



HAMDEN BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015
MINUTES

John Keegan, Chair to the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.

Board Members: Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Lesley DeNardis, John DeRosa, John Keegan, Arturo Perez-Cabello (7:41), Valarie Stone, and Adam Sendroff

Student Representatives: Sara Courtemanche

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

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized student representative, Jordan White, for his two years of service to the Board of Education. Jordan will be graduating and leaving the board this year.

The Superintendent recognized DECA Student, Sean Brown for competing at the National DECA conference and becoming an International Finalist.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve minutes from the May 12, 2015 Board of Education meeting.
DeRosa
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

2. Move to add the following to the Consent Agenda, as Pending Action 6a8: Approval of a building usage request from Preachers House Prophetic Dome to use the Helen Street School gymnasium on Sunday mornings, beginning July 5, 2015 for church services.
Sendroff
Seconded by: DeRosa

Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

The following person spoke during Public Comments on Action Items:

Meg Nowacki, 1034 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

DeRosa

Unanimous

- 1.) Approval of a one year renewal of the landscaping/snow removal contract for Billy's Landscaping (Operations Committee, June 2, 2015).
- 2.) Approval of a building usage request from Madan Anant to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on Thursday, July 16, 2015 and Saturday, July 18, 2015 for an Indian dance recital (Operations Committee, June 2, 2015).
- 3.) Approval of a building usage request from UCONN/K-8 IPM Coalition, to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium, cafeteria and fields on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 for an educational training session (Operations Committee, June 2, 2015).
- 4.) Approval of a building usage request from Stone Academy to use the Hamden High School auditorium on Sunday, September 13, 2105 for a graduation ceremony (Operations Committee, June 2, 2015).
- 5.) Approval to dispose of obsolete non-instructional materials (Operations Committee, June 2, 2015).
- 6.) Approval of the following food service price increases, taking effect in the 2015-2016 school year, at the elementary, middle and high schools: milk - \$0.10, breakfast - \$0.15 and lunch - \$0.05. (Operations Committee, June 2, 2015).

- 7.) Approval of the Language Arts curriculum for grades 4-6 (Curriculum Committee, June 3, 2015).
- 8.) Approval of the Multicultural unit of study for grade 8 students (Curriculum Committee, June 3, 2015).
- 9.) Approval of Hamden High School Algebra I curriculum (Curriculum Committee, June 3, 2015).
- 10.) Approval to add a Mobile App Development course to Hamden High School Program (Curriculum Committee, June 3, 2015).

PENDING ACTIONS

4. Move to approve the following budget transfers (as presented in Finance Committee):
 - From Tuition-Non Public (563) to Substitute Salaries (115) in the amount of \$175,000
 - From Tuition-Non Public (563) to Tutor/Adult Ed Instructors (116) in the amount of \$125,000
 - From Tuition-Non Public (563) to Lunch Aides (128) in the amount of \$50,000
 - From Tuition-Non Public (563) to Residency/Security/Attend. (140) in the amount of \$60,000
 - From Tuition-Non Public (563) to Life Insurance (215) in the amount of \$20,000Daur
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous
5. Move to approve an Agreement for the Operation of Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School.
Campo
Seconded by: DeNardis
Unanimous
6. Move to approve Healthy Food Certification.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

7. Move to approve the Beverage Exemption allowing the district to sell beverages that do not meet the requirements of state statute at events occurring after the school day or on weekends.
Stone
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous
8. Move to approve the Primary Mental Health Program (PMHP) Grant.
Sendroff
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous
9. Move to approve the fiscal year 2015-16 Board of Education operating budget in the amount of \$83,120,625.
Daur
Seconded by: Keegan
Unanimous
10. Move to the 2015 State Technology Grant proposal in the amount of \$123,398.
Campo
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous
11. Move to approve a building usage request from Preachers House Prophetic Dome to use the Helen Street School gymnasium on Sunday mornings, beginning July 5, 2015 for church services.
DeRosa
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no Public comments on Information Items this evening.

INFORMATION ITEMS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent told the Board about the meetings and activities that he has been involved with since the last board meeting.

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 of the committee.

Operations/Residency Committee – Committee Chair, John DeRosa, 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, reported on the activities of the committee.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello stated the next meeting would be on June 15, 2015.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo stated a meeting is scheduled for next week.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following board members spoke this evening:
John Keegan, Lynn Campo, Adam Sendroff, and John DeRosa

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following person spoke during Public Comment:
Meg Nowacki, 1034 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden
Karen Kaplan, Director of IT
Christopher Melillo, Assistant Superintendent

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Move to Executive Session to discuss salary increases for non-union employees at 8:32 P.M.
Daur
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous

13. Move to return from Executive Session at 8:52 P.M.

Sendroff

Seconded by: DeRosa

Unanimous

14. Move to approve the non-union salary increases for fy 2015-2016 in an amount not to exceed a cumulative total of \$10,000.

DeRosa

Seconded by: Stone

In Favor: Campo, DeNardis, DeRosa, Keegan, Perez-Cabello,

Sendroff, and Stone

Abstaining: Daur

MOTION PASSES

ADJOURNMENT

15. Move to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.

DeRosa

Seconded by: DeNardis

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Sendroff
Secretary to the Board