



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
MINUTES

Christopher Daur, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:29 P.M.

Board Members: Christopher Daur, Lynn Campo, Myron W. Hul, Melissa Kaplan, Gail Mitchell, Vic Mitchell, Walter Morton IV, Arturo Perez-Cabello and Melinda Saller.

Student Representatives: Vincent Palumbo

Staff: Jody Goeler, Mark Albanese, Michael Belden, Gary Highsmith (7:34 P.M.), Karen Kaplan and Christopher Melillo.

Board Chair, Christopher Daur, asked for a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

There was no Superintendent recognition this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2018 Board of Education meeting and the August 18, 2018 Special Board of Education meeting.
Hul
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

Myron W. Hul stated there was correspondence from nine individuals received this month.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

The following people spoke during Public Comments on Action Items: Lauren Garrett and Elaine Dove.

ACTION ITEMS
CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.
Morton
V. Mitchell
Unanimous
 - a.) Approval for the Hamden High School Dance Team to travel to Disney World, Orlando, Florida for a competition – January 31-February 4, 2019 (Curriculum Committee, September 5, 2018).
 - b.) Approval for Hamden High School music students to travel to Anaheim, California for an onstage performance – April 25 29, 2019 (Curriculum Committee, September 5, 2018).
 - c.) Approval to dispose of obsolete books from Hamden High School (Curriculum Committee, September 5, 2018).

PENDING ACTIONS

3. Move to accept a donation of approximately 300 new Multicultural/All Inclusive books from the Anti-Biased Anti-Racist (ABAR) Group.
Morton
Seconded by: Kaplan

Move to refer acceptance of a donation of approximately 300 new Multicultural/All Inclusive books from the Anti-Biased Anti-Racist (ABAR) Group to the Curriculum Committee.
Hul
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous
4. Move to approve budget transfers as presented at the Finance Committee.
Hul
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
5. Approval of purchase orders over \$100,000 as presented at the Finance Committee. Removed from the agenda by Board Chair.
6. Move to approve a building usage request from Hamden Regional Youth Basketball League to use the gymnasiums at Hamden Middle, Bear Path, West Woods and Spring Glen Schools, for basketball games and practices on the dates listed on the building use application and to assess utilities charges based on the percentage of Hamden participants.
V. Mitchell
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

7. Move to approve a building usage request from the CT Invitational Scholarship Competition, to use the auditorium at Hamden Middle School on Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24, 2019 for a dance competition.
G. Mitchell
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
8. Move to approve a building usage request from the Indian Community of Connecticut to use the auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria at Hamden Middle School on Saturday, December 1, 2018 for a cultural event.
Saller
Seconded by: Morton
Unanimous
9. Move to approve a building usage request from Joni's Dance Center to use the auditorium, C-107 and Black Box at Hamden High School on Thursday, May 30, Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1, 2019, for a dance recital.
V. Mitchell
Seconded by: G Mitchell
Unanimous
10. Move to approve a building usage request from Joni's Dance Center to use the auditorium, music room and a classroom at Hamden Middle School on Saturday, March 2, 2019 for a dance showcase.
G. Mitchell
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
11. Move to approve a building usage request from Cecchetti Ballet Theatre to use the auditorium and C-107 at Hamden High School on Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8, 2018 for the Nutcracker Ballet recital.
Saller
Seconded by: Morton
Unanimous
12. Move to approve the disposal of obsolete non-instructional material.
G. Mitchell
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous
13. Move to approve a building usage request from State Representative Michael C. D'Agostino to use Room C-107 at Hamden High School for a Hamden Public Lighting Forum on September 29, 2018.
Morton
Seconded by: Kaplan
Unanimous
14. Move to approve an extension of First Student Transportation's contract. Morton
Seconded by: G. Mitchell
Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

The following people spoke during Public Comments on Information Items: Tom Figaro and Mark Branford

INFORMATION ITEMS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent updated the board on the activities and meetings he attended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Committee Chair, Melinda Saller, reported on the activities of the committee.

ACES/WINTERGREEN – Committee Representative, Lynn Campo, reported there would be a meeting on September 13, 2018.

Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Vic Mitchell, reported on the activities of the committee.

Finance Committee – Committee Chair, Myron W. Hul, reported on the activities of the committee.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV, reported on the activities of the committee.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello, stated the first committee meeting of the month was coming up on September 18, 2018.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo, stated there was nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Move to Executive Session at 9:16 P.M. to discuss non-union salary increases.
Saller
Seconded by: V. Mitchell
Unanimous

In addition to members of the board, the following people attended: Jody Goeler and Michael Belden.

16. Move to return to Executive Session at 10:23 PM.
Morton
Seconded by: V. Mitchell
Unanimous

17. Move to approve the non-union salary increases.
Saller
Seconded by: Morton
Unanimous

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following people spoke during comments from press and public:
Brad MacDowall, Mark Levinson and Lauren Garrett.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board Members spoke: Lynn Campo, Arturo Perez-Cabello,
Christopher Daur, and Melinda Saller.

ADJOURNMENT

18. Move to adjourn at 10:41 P.M.
Saller
Seconded by: Morton
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Myron W. Hul, Board Secretary