



HAMDEN BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
MINUTES

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

Board Members: Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, John DeRosa, John Keegan, Arturo Perez-Cabello and Adam Sendroff

Student Representatives: Sara Courtemanche and Aaron Garner
Staff: Jody Goeler, Mark Albanese, Michael Belden, Gary Highsmith, Karen Kaplan and Christopher Melillo

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent thanked Eric Nyquist and Aaron Barkon for the professionalism and organization they provided during a workshop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve minutes from the September 8, 2015 Board of Education meeting.
Sendroff
Seconded by: DeRosa
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:
Meg Nowacki, 1034 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

John Keegan requested the removal of item 6b6 Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #2000.1 – Board/Superintendent Relationship *First Reading* – (Policy Committee, September 21, 2015) from the Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

DeRosa

Unanimous

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

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

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

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

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

7.) Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #2300 – Code of Professional Responsibility *First Reading* – (Policy Committee, September 21, 2015).

8.) Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #0521.2 – Non-Discrimination Commitment to Religious Neutrality *First Reading* - (Committee, September 21, 2015).

9.) Approval of a building usage request from the Indian Community of Connecticut, to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria on Saturday, December 5, 2015 for a cultural event (Operations Committee, October 6, 2015).

10.) Approval of a building usage request from the Newhallville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 for a memorial service (Operations Committee, October 6, 2015).

11.) Approval of a building usage request from Cheshire Performing Arts Academy to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium – Monday, June 6, 2016 – June 12, 2016, for rehearsals and a dance recital (Operations Committee, October 6, 2015).

12.) Approval of a building usage request from Hamden Regional Youth Basketball League to use the gymnasiums at Hamden Middle, Bear Path, West Woods and Spring Glen Schools, for basketball games and practices on the dates listed on the building use application and to assess the utilities charges based on the percentage of non-Hamden participants (Operations Committee, October 6, 2015).

13.) Approval to dispose of obsolete books from Hamden Middle School (Curriculum Committee, October 7, 2015).

14.) Approval to dispose of obsolete books from Spring Glen School (Curriculum Committee, October 7, 2015).

15.) Approval to dispose of CMP1 resources from Hamden Middle School (Curriculum Committee, October 7, 2015).

16.) Approval of a field trip request from West Woods School to allow TAG students to travel to Boston, MA to visit the Museum of Science and MIT on April 7 – 8, 2016 (Curriculum Committee, October 7, 2016).

17.) Approval of a field trip request from Hamden High School to allow students to travel to the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Science on May 12 – 19, 2016 (Curriculum Committee, October 7, 2015).

18.) Approval of a field trip request from Hamden High School to allow students to travel to Disney World in Orlando, FL to compete in the National Dance Team Championship on January 28 – February 1, 2016 (Curriculum Committee, October 7, 2015).

19.) Approval of Media Curriculum – grades 3, 4, 5 and 6
(Curriculum Committee, October 7, 2015)

PENDING ACTIONS

3. Move to approve (the attached) purchase orders over \$50,000 as presented at the Finance Committee meeting.
Daur
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
4. Move to approve (the attached) budget transfers as presented at the Finance Committee meeting.
Daur
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
5. Move to approve Hamden Board of Education Policy #2000.1 – Board/Superintendent Relationship *First Reading* – (Policy Committee, September 21, 2015).
Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Campo
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 new Hamden Heroes program.

The Superintendent told the Board about a new program he is looking into, Thought Exchange. Thought Exchange is an innovative way to engage the community in the decisions that affect them.

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 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 – Board Chair, John Keegan, 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 the meeting will be held October 27, 2015.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

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

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following person spoke during Public Comment:
Diane Marinaro, HEA President
Meg Nowacki, 1034 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

ADJOURNMENT

6. Move to adjourn at 8:27 P.M.
DeRosa
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Sendroff
Secretary to the Board