

HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
60 PUTNAM AVENUE
HAMDEN, CT 06517

MINUTES

OPERATIONS COMMITTEES MEETING
Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Chris Honnen, Chairman, called the Operations Committee meeting to order at 6:12 P.M.

Operations Members: Chris Honnen (Chairman), Chris Daur, John DeRosa

Other Board of Education Members: Lynn Campo

Staff: Jody Goeler, Chris Melillo, Michael Belden, Mark Albanese, Pat Frisketti

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Feasibility study update – West Woods and Shepherd Glen Schools

John Ireland and Michelle Miller, Silver-Petrucci Associates architects, presented the updates to the West Woods and Shepherd Glen recommendations of the feasibility study. This included adding a Pre-K classroom to both schools as well as renovating West Woods as a “conventional classroom” school. Per the directive of the Board of Education at the March meeting, the updated plan is based on maximizing the State reimbursement amount. The updated recommendations will be incorporated into a “final version” of the feasibility study, which will be distributed to the Mayor and Legislative Council in May.

West Woods playground conceptual plan

Mark Albanese, Director of Facilities, discussed the “master plan” for the new playground at West Woods School. This plan, developed with the assistance of Silver Petrucci Associates architects John Ireland and Michelle Miller, has been reviewed by the Town Playground Committee. The playground plans mesh with the long-term plan for “renovate as new” for West Woods. Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is available through a State Grant and will allow for work to begin over the summer break. A limited number of pieces of equipment will be installed with expansion expected as the renovation progresses.

Spring Glen playground improvements update

Director of Facilities, Mark Albanese, updated the Committee on the progress with the Spring Glen play area improvements. This includes an additional basketball hoop, relocating the existing hoop, raising the chain-link fence and resurfacing the hard-surface play area. The PTA has committed to raising funds to help with some of the costs involved with the new basketball hoop. The remainder of the work would be funded through the Board of Education budget. Mr. Albanese told the PTA that this project's progress would depend on the level of funding appropriated by the Legislative Council in the 2015-2016 budget.

ACTION ITEMS:

Move to add "Approval of a building use request from the Hamden Elks Club to use the high school gymnasium on Saturday, December 12, 2015 for a hoop shoot event" to the agenda as Action Item Vn..

DeRosa / Daur
Unanimous

Move to remove the following items from the agenda: Action Item Vb, "Approval of West Woods and Shepherd Glen proposed plans" ; Action Item Vc, "Approval of WIMS management agreement"; and Action Item VI, "Approval to post substitute teacher recruitment signs at all schools".

Honnen / Daur
Unanimous

- a) Move to recommend to the full Board approval the West Woods School playground conceptual plan.

Honnen / DeRosa
Unanimous

b) Move to recommend to the full Board, approval of the following action items:

Approval of a building usage request from Highville Charter School to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium for a talent show on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

Approval of a building usage request from CT Science Teachers Assoc., to use the Hamden Middle School on Saturday, November 21, 2015 for an educational conference.

Approval of a building usage request from Frontline Church to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium each Sunday from July 5, 2015 through Sunday, December 27, 2015 for church services.

Approval of a building usage request from Mission Zero (Megan Chenet's band) to use the Hamden High School classroom, lobby and hallway on Saturday, April 18, 2015 for a video shoot.

Approval of a building usage request from The Whitney Players to use the Hamden High School auditorium from Monday, August 3, 2015 through Saturday, August 15, 2015 for their annual summer musical.

Approval of a building usage request from the North American Sarbojanin Kalipuja Association to use the Hamden High School auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria on Saturday, November 14, 2015 for their cultural event.

Approval of a building usage request from The Performing Arts Academy of Connecticut, to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on Tuesday through Saturday, August 4 through 8, 2015 for a play performance.

Approval of a building usage request from Madan Anant, to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on Saturday, July 18, 2015 for a dance recital.

Approval of a building usage request from the Hamden Elks Club to use the high school gymnasium on Saturday, December 12, 2015 for a hoop shoot event.

Approval to dispose of obsolete, non-instructional material as presented.

Honnen / DeRosa
Unanimous

Move to adjourn at 6:41 P.M.

DeRosa / Daur
Unanimous