



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017  
MINUTES

**REVISED \***

Rissa Webb, Clerk to the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

Board Members: Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Myron W. Hul, Melissa Kaplan, Gail Mitchell, Vic Mitchell, Walter Morton IV, Arturo Perez-Cabello, and Melinda Saller

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

Student Representative: Vincent Palumbo

**ACTION ITEMS**

Rissa Webb requested nominations for Chairperson of the Hamden Board of Education.

1. Move to elect Christopher Daur as Chairperson of the Hamden Board of Education.

Saller  
Seconded by: Morton  
Unanimous

Christopher Daur requested nominations for Secretary of the Hamden Board of Education.

2. Move to elect Myron W. Hul as Secretary of the Hamden Board of Education.

Kaplan  
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello  
Unanimous

**SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION**

The Superintendent introduced and recognized this month's recipients of the Hamden Heroes Award from Hamden Middle School:  
A'myla Thomas and Sana Khan (students)  
Michelle Mule and Judith Donroe (staff)

#### ACTION ITEMS

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Move to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2017 Board of Education meeting and December 2, 2017 Special Board of Education meeting.  
Saller  
Seconded by: Morton  
In Favor: Campo, Daur, Hul, Kaplan, Morton, Perez-Cabello and Saller  
Abstaining: G. Mitchell and V. Mitchell

#### MOTION PASSES

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments on Action Items this evening.

#### ACTION ITEMS

#### CONSENT AGENDA

4. Move to approve the Consent Agenda  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: V. Mitchell  
Unanimous
  - a) Approval of a building usage request from Mulan Art School to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on February 3, 2018, for a Chinese celebration (Operations Committee, December 5, 2017).
  - b) Approval to request, from the Legislative Council, a bid waiver for Silver Petrucelli & Associates to provide architectural and engineering services for repair of concrete and masonry, as well as limited site improvements to prevent moisture incursion into

Ridge Hill Elementary School (Operations Committee, December 5, 2017).

- c) Move to recommend to the full Board, approval to dispose of obsolete, non-instructional material as presented (Operations Committee, December 5, 2017).
- d) Approval of State of Connecticut Student Support and Academic Assistance Grant (Curriculum Committee, December 6, 2017).
- e) Approval of a field trip request for Hamden High School students to travel to Italy and Greece for Global Awareness – April 11-23, 2018 (Curriculum Committee, November 6, 2017).

#### PENDING ACTIONS

- 5. Move to approve 2018-19 Hamden Public School district calendar.  
Morton  
Seconded by: Saller  
Unanimous

- 6. Move to approve of purchase orders over \$100,000 as presented at the Finance Committee meeting.  
Morton  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous

- 7. Move to approve the Board of Education meeting schedule for calendar year 2018.  
Kaplan  
Seconded by: V. Mitchell

Move to amend the Board of Education meeting schedule for calendar year 2018 to add July 10 and August 14 as meeting dates.

Hul  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous

Move to approve the Board of Education meeting schedule for calendar year 2018, as amended.  
Unanimous

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

The following person spoke during Public Comment on Information Items:

Meg Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Language Arts Director, Julia McNamee gave a presentation on the Language Arts program.

## EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

9. Move to Executive Session at 9:19 P.M. to discuss:

a. Terms of Superintendent's contract extension

In addition to the members of the Board, the following individuals attended: Jody Goeler and Michael Belden

b. Salary increases for non-union

In addition to the members of the Board, the following individuals attended: Jody Goeler and Michael Belden

c. Update collective bargaining

In addition to the members of the Board, the following individuals attended: Gary Highsmith, Jody Goeler and Michael Belden

Perez-Cabello

Seconded by: Morton

Unanimous

10. Move to return to public session at 10:30 PM.

Hul

Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

The Superintendent updated the board about meetings and activities he attended.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee –Committee Chair, Melissa Saller stated there was no meeting this month.

ACES/WINTERGREEN – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo, reported on the activities of the committee.

Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Vic Mitchell, reported on the activities of the committee.

Finance Committee – Committee Chair, Myron Hul, stated there was nothing to report.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton, reported on the activities of the committee.

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

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

11. Move to approve contract extension for the Superintendent of Schools.

Saller  
Seconded by: Morton  
Unanimous

12. Move to approve salary increases for non-union employees.

Morton  
Seconded by: V. Mitchell \*  
Motion Passes  
Opposed: G. Mitchell

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following board member spoke this evening:  
Lynn Campo.

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no comments from press and public.

ADJOURNMENT

12. Move to adjourn at 10:52 P.M.  
Saller  
Seconded by: Morton  
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Myron W. Hul, Board Secretary