National Merit Scholarship Winner – Mitchell Haynes
Trumbull High School Senior, Mitchell Haynes, has been named a winner of one of the scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship program.

The Board and Administration commended and congratulated Mitchell Haynes on his outstanding achievement.

- F. Recognition - We the People Team – Ms. Katie Boland
On January 24, 2026, Trumbull High School's We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution team claimed its 30th State Championship at the Old State House in Hartford, the program's 14th title under the direction of coach Katie Boland. The team subsequently traveled to Washington, D.C., for the National Finals, held April 16 - 20, where they advanced to the elite Top Ten round and finished 8th in the nation, a distinction earned by only a handful of teams in the entire country. It is the kind of result that speaks to the students' dedication, their intellectual depth, and their genuine passion for the Constitution and what it means.

In addition to this team recognition, coach Katie Boland received the 2026 Street Law Classroom Champion Award on May 6th in Washington, D.C., a national honor recognizing outstanding educators who make law and civic engagement meaningful and accessible for students.

The Board and Administration commended and congratulated the We the People Team and Ms. Katie Boland on their outstanding achievements and presented them with certificates.

- G. Recognition – Retirements
The Administration and Board of Education honored this year's retirees and presented them with a gift for their service.

Booth Hill Elementary School	Rhonda Anderson
Booth Hill Elementary School	Robin Redgate
Frenchtown Elementary School	Anna Marie Caiola
Frenchtown Elementary School	Olga Caruso
Frenchtown Elementary School	Anne McMenamery
Hillcrest Middle School	Ann Marie Casey
Hillcrest Middle School	Zbigniew Jusiak
Hillcrest Middle School	Adam Watsky
Jane Ryan Elementary School	Cheryl Ragonese
Jane Ryan Elementary School	Anthony Roma
Jane Ryan Elementary School	Mark Smith
Long Hill - Curriculum	Cathy Bostley
Long Hill - Superintendent's Office	Lauren Butler
Long Hill - Maintenance	Albert Dancho
Madison Middle School	Laura Cadavid
Madison Middle School	Maura Curtis
Madison Middle School	Anna Lage
Madison Middle School	David Parise
Middlebrook Elementary School	Deirdre Cerulli
Middlebrook Elementary School	Debbie Golfis
Middlebrook Elementary School	Freda Katsetos-Stanton
Middlebrook Elementary School	Kimberly Moore
Middlebrook Elementary School	Silvia Toth
Tashua Elementary School	Ann Eisdorfer
Tashua Elementary School	Elaine Farr
Tashua Elementary School	Karen Smith
TECEC	Christine Austin
TECEC	Ellen Miller
TECEC	Sandra Schneider
Trumbull High School	Doreen Shevlin
Trumbull High School	Alice Skelton
Trumbull High School	Michael Margonis

- H. Correspondence – Mrs. Nuland read the following correspondence: Nahema Fashola and Mehreen Seyal wrote of their concern with a school testing date. Lynn Brown notified us that she and Carolyn Collins will be recognized with a Humanitarian Award for Leadership in Recent Immigrant Educational and Community Relationships from the Connecticut Education Association at their Night of Distinction awards on June 18. Bree Ann Prezioso wanted to follow up on her records challenge. Jen Crawford & John Evans introduced themselves as the new TEA Co Presidents. John Njoroge, Sarah TeclaRonna Haynes, Heather DeLude, Katie Boland and Marylena Kourounis asked the Board to continue funding the We the People Team. Traci and Dave Galla thanked us for the 14 years of great experience with the TPS education system.
- I. Public Comment – There were no sign-ups for Public Comment at tonight's meeting.
- J. Superintendent Report - Dr. Semmel reported: Our Technology Committee will work to integrate technology into our curriculum in ways that are intentional and aligned with our educational goals. The committee is committed to ensuring that technology enhances teaching and learning, supports student engagement, and provides opportunities for critical thinking and problem-solving across all grade levels. The committee will focus on fostering a safe, supportive, and responsible digital learning environment

where students can develop the skills needed to navigate a technology-driven world. Through ongoing evaluation of emerging technologies and a focus on digital citizenship, the committee intends to empower all students to succeed. The Superintendent wishes everyone a wonderful conclusion to the school year and hopes that students, families, faculty, and staff enjoy a safe, relaxing, and memorable summer break.

