TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Long Hill Administration Building
Regular Meeting – October 27, 2026, 7:00 p.m. / *Executive Session 6:15 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 - online
S. Hepburn-James
T. McGee
J. McNamee
A. Squiccimarro

Members absent:

Agenda Item I—Call to Order
The meeting was called to order.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BOE Members present:
Lucinda Timpanelli
Marie Petitti
Lisa Nuland
Stacey Hepburn-James
Julia McNamee
Christopher Bandecchi – via phone
Tammy McGee

Alison Squiccimarro - absent

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 p.m. At this time, it was moved (Nuland) seconded (McNamee) to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Trumbull Administrators Association (TAA) contract. The Superintendent, H.R. Director Joseph Chella and Attorney Floyd Dugas were invited to be part of the discussion. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The Executive Session began at 6:22 p.m.

It was moved (Nuland) and seconded (Hepburn-James) to come out of Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item II—Preliminary Business
The public meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Salute to the Flag - The Public Session began with a salute to the Flag.

B. First Selectman's Golf Classic Presentation
First Selectman Vicki Tesoro presented the proceeds from the First Selectman's Golf Classic which will benefit the several student organizations listed below.
- Academic Challenge for Excellence (ACE) Foundation
- Trumbull High School Golden Eagle Marching Band
- PowerPlay Club—Hockey
- Laxmen's Club—Lacrosse
- Touchdown Club—Football
- Diamond Club—Baseball and Softball
- Tipoff Club-Basketball

The Board of Education and Administration expressed their gratitude.

C. Correspondence – Mrs. Nuland read the following correspondence: Leyla Fayyaz wanted to share her priorities for next year's budget, and Bree Ann Prezioso shared details regarding a new autism and disability-focused safety initiative in the community.

D. Public Comment – there were no public comment sign-ups for this evening.

E. Superintendent Report- Dr. Semmel
The Superintendent extends sincere gratitude to the Daniels Farm PTA for their dedication and generous donation of the new playscape, while wishing the entire Trumbull community a safe and Happy Halloween.

F. Board Chairman Report –
Mrs. Timpanelli reported that we are looking forward to the NEASC report and are incredibly proud of the positive reviews of our THS community.

G. Student Board Representatives Maura Brunt and Hifza Shaik reported: **TECEC** bucket filling, kickoff assembly, workshop for kindness, positivity, and encouragement and Halloween Trunk or Treat festivities. **Frenchtown -** Read Aloud Day-Shining a Light on the Unseen, Battle of the Books, **Middlebrook** picture day and conferences, book fair Cane Awareness, October 5th visit to Plasko's Creamery, Halloween spirit: Zombiebrook. **Jane Ryan** had an overall attendance record of 97% for this past week. Digital Citizenship Week in the library to teach students about the importance of thoughtful choices when utilizing the internet. Pink Out Day for breast cancer awareness. **Daniels Farm -** mystery word of the week activity, after school enrichment for science, music, chess, coding. Trumbull High performance by the U.S. Marine Corps Band. **Tashua -** National Fire Prevention Month and National School Safety Week, CT Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge. **Booth Hill -** string and band programs, students have been learning about the layers of the Earth, wiffle ball game as a celebration for finishing the book A Strong Right Arm. The Day Cole Helped Too Much, pumpkin decorating contest. **Madison -** annual career night event for 8th grade students. TEENTOBER. Dia de los Muertos

crafts, Breast Cancer Awareness by hosting the Fun-A-Thon. **Hillcrest -** start with hello activities, French students performing skit, Career Night, Festival of Fright. **THS -** NEASC visit to THS for our Decennial Accreditation visit with NEASC especially praising our Vision of the Graduate implementation, football games, spirit week, sponsor a senior, and pep rally, 36th Annual Great Pumpkin Run Classic to help support the THS Scholarship fund, Office of the Dean's List Award and THS students inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor society.

Agenda Item III—Reports/Action Items

A. Approval/Trumbull Administrators' Association (TAA) Contract
Attorney Floyd Dugas presented the Trumbull Administrators Association (TAA) contract from July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2030 for full Board approval.

It was moved (Squiccimarro) and seconded (McGee) to approve the Trumbull Administrators Association (TAA) Contract from July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2030 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

B. Minutes- Dr. Semmel presented:
- BOE Regular Meeting of September 29, 2026 Minutes
- BOE Special Meeting/Executive Session of October 6, 2026 Minutes

It was moved (McGee) and seconded (Squiccimarro) to approve the BOE Regular Meeting minutes of September 29, 2026 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

It was moved (McGee) and seconded (Squiccimarro) to approve the BOE Special Meeting/Executive Session minutes of October 6, 2026 as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

C. Personnel
The following certified resignations/retirements were presented:
- Gunsolley, Petrina; math intervention teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 2005, retiring effective June 30, 2027
- Inzero, Lauren; special education teacher at Middlebrook Elementary School since August 2002, resigning effective October 30, 2026
- Jones, Kenneth; math teacher at Trumbull High School since August 2002, retiring effective June 30, 2027
- Marini, Sheila; grade 5 teacher at Middlebrook Elementary School since August 1996, retiring effective June 30, 2027
- Winschel, Jennifer; music teacher at Hillcrest Middle School since August 1998, retiring effective June 30, 2027

It was moved (Squiccimarro) and seconded (Hepburn-James) to accept the above certified resignations/retirements as presented. Vote Unanimous in favor.

