

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull, Connecticut
Trumbull Board of Education Policy Committee
Regular Meeting – January 13, 2015
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:

Rosemary Seaman, Chair, BOE member
Loretta Chory, BOE member
Dr. Michael McGrath, Central Office Administration
Patricia Frillici, TAA Rep
Jennifer Mottolese, Parent Rep
Cindy Katske, Community Rep
Mary Pierson, Community Rep
Bryan Woodward, Parent Rep

Members absent:

Kristine Kelty Murano, Parent Rep
Jane Kluspes, TEA Representative

Daniel Netting, Student Rep
Tiffany Monteiro, Student Rep
Rita Ciarmella, Admin. Assistant

Guests: Michael King, Athletic Director
Marc Guarino, THS Principal

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 12/17/14 meeting—It was moved (Chory) seconded (Pierson) to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports

- A. Board Meetings—Mrs. Ciarmella conveyed the Board met on January 6, 2015. At the meeting, the Board approved their 2015-16 Budget Request, a 2.94% increase over the 2014-15 allocation. Also at the meeting, two policies were approved, Pay to Participate and Interscholastic Athletics; one policy went for a first reading, Reporting to Parents/Guardians, and one policy was rescinded, Assisted Feeding.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. Interscholastic Athletic Tryouts, Policy Code 5151—Athletic Director Michael King conveyed he met with THS Principal Marc Guarino and Superintendent Dr. Cialfi to review wording concerning coaches meeting with students who tried out for a team but were not selected. Minor changes were made and this policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading at their meeting on January 20, 2015.

- B. Attendance K-8, Policy Code 5113.1—Dr. McGrath conveyed discussions were conducted during the monthly elementary and middle school principals’ meetings to review the policy. Changes were made to reflect current district practice, State Statutes, and to clarify the meaning of excused and unexcused absences. Discussion ensued including procedures and parent phone calls when child is absent, the necessity of notes, and follow up information regarding a student’s absence. This policy will be presented to the Board for a first reading at their meeting on January 20, 2015.
- C. Reporting to Parents/Guardians, Policy Code 5124—This policy was presented to the Board for a first reading on January 6, 2015. The Board did not suggest any changes to the policy. Discussion ensued regarding progress reports at the elementary level, use of Infinite Campus Parent Portal to monitor student’s progress, and the timeline for retention of students. Several wording changes were made. Dr. McGrath will investigate the use of the parent portal at the elementary level. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.
- D. Field Trips, Policy Code 6153—This item was tabled to the next meeting.
- E. Audit Committee of the Board of Education, Policy Code 9133—Mrs. Chory conveyed she is working on wording for this policy. This item was tabled to the next meeting.
- F. Electronic Monitoring of the Workplace, Policy Code 4118.4—Mrs. Frillici reviewed the information regarding Connecticut General Statutes 31-48d. Discussion ensued regarding the wording of the policy, changes to be made, and seeking input from the Board’s Attorney, Trumbull Administrators’ Association (TAA) and Trumbull Educators’ Association (TEA). This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.
- G. Non-Discrimination in Instruction, Policy Code 6121.2—Dr. McGrath conveyed that wording regarding non-discrimination needed to be updated to correspond to State and Federal law, which applies to this policy and policies listed in Agenda Items H, I and J. Wording changes reflect the addition of items included in discrimination, i.e. gender identify and more clarity regarding disability. Discussion ensued, several wording changes were made and this policy, along with policies listed in Agenda Items H, I and J, will be forwarded to the Board’s Attorney for review. The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) will be consulted for additional information on this item. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.
- H. Non-Discrimination in the Classroom, Policy Code 6121.3— Wording regarding non-discrimination needed to be updated to correspond to State and Federal law. See Agenda Item G. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.
- I. Affirmative Action, Policy Code 4000.1— Wording regarding non-discrimination needed to be updated to correspond to State and Federal law. See Agenda Item G. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.

- J. Non-Discrimination in Employment, Policy Code 4111.1— Wording regarding non-discrimination needed to be updated to correspond to State and Federal law. See Agenda Item G. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.
- K. Civility and Decorum, Policy Code 1316.1—Mrs. Seaman conveyed that she has gathered information from other area districts and CABE and is working on wording of this policy. This policy is continued for discussion at the next meeting.

At this time, Mrs. Ciarmella asked that the April meeting date be changed. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the meeting would be changed to Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

Adjournment

The next meeting for PAC will take place February 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.