

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Long Hill Administration Building
Regular Meeting – August 11, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
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 - online
A. Squicciarro

Members absent:

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. Correspondence – There was no correspondence at tonight’s meeting.
- C. Public Comment - There were no public comment sign-ups for this evening.
- D. Superintendent Report - Dr. Semmel

We are officially counting down to the 2026–2027 school year! In just 13 days, our teachers return for professional development, and in 16 days, we welcome our entire TPS student body back to school. Our Facilities Department has been hard at work all summer; key upgrades include paving at Daniels Farm, phase one of the THS front parking lot project, and the installation of split A/C units at several elementary schools. We are also happy to report that we are nearly fully staffed, with only two remaining certified teaching positions expected to be filled by opening day.

- E. Board Chairman Report – Mrs. Timpanelli happily announced the hiring of a new School Resource Officer (SRO) at Hillcrest Middle School. The annual Golf Classic will take place on Monday, August 17, at Tashua Knolls Golf Course. Thank you to the 108 participants that will support our student sports programs and organizations. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Timpanelli extended a warm welcome to families for the upcoming school year, reaffirming the Board's focus on student achievement and success.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Minutes

Dr. Semmel presented the BOE Regular Meeting of July 7, 2026 minutes for approval.

It was moved (Squicciarro) and seconded (McGee) to approve the BOE Regular Meeting minutes of July 7, 2026 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Personnel

Dr. Semmel reported the following certified resignations/retirement:

- Braunagel, Michelle; health teacher at Trumbull High School since August 2025, resigning effective July 14, 2026.
- Doherty, Elizabeth; district science program leader since August 2000, retiring effective November 1, 2026.
- Fallon, Kiersten; special education teacher at Madison Middle School since August 2018; resigning effective July 24, 2026.
- Hart, Sarah; reading/language arts teacher (.6) at Hillcrest Middle School since August 2025, resigning effective August 4, 2026.

It was moved (Nuland) and seconded (Squicciarro) to accept the certified resignations/retirement as presented. Vote Unanimous in favor.

C. Enrollment

Dr. Semmel presented updated data related to student enrollment in planning for the 2026-2027 school year. At this time, Dr. Semmel recommended no changes to the current staffing projections. He will continue to monitor enrollment during the month of August and update the BOE.

D. Approval/2026-2027 Head Start Food Service Agreement – Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Molyneux

Mrs. Pierce presented the annual agreement between the Trumbull/Monroe Head Start program and the Trumbull Board of Education Food Service Department, who will furnish meals to that joint program. Board of Education approval is needed for compliance with Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

It was moved (Bandeccchi) and seconded (McGee) to approve the 2026-2027 Head Start Food Service Agreement as presented. Vote Unanimous in favor.

D. 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan (DIP) – Dr. Semmel

Dr. Semmel presented the 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan (DIP). The DIP organizes the district's work into three goals and 22 initiatives; the goals are: Well-Being and Safety, Teaching and Learning, and Operational Excellence. Each initiative names the administrators responsible, the actions planned by quarter and the data that the district will report.

It was moved (Nuland) and seconded (Hepburn) to approve the 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan (DIP) as presented. Vote Unanimous in favor.

E. Finance Committee Update – Ms. McNamee

Ms. McNamee reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on August 11, 2026 which included the review of the June 2026 Interfund and Due to/Due from transfers.

Mrs. Pierce reviewed the interfund transfers in detail.

It was moved (Bandecchi) and seconded (Hepburn) to approve the June 2026 interfund and Due to/Due from transfers as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Adjournment

Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 8:06 p.m.