D. Approval/Donation to Daniels Farm Elementary
Mr. Kunschaft and Mr. Dion presented the Daniels Farm Elementary PTA donation of $46,291 to purchase playground equipment from Creative Recreation (a State and Town of Trumbull approved installer) to install a ten-spin, 2 store-front interactive panels and a 4-bay swing set that incorporates a multi-user swing and an accessible swing with ADA approved mats.

It was moved (Nuland) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the donation of $46,291 from the Daniels Farm PTA to Daniels Farm Elementary for the purchase and installation of playground equipment as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

E. Approval/Field Trips – THS Model UN Club – Mr. LaBarca

- Boston, Massachusetts – February 5-7, 2027
  The THS Model UN Club field trip to Boston, MA to attend the Boston Model United Nations IIVI (BostonMUN) Conference, taking place from February 5, 2027 – February 7, 2027. BosMUN offers committee simulations on contemporary and historical issues with written preparation and multiple rounds of debate. Funding for this trip will be provided through parents, student fundraising, and grants from BEI and ACE.

It was moved (McGee) and seconded (Hepburn-James) to approve the THS Model UN Club to Boston Modeli United Nations IIVI Conference in Boston, Mass from February 5-7, 2027 as presented. Vote Unanimous in favor.

- New York, NY – March 17-20, 2027
  The THS Model UN Club field trip to New York City, N.Y. to attend the 53rd National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) conference, taking place from March 17, 2027 – March 20, 2027. Funding for this trip will be provided through parents, student fund raising, and grants from BEI and ACE.

It was moved (McGee) and seconded (Hepburn-James) to approve the THS Model UN Club to New York, NY to attend the 53rd National High School Model United Nations conference from March 17-20, 2027 as presented. Vote Unanimous in favor.

F. NEASC/High School Report- Mr. Manuel, Mr. Kovachi
THS Principal Todd Manuel presented the results of the recent Decennial NEASC accreditation visit, noting the extremely positive feedback received. The committee's findings commended the school's dedication to high-quality instruction and continuous academic improvement, demonstrating strong alignment with the core principles of the Vision of the Graduate. Principal Manuel also reviewed recent student data, highlighting participation and achievement metrics for Advanced Placement AP, SAT, and NGSS assessments, along with current graduation rates. Director of Counseling Alex Kovachi provided an overview of post-secondary trends for THS students and discussed expanding dual-enrollment opportunities that allow students to earn college credit.

G. Food Service/Innovation
Mr. Christopher Molyneux presented the Food Service Department innovations over the past year and ideas for the future to enhance the student dining experience. Trumbull is partnering with local farms to support our commitment to providing every student with nutritious meals, meaningful food experiences and innovative programs that connect classrooms, cafeterias, farms, and our community.

H. Adjustment 2027 Capital Plan – Mr. Dion
Director of Operations Mr. Kevin Dion presented the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan adjustment that requires Board of Education approval of the new annual totals and will correct the total amounts that were incorrectly listed and presented during the September 29, 2026 BOE meeting.

A motion was made (Nuland) and seconded (McGee) to approve the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan with the adjusted totals for capital year 2027 in the amount of $6,244,430. as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

A motion was made (Nuland) and seconded (McNamee) to approve the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan with the adjusted totals for capital year 2031 in the amount of $4,116,950. as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

I. Enrollment
Dr. Semmel presented the updated data for October 1, 2026 enrollment at TPS.

J. Approval/2027 Board of Education Meeting Dates
In accordance with Section 10-218 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the By-laws of the Trumbull Board of Education, the Board shall adopt a meeting schedule for the upcoming year. Dr. Semmel presented the proposed 2027 Board of Education Meeting dates for approval.

It was moved (Petitti) and seconded (McGee) to approve the 2027 Board of Education dates as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

K. Policy Committee Update
Mrs. Squiccimarro reported that the Policy Committee of the Board of Education met on October 13, 2026. Dr. Iwanicki presented the following policies for First Reading.

- Policy 6161.1 – Selection of Instructional Material – Revision
- Policy 4111/4211 – Recruitment and Selection
- Policy 4118.11/4218.11 - Nondiscrimination

These policies will be brought back for approval at a future Board meeting.

L. Finance Committee Update – Ms. McNamee
Ms. McNamee reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Education met on October 27, 2026.

Mrs. Pierce reviewed the following in detail.

- Financials as of August 31, 2026 - Mrs. Pierce

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

<u>Adjournment</u>
Board Members gave unanimous consent to adjourn the Public Session at 9:00 p.m.