



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 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(10:03 – 10:33PM, electronically), Arturo Perez-Cabello and Melinda Saller.

Student Representatives Absent: Vincent Palumbo and Jaweriah Shah

Staff: Jody Goeler, Mark Albanese, Michael Belden, Gary Highsmith, Karen Kaplan and Christopher Melillo

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent introduced and recognized this month's recipients of the Hamden Heroes Award from Church Street School and HCLC :  
Messiah and Geraldine Elliott (Church Street grandparent and student) and Hector Velasquez (Church Street staff)  
Bonnie Papeika (HCLC staff) and Aviona Pouncey (HCLC student)

REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA

Christopher Daur requested the minutes from the March 19, 2018 meeting be removed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2018 Board of Education special meeting.

Hul

Seconded by: Kaplan

Move to amend the minutes to include the minutes to include legislative council members present at meetings.

Campo

Seconded by: Kaplan

Move to approve the minutes as amended.

Perez-Cabello

In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, G. Mitchell, V. Mitchel, Perez-Cabello,  
and Saller

Opposed: Hul

#### MOTION PASSES

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Myron W. Hul stated there was no correspondence received this month.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

The following person spoke during public comments on Action Items:  
Meg Nowacki

#### ACTION ITEMS

#### CONSENT AGENDA

##### 2. Move to approve the Consent Agenda

Perez-Cabello

Seconded by: Hul

Unanimous

- a) Approval to reduce, by fifty percent, building use charges that were assessed to the Hamden Democratic Town Committee for their January caucuses (Operations Committee, April 3, 2018).
- b) Approval of a building usage request from Fitness Remix to use the Hamden Middle School gymnasium on April 27, 2018 for a Zumba Fitness class (Operations Committee, April 3, 2018).
- c) Approval of a building usage request from Maple Drama CT to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on June 30, 2018 for a play (Operations Committee, April 3, 2018).
- d) Approval to accept a donation of a library stand from Christine Olson (Operations Committee, April 3, 2018).
- e) Approval to accept a donation of a water bath from Thermo-Fisher Scientific (Operations Committee, April 3, 2018).
- f) Approval to accept a donation of \$500 from Exxon Mobil (Operations Committee, April 3, 2018).

- g) Approval to allow the Hamden Tree Commission to plant a tree in memory of Robin Rubino, crossing guard at Helen Street School (Operations Committee, April 3, 2018).

PENDING ACTIONS

- 3. Move to rescind Policy #5145.15 Directory Information (first reading).  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Saller  
Unanimous
- 4. Move to approve Policy #5125 Student Records; Confidentiality (first reading).  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Kaplan  
Unanimous
- 5. Move to approve Policy #2000.1 Board-Superintendent Relationship (first reading).  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Saller  
In Favor: Daur, Kaplan, G. Mitchell, V. Mitchell, Perez-Cabello and Saller  
Opposed: Campo and Hul

MOTION PASSES

- 6. Move to approve Policy #3542.43 Lunch Charging (first reading)  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Saller  
Unanimous
- 7. Move to rescind Board of Education Policy 6146.111- Weighted Grades and Class Rank (first reading) which has been replaced with: BOE Policy 6146.1 Grading Systems BOE Policy 6146.11 Grading Assessment Systems.  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: G. Mitchell  
Unanimous
- 8. Move to approve a field trip request for high school students to travel to Atlanta, Georgia – April 20-25, 2018 for the 2018 DECA International Career Development Conference.  
Saller

Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous

9. Move to approve budget transfers.

Hul

Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous

From	Tuition – Non-Public Schools	(563)	\$175,000
To:	Repair and Maintenance - Buildings	(432)	\$175,000
From	Tuition —Non- Public Schools	(563)	\$200,000
To:	Professional Services-	(330)	\$200,000
From:	Teachers Salaries (Psychologist)	(114)	\$40,000
	Directors (PPT Coordinator)	(112)	\$70,000
	Security Guard	(140)	\$25,000
	Teachers – Math Specialist	(114)	\$70,000
	Tutors	(116)	\$30,000
	Teachers – Art	(140)	\$27,000
	Tutors (Stop Earlier date)	(116)	\$50,000
	Teacher – Latin	(140)	\$45,000
	Textbooks	(641)	\$175,000
	Immediate Spending Freeze – Instructional Supplies	(611)	\$50,000
	Printing	(550)	\$30,000
	Additional Textbooks	(641)	\$20,000
	Instructional Equipment	(734)	\$17,000
	Professional Development	(320)	\$25,000
	Furloughs		
	Teachers	(114)	\$445,000
	Administrators	(112/113)	\$35,000
	Non Union	(111)	\$11,000
	Nurses	(119)	\$11,000
	Supervisors	(111/122)	\$5,000
	Custodians	(124/125)	\$23,000
	Security Guards	(140)	\$4,000
	Reduction of 3 Clerical positions	(122)	\$66,000
	Alliance – Student Support		\$35,000
	School Choice		\$50,000
To:	Tuition NonPublic Schools	(563)	\$1,274,000

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

The following person spoke during public comments on Information  
Items:

Meg Nowacki

## INFORMATION ITEMS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Director of Mathematics, Linda Morbidelli gave a presentation, on the K-12 Mathematics program.

The Superintendent updated the board on the findings from Milone and MacBroom as well as the meetings he attended.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee –Committee Chair, Melinda Saller stated a meeting will be held on April 24, 2018.

ACES/WINTERGREEN – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo, reported on the activities of the committee.

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, was absent.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello, reported on the activities of the committee.

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

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Move to Executive Session at 10:03 P.M. to discuss a Retirement Incentive Plan and non-renewal of teachers' contracts. In addition to the members of the Board, the following individuals attended: Jody Goeler and Gary Highsmith.

Hul

Seconded by: Perez-Cabello

Unanimous

11. Move to return from Executive Session at 10:33 P.M.

Saller

Seconded by: Kaplan

Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Move to offer a Retirement Incentive Plan.

Saller

Seconded by: G. Mitchell

Unanimous

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no comments from press and public.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments from Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

12. Move to adjourn at 10:34 P.M.

Perez-Cabello

Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Myron W. Hul, Board Secretary