

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull, Connecticut
Trumbull Board of Education Policy Committee
Regular Meeting – November 19, 2014
Long Hill Administration Building Assembly Room

The Trumbull Board of Education Policy Committee convened in the Long Hill Administration Building for a Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Loretta Chory, Chair, BOE member
Dr. Linda Paslov, Central Office Administration
Rosemary Seaman, BOE member
Patricia Frillici, TAA Rep
Jane Kluspes, TEA Representative
Bryan Woodward, Parent Rep
Mary Pierson, Community Rep
Tiffany Monteiro, Student Rep

Members absent:

Kristine Kelty Murano, Parent Rep
Jennifer Mottolese, Parent Rep
Cindy Katske, Community Rep
Rita Ciarmella, Admin. Assistant
Daniel Netting, Student Rep

Guests: Michael King, Athletic Director
Pauline Smith, PPS Director
Judy Elkies, Speech Pathologist
Coleen Figliuzzi, School Nursing Director

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

- A. Introduction—The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.
- B. Correspondence—There was no correspondence
- C. Public Participation—There were no public comments.

Agenda Item II—Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes 10/15/14 meeting—It was moved (Seaman) seconded (Paslov) to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports

- A. Welcome New Members/Committee Overview—Mrs. Chory welcomed the new Committee members and each introduced themselves. She described the purpose and work of the Committee and reviewed the packet of information provided to all members.
- B. Board Meetings—Mrs. Chory stated the Board met on October 21 and November 12 for regular meetings. She conveyed that the School Assignments policy was approved and Pay to Participate, Interscholastic Athletics, and Interscholastic Athletic Tryout policies were presented to the Board on October 21st. Mrs. Chory shared that on November

12th, the Board approved the updating of policies with letter codes and approved the five new members of the Policy Committee. The Board will be given presentations on the 2015-16 Budget at their meetings in December.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. Pay to Participate, Policy Code 5138—At the Board meeting where this policy was presented for a first reading, there was considerable discussion on the waiver of fees. Discussion ensued regarding waivers for reduced lunch recipients, number of waivers, and requiring payment of fees on line. Minor wording changes were incorporated. This policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading at a future meeting.

- B. Interscholastic Athletics, Policy Code 5150—This policy was presented to the Board for a first reading at their October 21st meeting. Since the Board and Committee had no further changes, this policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading at a future meeting.

- C. Interscholastic Athletic Tryouts, Policy Code 5151— This policy was presented to the Board for a first reading at their October 21st meeting. In response to Board concerns, considerable discussion ensued regarding the necessity and manner in which team selection is communicated to prospective players and the need for a description of criteria used in team selection. Athletic Director Michael King shared his views on these issues. Several changes were made and this policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading at a future meeting.

At this time, it was moved (Frillici) seconded (Paslov) to take Agenda Item IV-E out of order. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- D. Attendance Grades K-8, Policy Code 5113.1—Dr. Paslov conveyed that this policy has not been updated since 1997. She stated that the policy should be more in line with the High School Attendance policy. She reviewed the changes and discussion ensued, particularly with regard to excused and unexcused absences. She stated that elementary and middle school principals were consulted for their input. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.

- E. Assisted Feeding, Policy Code 5141.28 (taken out of order)—PPS Director Pauline Smith conveyed that this policy, along with several others, needed updating to comply with State mandates and guidelines regarding specialized healthcare procedures for students. Speech Pathologist Judy Elkies shared the background of the development of the policy and conveyed that the policy needed more concise language. School Nursing Supervisor Coleen Figliuzzi shared information on alternative feeding procedures and conveyed that the policy should address the needs of all students. She conveyed that all appendices, except for a general authorization of release of student records, would be removed as those documents would be individualized for students depending upon needs. It was decided that this policy will be given to the Board Attorney for review. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.

- F. Audit Committee of the Board of Education, Policy Code 9133—Mrs. Chory conveyed that back-up information on the proposed Audit Committee policy was included in the committee packet. She asked committee members to review the materials. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.

- G. Field Trips, Policy Code 6153—Mrs. Frillici shared that she, Dr. Paslov, Dr. Cialfi and Dr. McGrath met to review items of concern with the Field Trip policy. She conveyed that she has reviewed sample policies from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE). She noted that the policies were divided into day trips, extended/overnight trips in the United States and extended trips outside the country and all included medical components. It was noted that more work needed to be done and suggested that there possibly should be three separate policies. Principals will be consulted for their input. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.

At this time, Mrs. Frillici shared that she has been reviewing the Electronic Monitoring in the Workplace policy which also impacts several other policies. More work needs to be done and this policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The next meeting for PAC will take place Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.