



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
MINUTES

Myron W. Hul, Acting Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

Board Members: Myron W. Hul, Gail Mitchell, Vic Mitchell, Walter Morton IV, Arturo Perez-Cabello, and Melinda Saller (left meeting at 9:42 PM)

Absent: Christopher Daur, Lynn Campo, Melissa Kaplan

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

Student Representative: Vincent Palumbo

ACTION ITEMS

REMOVAL OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Acting Board Chair, Myron W. Hul removed the Superintendent/Board Recognition and Pending Action 2. Approval of revised 2017-2018 Hamden Public School District Calendar from the agenda.

Acting Board Chair, Myron W. Hul, appointed Arturo Perez-Cabello as Acting Secretary.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the amended minutes from the December 12, 2017 Board of Education meeting.
Perez-Cabello
Seconded: V. Mitchell
Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments on Action Items this evening.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to approve the Consent Agenda

Perez-Cabello

Seconded by: V. Mitchell

Unanimous

- a) Approval of a building usage request from the Hamden Chamber of Commerce to use the Hamden High School gymnasium on April 17, 2018 for a business and community expo (Operations Committee, January 2, 2018).
- b) Approval of a building usage request from the Hamden Democratic Town Committee to use various buildings and room on January 9, 2018 (snow date – Jan. 11, 2018) for a Town Convention meeting (Operations Committee, January 2, 2017).
- c) Approval of a building usage request from Without Bounds Creative Group to use the Hamden High School gymnasium and various classrooms on January 20, 2018 for a short film shoot (Operations Committee, January 2, 2018).
- d) Approval of a building usage request from the Hamden Academy of Dance and Music to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on March 3, 2018 for dance lessons (Operations Committee, January 2, 2018).
- e) Approval of a building usage request from the Hamden Democratic Town Committee to use Bear Path and Ridge Hill Schools on January 9, 2018 (snow date – January 11, 2018) for local district caucuses (Operations Committee, January 2, 2018).

PENDING ACTIONS

3. Move to approve the ACES regional transportation draft agreement, as presented.

Saller

Seconded by: V. Mitchell

Unanimous

4. Move to approve the Administration's recommendations for budget reductions to offset unanticipated special education expenditures.

Morton

Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

5. Move to approve Hamden Middle School and Hamden High School students to travel to Spain for the Spain Immersion Program – April 13-22, 2018.

Saller

Seconded by: Morton

Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no public comments on Information Items.

INFORMATION ITEMS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Science Director, Tracy Stockwell gave a presentation on the K- 12 Science program.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee –Committee Chair, Melinda Saller stated she wasn't able to attend the meeting, so there was nothing to report.

ACES/WINTERGREEN – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo, was absent tonight, so there was nothing to report.

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

Finance Committee – Committee Chair, Myron W. Hul, reported on the joint meeting with the Personnel committee.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton, reported on the joint meeting with the Finance committee. Also stated that the next meeting of the clerical/paraprofessional bargaining unit negotiation will be held on January 16, 2018.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello, stated a meeting will be held on January 16, 2018.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo, was absent tonight, so there was nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments from Board members.

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following person spoke during Comments from Press and Public:
Legislative Council Member Brad MacDowall

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Move to Executive Session at 9:42 P.M. to discuss bargaining unit negotiation strategy concerning furlough days. In addition to the members of the Board, except for Melinda Saller, the following individuals attended: Jody Goeler, Michael Belden, Christopher Melillo and Gary Highsmith.

Morton

Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

7. Move to return to public session at 11:08 PM.

V. Mitchell

Seconded by: Morton

Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

8. Move to adjourn at 11:08 P.M.

Hul

Seconded by: Morton

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
M. Arturo Perez-Cabello, Acting Board Secretary