



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

John Keegan, Chair to the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Board Members: Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Lesley DeNardis, John DeRosa, John Keegan, David Pecoraro, Arturo Perez-Cabello (7:11) and Adam Sendroff

Student Representatives: Sara Courtemanche and Aaron Garner

Staff: Jody Goeler, Michael Belden, Gary Highsmith and Karen Kaplan

**SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION**

The Superintendent introduced the following new Administrators:

Elizabeth Lapman, Director of EL/World Languages

Tracy Stockwell, Director of Science

Jennifer Vienneau, Director of Social Studies

Julia McNamee, Director of Language Arts

Daniel Cocchiola, Coordinator of School Counseling and Career Pathways

The Superintendent introduced the following new Administrative positions:

Gary Highsmith, Director of Human Resources

Clydette Messiah, Interim Principal, Hamden High School

Karolyn Rodriguez, Interim Assistant Principal, Hamden High School

The Superintendent introduced the new Junior Student Board of Education Representative Aaron Garner.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Move to approve minutes from the June 22, 2015 Special Board of Education meeting and the August 18, 2015 Special Board of Education meeting.

DeRosa

Seconded by: Daur

Unanimous

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda this evening.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS**

The following people spoke during Public Comments on Action Items:  
Melissa Kaplan-Charkow, 186 Davis Street, Hamden  
Josh Charkow, 186 Davis Street, Hamden

## ACTION ITEMS

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

DeRosa

Unanimous

1.) Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #6171.2 – Preschool Special Education *First Reading* - (Policy Committee, June 15, 2015).

2.) Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #4118-232 – Personnel Certified/Non-Certified Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Special *First Reading* - (Policy Committee, June 15, 2015).

3.) Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #5144.4 – Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students *First Reading* - (Policy Committee, June 15, 2015).

4.) Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #6142.10 – Health Education Program *First Reading* - (Policy Committee, June 15, 2015).

5.) Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #6142.6 – Physical Activity *First Reading* - (Policy Committee, June 15, 2015).

6.) Approval of a building usage request from Dance Ovations, LLC, to use the Hamden High School auditorium on March 18-20, 2016 for a dance competition (Operations Committee, September 1, 2015).

7.) Approval of a building usage request from Joni's Dance Center to use the Hamden High School auditorium on June 2-5, 2016 for a dance recital (Operations Committee, September 1, 2015).

8.) Approval of a building usage request from Raga Connecticut, to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on September 20, 2015 for a classical music performance (Operations Committee, September 1, 2015).

## PENDING ACTIONS

### 3. Move to approve (the attached) purchase orders over \$50,000.

Daur

Seconded by: Pecararo

Unanimous

4. Move to approve (the attached) Transfers for FY 2014-2015 Year End Closeout.  
Daur  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous
5. Move to approve for Hamden High School music students to travel to Philadelphia, PA (April 14 - 15, 2016) to perform for regional and national adjudicators.  
Sendroff  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous
6. Move to accept a donation from AETNA of 15 HP Elitebook Laptops  
Sendroff  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous
7. Move to accept a \$32,000 grant from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management for the School Attendance Model Kindergarten Program.  
Campo  
Seconded by: Sendroff  
Unanimous
8. Move to approve the Educational Specifications for alterations to Alice Peck Special Education, Early Learning and Pre-School Center.  
DeRosa  
Seconded by: DeNardis  
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 the opening of school went smoothly. The Superintendent stated he visited the schools prior to the start of school.

The Superintendent introduced Dan Levy to speak about the Navigator Program. Mr. Levy told the board about the activities of the program.

The Superintendent stated the primary for the Presidential Election is to take place on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Superintendent stated that the schools are currently open and gave three options for that day.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Committee Chair, Adam Sendroff, stated there was no meeting this month.

ACES/WINTERGREEN Committee – ACES Representative, Lynn Campo, stated there would be a meeting this week.

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, stated there was nothing to report at this time.

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

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo stated a meeting is proposed for October 27, 2015.

#### COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following board members spoke this evening:  
Adam Sendroff, Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, and Arturo Perez-Cabello.

#### COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following person spoke during Public Comment:  
Gary Highsmith, Director of Human Resources  
Melinda Saller, PTA Council President

ADJOURNMENT

9. Move to adjourn at 8:14 P.M.

DeRosa

Seconded by: Campo

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Sendroff  
Secretary to the Board