



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

John Keegan, Chair to the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:06 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, Gary Highsmith, Karen Kaplan, Amanda Forcucci, Erin Bailey, Scott Trauner and Daniel Cocchiola

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent introduced and recognized this month's recipients of the Hamden Heroes award:

- Dante Maione, Dunbar Hill School student
- Larissa Crocco, Dunbar Hill grade 4 teacher
- Sara Hernandez, Bear Path School Social Worker
- Cierra Vazquez, Bear Path student

The Superintendent, along with Board members John Keegan and John DeRosa, presented certificates to the honorees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015 Board of Education meeting.
Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

The following person spoke during Public Comments on Action Items:
Margaret Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.
Sendroff
 - a. Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #2300 – Code of Professional Responsibility *Second Reading* - (Policy Committee, June 15, 2015).
 - b. Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #0521.2 – Non-Discrimination Commitment to Religious Neutrality *Second Reading* - (Policy Committee, June 15, 2015).
 - c. Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #2000.1 Administration-Board-Superintendent Relationship *Second Reading* – (Policy Committee, September 21, 2015).
 - d. Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #1112.5 – Media Access to Students *First Reading* - (Policy Committee, October 19, 2015).
 - e. Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #6144.1 – Exemption from Instruction *First Reading* - (Policy Committee, October 19, 2015).
 - f. Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #4112.2 – Personnel-Certification *First Reading* - (Policy Committee, October 19, 2015).
 - g. Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #6146 – Graduation Requirement *First Reading* – (Policy Committee, October 19, 2015).
 - h. Approval to dispose of obsolete books at Shepherd Glen School (Curriculum Committee, November 4, 2015).

PENDING ACTIONS

3. Move to approve (the attached) budget transfers as presented at the Finance Committee meeting on November 9, 2015.
Daur
Seconded by: DeRosa
Unanimous
4. Move to approve (the attached) purchase order over \$50,000.
Daur
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
5. Move to approve a contract between Gateway Community College and the Hamden Board of Education to provide up to 70 hours of classroom instruction (AUT 138 Brakes) for Hamden Public School students.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous

6. Move to approve an amendment to the existing contract with Whitson's Food Service Management Company.
DeRosa
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

7. Move to approve a building usage request from the Cecchetti Ballet Theatre to use the Hamden High School auditorium and room C-107 for a production of the Nutcracker on December 12 and 13, 2015.
DeRosa
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

8. Move to approve a building usage request from Hamden Academy of Dance and Music to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on December 19, 2015 for a Christmas recital.
DeRosa
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello
Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

The following person spoke during Public Comments on Information Items:
Margaret Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Goeler, Director of Health and Physical Education Amanda Forcucci and Board member Arturo Perez-Cabello updated the Board members on the District's Wellness Policy.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the following items:

- Kindergarten entrance inventory
- The Parent See program
- District Management meeting in Boston run by the Harvard Business School
- Thought Exchange Program and its anticipated January 2016 roll-out
- Meeting with Mayor Leng to discuss two initiatives: 1) a shared social worker for a community outreach; and 2) transitioning two pre-K programs from the Keefe Center to our schools
- Alternative Programs Committee

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ACES/WINTERGREEN Committee – ACES Representative, Lynn Campo, reported on the ACES meeting. No Wintergreen meeting this month.

Operations/Residency Committee – There was no Operations Committee meeting this month.

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

Personnel Committee – There was no Personnel Committee this month.

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

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

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:

John Keegan, Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Arturo Perez-Cabella and John DeRosa.

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following person spoke during Public Comment:

Melinda Saller, PTA Council President

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SALARY INCREASES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

9. Move to enter into executive session to discuss salary increases for non-union employees at 8:20 PM
Sendroff
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
10. Move to return to public session at 9:05 PM
Sendroff
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous

ACTION ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Move to approve salary increases for non-union employees
Daur
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello
Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

12. Move to adjourn at 9:07 P.M.
DeRosa
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous