

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull Committee
Policy Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – December 12, 2012
Long Hill Administration Building Assembly Room

The Trumbull Public School's Policy Advisory Committee convened in the Long Hill Administration Building for a Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Dawn Cantafio, Co-Chairperson
Dr. Gary Cialfi
Loretta Chory, BOE member (arrived 7:30 p.m.)
Mary Ellen Bolton
Vicki Tesoro
Nancy Fisher Rita Ciarmella
Nicholas Banks
Jennifer Mottolese

Members absent:

Sue D'Amato, Co-Chairperson
Rosemary Seaman, BOE member
Teresa Carter
Sonya Wich
Rhegan Fisher
Paul Leninger

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

- A. Introduction—The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.
- B. Correspondence—There was no correspondence this evening.
- C. Public Participation—There were no public comments.

Agenda Item II—Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes 11/14/12 meeting—It was moved (Fisher) seconded (Banks) to accept the minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports

- A. December 4, 6 and 11, 2012 Board Meetings—Dr. Cialfi conveyed the meetings were mainly about the Superintendent's recommended Budget Request for the 2013-14 school year.
- B. Upcoming Board of Education meetings—Dr. Cialfi shared that the Board will meet on January 2, 2013 and will adopt its budget for the 2013-14 school year. The second Board meeting in January is scheduled for January 15th. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2013.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. Homework, Policy Code 6154— Mrs. Tesoro reviewed the policy with regard to homework being assigned on religious holidays. Discussion ensued and minor wording

changes were made. This policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading in January.

- B. Pay to Participate, Policy Code 5139—Mrs. Tesoro briefly reviewed this policy and minor wording changes were made to the appendix. This policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading in January.
- C. Protected Prayer, Policy Code 6115.1-- Mrs. Cantafio reviewed this policy and minor wording changes were made. This policy will be presented to the Board for a first reading in January.
- D. Student Accident Insurance Program, Policy Code 5141.1—Mrs. Cantafio reviewed this policy in Mrs. Wich’s absence. Discussion ensued regarding wording referring to the mandatory accident insurance for all student athletes. Changes were made and will be forwarded to Mrs. Wich. This policy will be continued for discussion at next month’s meeting and may be presented to the Board for a second reading in February.
- E. Interscholastic Athletics, Policy Code 6145.2—Mrs. Fisher conveyed that Athletic Director Mike Herbst was still reviewing Eligibility and Disqualification Regulations to be sure they matched wording in the appendix. Dr. Cialfi and Mrs. Ciarmella would assist with contacting Mr. Herbst regarding the above concern. This policy is continued for discussion at next month’s meeting.
- F. Interscholastic Athletic Tryout Policy—Mrs. Fisher also reviewed this policy. Discussion ensued and it was noted that the references contained in the Interscholastic Athletics policy should also be included in this policy. This policy is continued for discussion at next month’s meeting.
- G. Fire Exit Drill, Policy Code 6114.2—In the absence of Paul Leninger and Rhegan Fisher, Mrs. Fisher shared that they had heard from Fire Marshal with regard to updating the policy. Discussion ensued regarding the word “Exit” in the policy and attaching the Fire Drill Report used by schools as an appendix. Mrs. Fisher reported that Mr. Leninger and Ms. Fisher would further review the policy and it is continued for discussion at next month’s meeting.
- H. Fire in School Buildings, Policy Code 6114.1— In the absence of Paul Leninger and Rhegan Fisher, Mrs. Fisher shared that they had heard from Fire Marshal with regard to updating the policy. She reported that Mr. Leninger and Ms. Fisher would further review the policy and it is continued for discussion at next month’s meeting.
- I. Field Trips, Policy Code 6153—Mrs. Chory shared that several Board members asked that this policy be reviewed for concerns with special needs students traveling on overnight trips. Also addressed was wording regarding financial assistance for students taking field trips. Discussion ensued and Mrs. Cantafio will research other

district policies' handling of the above concerns. This policy is continued for discussion at next month's meeting.

Agenda Item V—Policies on Hold

- A. Public Conduct at School Activities, Policy Code 1316—Mr. Banks will sponsor this policy.
- B. Modification Options K-8, Policy Code 6140—On hold until Dr. Paslov completes her review of the policy.
- C. Parent/Guardian Complaint, Policy Code 1312—on hold.
- D. Naming of Buildings and Sites, Policy Code 7551—On hold per Board Of Education Chair Stephen Wright.
- E. Collection Development Policy for Trumbull Public School Librarians, Policy Code 6161—Mrs. D'Amato and Mrs. Wich will sponsor this policy.

Adjournment

The next meeting for PAC will take place January 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.