

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Policy Committee Meeting

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1. Policy 9140

Teacher Representation on the
Board of Education

Current Status/Timeline of Policy 9140

- ❖ Feb/March- Board of Education Members have requested a review of the policy in relationship to best practice for school districts. TEA Leadership has expressed a desire to keep the position.
- ❖ March- Policy Committee recommends to BOE to rescind.
- ❖ April- Board of Ed reviewed and asked committee to consider revision. Board Members, TEA, Superintendents and Lawyers meet to answer questions and propose solutions.

Policy 9140 Statement - Recommended Changes

It shall be the policy of the Trumbull Board of Education to encourage participation of a teacher representative on the Board of Education. The purpose of this participation is two fold: a) to provide teachers with an opportunity to inform the Board of Education regarding current agenda items, achievements, celebrations, awards, and the accomplishments of students and teachers relating to programs, conferences, and professional learning, and b) to provide teacher perspective regarding agenda items when requested by the Board during meetings. ~~express their attitudes, opinions and ideas concerning the operation of the schools and to provide the Board of Education with the opportunity to listen to teacher opinion on matters which affect teachers.~~

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~~One (1) teacher representative shall be elected by teachers in the Trumbull School District for a one (1) year term.~~

1. The process for electing the teacher shall be determined by the Trumbull Education Association as approved by the Superintendent.
2. The period of service following appointment by the Board in June, shall be from July 1 to June 30 of the ensuing school year. A representative may be selected to succeed himself/herself.
3. Following appointment, the teacher representative shall attend an orientation session given by the Superintendent and two (2) Board members. This session shall be held if possible prior to the representative's first Board meeting.

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4. The representative is expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board and can be appointed to committees of the Board on approval of the Board.

~~The representative shall not attend executive sessions; however the representative may be invited to attend at the Board's desire.~~

5. The representative will provide a written draft of information and comments to be shared prior to the official posting of the BOE meeting. It will be submitted to the Superintendent's office in advance of any scheduled meetings, no later than five school days prior to the scheduled BOE meeting.
6. All information and topics included in the written report should first proceed through the chain of command and/or the specified grievance process prior to being shared in the public forum of Board of Education meetings. Failure to follow this procedure may result in loss of the position.

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7. The role of the representative is advisory to and not as a voting member of the Board.

8. The representatives shall stand for all teachers insofar as it is reasonably possible and shall not use his/her position as a forum, **neither personal or political**, to promote individual or non-representative opinions or projects.

9. The representative shall obtain input from **all teachers, not necessarily only from the teachers' union, nor solely its executive board.** ~~and report back to, the Trumbull Educational Association's Representative Council as a non-voting member and any other appropriate teacher organizations.~~

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- **Positions are for two years.**
- **No scheduled meetings for rest of this year, but will reach out as needed for any special meetings.**
- **Thank YOU for all of your time and presence.**
- **Calendar for next year and applications for any new members will be sent out.**



Thank you!

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We appreciate your participation in our meeting this evening.

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