



HAMDEN BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016
MINUTES

Adam Sendroff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

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

Student Representatives: Sara Courtemanche and Aaron Garner

Staff: Jody Goeler, Mark Albanese, Michael Belden, Gary Highsmith, Karen Kaplan and Christopher Melillo

ACTION ITEMS

1. Move to elect Melinda Saller and Christopher Vega as new Board members.

Sendroff

Seconded by: Daur

Unanimous

Vera Morrison, Town Clerk, swore the two new Board members in.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent introduced Dr. Stephen Baranski and the select Choir from Hamden High School. The choir performed two songs.

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

Mariam Osman, Hamden High School student

Aaron Garner, Hamden High School student

Mary Giagrande, Hamden High School Security Guard

Tim Homa, Hamden High School Desktop Support Specialist

The Superintendent, along with the Board Chair, Adam Sendroff, presented certificates to the honorees.

The Superintendent, along with the Board recognized and thanked John DeRosa for his service on the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Move to approve minutes from the December 8, 2015 Board of Education meeting.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. Move to add to 7b5 Approval of a field trip request for the Hamden High School European Travel Club to travel to Europe April 15-25, 2016 to the agenda.
Daur
Seconded by: Sendroff
Unanimous

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Christopher Daur requested the removal of item 7a2 Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #3280 – Gifts and Donations First Reading - (Policy Committee, January 11, 2016).

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no Public Comments on Action Items this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Move to accept the Consent Agenda as amended.
Sendroff
 - 1.) Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #6172.6 – Virtual/Online Course First Reading - (Policy Committee, January 11, 2016).
 - 3.) Approval of Hamden Board of Education Policy #1325 Advertising in our Schools First Reading – (Policy Committee, January 11, 2016).
 - 4.) Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #6142.101 – Student Nutrition and Physical Activity Second Reading - (Policy Committee, October 19, 2015).
 - 5.) Approval for Positive Choices Coalition to use office space at Hamden Middle School (Operations Committee – January 5, 2016).
 - 6.) Approval of a building usage request from the Democratic Town Committee to use the Hamden Middle School cafeteria on January 7, 2016 (snow date: January 12, 2016) for caucuses (Operations

Committee, January 5, 2016).

7.) Approval of a building usage request from West Woods Christian Academy to use the Alice Peck School stage on April 4, 2016 through Saturday, April 9, 2016 for a performance (Operations Committee, January 5, 2016).

8.) Approval of a building usage request from Stone Academy to use the Hamden High School auditorium on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 for a graduation ceremony (Operations Committee, January 5, 2016).

9.) Approval to dispose of obsolete, non-instructional materials (Operations Committee, January 5, 2016).

PENDING ACTIONS

5. Move to approve budget transfer line item Tuition-Public Schools to budget line item Unemployment Insurance, as presented at the Finance Committee meeting.
Daur
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
6. Move to approve (the attached) purchase orders over \$50,000.
Daur
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
7. Move to accept a \$200 donation from Sanjeewa and Hashini Karunaratne.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous
8. Move to approve 2016-2017 Hamden Public School District Calendar.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
9. Move to approve field trip request for the Hamden High School European Travel Club to travel to Europe April 15-25, 2016 to the agenda.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello

Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

The following person spoke during Public Comment:
Meg Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

INFORMATION ITEMS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent introduced Kimberly Planas, Director of Pupil Services, to give an update on Special Education.

Kimberly Planas reported the priorities of the Special Education Department are to: provide quality special education services to our students in a cost effective manner; focus allocation of resources to ensure we have the most highly skilled and trained professionals working with our neediest students; continue to focus on alignment and improvement of special education services from preschool to 12+; and shift to a skill-based and individualized resource delivery model at the secondary level.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ACES/WINTERGREEN Committee – ACES Representative, Lynn Campo, stated there would be a meeting on January 14, 2016.

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

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

Personnel Committee – There is no committee 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 there was no meeting this month.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

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

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

There following person spoke during Public Comment:
Karen Kaplan, Director of Technology and Communications

ADJOURNMENT

10. Move to adjourn at 8:44 P.M.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Daur
Secretary to the Board