



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014
MINUTES

Adam Sendroff, Acting Chair to the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Board Members: Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, John DeRosa, Christopher Honnen, David Pecoraro, Arturo Perez-Cabello (7:05 P.M), Adam Sendroff, and Valarie Stone

Student Representatives: Jordan White and Sara Courtemanche

Staff: Jody Goeler, Mark Albanese, Michael Belden, Vanessa Ditta, Karen Kaplan, and Christopher Melillo

Acting Board Chair, Adam Sendroff, appointed Christopher Daur acting secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

There was no Superintendent recognition this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

Honnen

Seconded by: DeRosa

Unanimous

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:

Art Ferraro, 53 Rentell Road, Hamden

Kim Calhoun-Outlaw, 378 Howard Avenue, Hamden

Suhrutha Devanaboyina, 760 Mix Avenue, Apt 5N, Hamden

John Witteman, 100 Rentell Road

Meg Nowacki, 1034 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

REMOVAL OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Adam Sendroff requested that Item 4). Approval of changes to the Shepherd Glen student drop-off area contingent upon there being no negative impact on the existing soccer fields, and Item 5). Approval to move forward with Cenergistic's proposal for Hamden Public Schools be removed from the Consent Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

DeRosa

Unanimous

1.) Approval to dispose of obsolete books from Dunbar Hill School (Curriculum Committee, November 5, 2014).

2.) Approval to dispose of obsolete books from Hamden Middle School (Curriculum Committee, November 5, 2014).

3.) Approval for Hamden High School students to travel to Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia for a tour of Historically Black Colleges and Universities – November 1-14 (Curriculum Committee, November 5, 2014).

6.) Approval of a building usage request from Performing Arts Academy of CT to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on Sunday, December 14, 2014 for a performance (Operations Committee, November 10, 2014).

7.) Approval of a building usage request from SNEHA, Inc. to use the Hamden High School auditorium on Sunday, December 7, 2014 for a performance (Operations Committee, November 10, 2014).

Chuck Fasnacht, from Cenergistic's, gave a brief overview of the energy conservation proposal for Hamden Public Schools to the Board.

PENDING ACTIONS

3. Move to approve changes to the Shepherd Glen student drop-off area contingent upon there being no negative impact on the existing soccer fields (Operations Committee, November 10, 2014).
Honnen
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous

4. Move to proceed with Cenergistic's proposal for Hamden Public Schools (Operations Committee, November 10, 2014).
Honnen
Seconded by: Pecoraro
Unanimous

5. Move to accept a donation of \$250 from Sanjeewa and Hashini Karunthe.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Honnen
Unanimous

6. Move to accept a donation of a Ford Taurus (value – approx. \$2000) from Dean and Ann Oliver.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Honnen
Unanimous

7. Move to approve (attached) purchase orders over \$50,000.
Daur
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous

8. Move to approve (attached) budget transfers.
Daur
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous

9. Move to proceed with the Milone and MacBroom enrollment student for the feasibility study.

Sendroff

Seconded by: Honnen

In Favor: Campo, DeRosa, Honnen, Pecoraro, Sendroff and Stone

Opposed: Daur, Perez-Cabella

MOTION PASSES

PUBLIC COMMENT ON INFORMATION ITEMS

The following person spoke during Public Comments on Information Items:
Meg Nowacki, 1034 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent informed the Board about the meetings and activities that he has been involved with since the last board meeting, including "Family Math Night," the ribbon cutting of the new weather station at HMS, and a meeting with eight universities focusing on minority recruitment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Committee Chair, Adam Sendroff reported on the activities of the committee.

ACES/Wintergreen Committee – ACES Representative, Lynn Campo reported on the activities on the committee.

Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Christopher Honnen reported on the activities of the committee.

Finance Committee – Committee Chair, Christopher Daur reported on the activities of the committee.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, John DeRosa stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Policy Committee – There is nothing to report at this time as there is no committee but one is needed.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo reported on the activities of the committee.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board Members spoke this evening:
Campo, Daur, Honnen, and Perez-Cabello

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following person spoke during the Comments from Press or Public:
Neil Clauson, Principal Laurel Oaks School, Hamden
Meg Nowacki, 1034 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

ADJOURNMENT

10. Move to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.
Honnen
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Daur
Acting Secretary to the Board