

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT
Policy Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education Special Meeting

Via Audio Conferencing
Tuesday, August 10, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gallo at 5:35 p.m.

Members Present

T. Gallo, Chair of Policy, Vice-Chairman of BOE
M. Ward, BOE Member for M. Petitti
A. Squiccimarro, BOE Member
John Mastrianni, TEA representative
Paul Coppola, TAA representative
Cassandra Perrone, parent representative
Katie Lynn, parent representative
Amanda Harmon, community representative
S. Iwanicki, Ed.D., administrative designee

Members Absent

M. Petitti, BOE Member
Eman Seyal, new student representative
Edrina Laude, new student representative
Efralim Diaz, parent representative
Roy Fuchs, community

- II. Correspondence / Public Comment –Mr. Gallo indicated that he had not received any specifically for this policy meeting.

- III. Review of Recent Acts

A. Policy Process- Dr. Iwanicki reviewed the process of reviewing new acts passed by legislation, examining the suggested changes by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE,) considering the changes for our own policies, and discussing those which would need more time to move forward.

B. Public Act No. 21-2 *An Act Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair* was reviewed by the committee. Language within the act was suggested by CABE for insertion in to Non-discrimination policies. T. Gallo motioned that the language on respectful treatment and non-discrimination against hair types be included in both Policy 4111-1 *Non-Discrimination in Employment* and Policy 0521 *Non-Discrimination*. A.Squiccimarro seconded. The committee was all in favor of bringing this policy with these amendments to the next Board of Education meeting for the first reading.

C. Public Act No. 21-6 *Act Concerning Immunizations* was reviewed by the committee. The act eliminates the religious exemption from immunization for individuals attending (1) public and private schools, including higher education institutions, and (2) child care centers and group and family day care homes. The committee reviewed the CABE recommendations and decided that more consultation needed to be done with our town nursing officials as the recommended changes referenced other medical conditions such as Tuberculosis. The committee will review future drafts of needed policies with revisions after current policies have been reviewed with our Director of Nursing.

D. Public Act No. 21-46 *An Act Concerning Social Equity and the Health, Safety, and Education of Children*. This length act was reviewed in addition to some of the changes suggested. Due to time constraints and the complexity of the act, the committee will sections of act and the related policies that need revision, in further detail through future meetings.

Adjournment

Mr. Ward moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.; Mr. Gallo seconded.