- K. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Timpanelli reported: As the school year draws to a close, we wish our seniors good luck in their future pursuits. Graduation is Friday, June 12 at 4:45 p.m. Best wishes to Hillcrest Middle School teachers Lynn Brown and Carolyn Collins for receiving the Leadership in Recent Immigrant Educational and Community Relationships Award given by CEA. Mrs. Timpanelli and Dr. Semmel attended a security and safety presentation at Fairfield University that provided valuable information on the issues surrounding social media and its impact on our children. The Board wishes everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful summer.
- L. Teacher Board Representative Report - John Congdon reported: Teacher Appreciation Week was a success at all our schools, and teachers are looking forward to a restful summer break. The TEA would like to congratulate all the retirees and members that are moving on to other opportunities next year. The CEA Board of Directors voted to present Hillcrest Middle School teachers Lynn Brown and Carolyn Collins CEA Humanitarian Awards for Leadership in Recent Immigrant Educational and Community Relationships. They will receive their awards at CEA's Night of Distinction in Hartford on June 18. We would like to thank our BOE student reps, Danielle Lyon and Naomi Mickens for a year of informative reporting. We wish all of our students success as they move up a grade, to a new school, or on to college and careers.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Minutes

- BOE Regular Meeting of May 19, 2026

It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (Hepburn-James) to approve the minutes of the BOE Regular Meeting of May 19, 2026, as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Personnel

Dr. Semmel reported a certified resignation:

Katsetos-Stanton, Freda; grade 1 teacher at Middlebrook Elementary School since August 2003, retiring effective June 30, 2026

It was moved (McNamee) and seconded (Squicciarro) to accept the certified resignation as presented. Vote Unanimous in favor.

- C. Approval/Superintendent & Non-Affiliates' Increases – Dr. Semmel, Berchem Moses PC, Mr. Chella Atty. Floyd Dugas and Mr. Chella presented the following recommended increases with the corresponding bargaining unit (**in red**):

Non-Central Office

a. OT/PT (Therapists) (**teachers**)

Grant these positions an increase of 2.75% (five of these seven positions an increase from \$77.43 to \$79.56 per hour; one position an increase from \$78.70 to \$80.86 per hour; and one position an increase from \$64.22 to \$65.99 per hour).

b. Behavior Analyst (**teachers**)

Grant these positions an increase of 2.75%; (two of these four positions an increase from \$72.14 to \$74.12 per hour; and two from \$71.07 to \$73.02 per hour).

- c. Cafeteria Aides (**paras**)
Grant these positions an increase of 1.50% from \$16.94 per hour to \$17.19 per hour.
- d. Parking Lot Attendant (**paras**)
Grant this position an increase of 1.50% from \$20.34 per hour to \$20.65 per hour.
- e. Trumbull Public Schools Webmaster (**teachers**)
Grant this position an increase of 2.75% from \$8,926.85 to \$9,172.34.

It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (Hepburn) to approve the above increases for Non-Central Office positions as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Central Office

- a. Payroll & Insurance Manager (**UE Supervisors**)
Grant this position an increase of 2.75% from \$100,150.64 to \$102,904.78 per year.
- b. Grant the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent (**TASS**) an increase of 2.75% from \$42.81 to \$43.99 per hour.
- c. Secretary to the Superintendent (**TASS**) an increase of 2.75% from \$38.00 to \$39.05 per hour.
- d. Superintendent of Schools – Grant this position an increase (to be determined from Executive Session).
- e. Assistant Superintendent – Grant this position an increase (to be determined from Executive Session).
- f. Business Administrator – Grant this position an increase (to be determined from Executive Session).
- g. Director of Human Capital & Talent Development – Grant this position an increase (to be determined from Executive Session).
- h. Director of PPS – Grant this position an increase (to be determined from Executive Session).
- i. Director of Operations – Grant this position an increase (to be determined from Executive Session).

It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (Hepburn-James) to approve the above increases for Central Office positions as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- D. Facilities Update – Mrs. Nuland, Mr. Dion
Mrs. Nuland provided an update on the facilities projects that will be taking place at our schools throughout the summer months. The planned work will focus on updating and enhancing school facilities, addressing maintenance needs, and ensuring that buildings and grounds are well-prepared to support student learning when schools reopen in the fall.
- E. Curriculum Committee Update – Mrs. Petitti
Curriculum - Dr. Iwanicki

Social Studies Curriculum Guide Updates

1. US AP/UConn Government and Constitutional Studies/We the People, Gr.12
2. US Government and Politics AP/UConn Gr. 11-12

World Language Curriculum Guide Updates

1. Latin II ACP, Gr. 10-12
2. Latin III ACP, Gr. 11-12

3. Italian IV ACP, Gr. 12

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the Social Studies and World Language Curriculum Guide Updates as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

F. Policy Committee Update – Mrs. Squicciarro

Policies – Second Reading – Dr. Iwanicki

- a. Policy 1180: Memorials for Deceased Students or Staff: A New Policy
- b. Policy 5125: Confidentiality and Maintenance of Student Records: Revisions Needed

It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (Hepburn-James) to approve Policy 1180: Memorials for Deceased Students or Staff and Policy 5125: Confidentiality and Maintenance of Student Records Revised as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

G. Finance Committee Update – Ms. McNamee, Ms. Pierce

Ms. McNamee reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on June 2, 2026, which included the review of the April 30 financial reports.

It was moved (McNamee) and seconded (Squicciarro) to approve the April 30 financials as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:20 p.m.