



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2017
MINUTES

Christopher Daur, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Board Members: Lynn Campo, Myron W. Hul, Melissa Kaplan,
Walter Morton, IV (7:51 PM), Vic Mitchell, Arturo Perez-Cabello, Melinda Saller,

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

Student Representative: Jaweriah Shah, Vincent Palumbo

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent introduced and recognized this month's recipients of the
Hamden Heroes Award from Ridge Hill and Spring Glen:

Asifa Iqbal (Ridge Hill student), Bruce Kleffke (Ridge Hill staff)
Olivia Freer (Spring Glen student), Patrick Sullivan (Spring Glen staff)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve minutes from the September 19, 2017 Special Board of
Education meeting.
Hul
Seconded by: Saller
Abstained: Campo

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments on Action Items.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Daur removed Items 1 and 2 from the Consent Agenda and added
them to the Pending Action Items.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to approve the Consent Agenda.
Mitchell
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous

- a. Approval of a building usage request from Hoysala Kannada Koota Association to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium and cafeteria on October 28, 2017 for a Festival of Lights celebration (Operations Committee, October 3, 2017).
- b. Approval of a building usage request from Joni's Dance Center to use the Hamden High School auditorium on June 2, 2018 for a dance recital (Operations Committee, October 3, 2017).
- c. Approval of a building usage request from Cue the Music to use the Hamden High School auditorium on May 5th and May 6th, 2018 for a dance competition (Operations Committee, October 3, 2017).
- d. Approval of a building usage request from That's Entertainment to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on March 10th and 11th, 2018 for a dance competition (Operations Committee, October 3, 2017).
- e. Approval of a building usage request from Dance Ovations to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on March 24th and 25th, 2018 for a dance competition (Operations Committee, October 3, 2017).
- f. Approval of a field trip request for Hamden High School DECA students to travel to Philadelphia, PA for a Leadership Conference – Nov. 10-12, 2017 (Curriculum Committee, October 4, 2017).
- g. Approval of a field trip request for Hamden High School students to travel to Howard University and Morgan State for a Historically Black College and Universities Tour – October 26-27, 2017 (Curriculum Committee, October 4, 2017).
- h. Approval of a field trip request for Hamden High School music students to travel to Boston, MA for World Strides On-Stage Programs – April 13-14, 2018 (Curriculum Committee, October 4, 2017).
- i. Approval of a field trip request for Hamden High School Girls' Ice Hockey Team to travel to South Burlington, VT for an Ice Hockey Tournament – December 15-16, 2017 (Curriculum Committee, October 4, 2017).
- j. Approval to dispose of obsolete books at Hamden High School (Curriculum Committee, October 4, 2017).
- k. Approval to dispose of obsolete books at Hamden Middle School (Curriculum Committee, October 4, 2017).

PENDING ACTION

3. Approval of budget transfer as presented at the Finance Committee meeting
From: Tuition, non-public (561)
To: Non-Instructional Equipment (735) \$100,000
Hul
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
4. Approval of purchase orders over \$50,000 as presented at the Finance Committee meeting
Hul
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
5. Approval of a first reading – Board of Education Policy #5113 Attendance Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous
6. Approval of a first reading – Board of Education Policy #5113.2 Truancy Saller
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello
Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no comments

INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the State budget as well as items of interest to the district.

Fine Arts Director, Eric Nyquist gave a presentation about the Hamden Public Schools' Fine Arts Program

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee –Committee Chair, Melinda Saller, reported on the activities of the committee from last month's meeting.

ACES/WINTERGREEN – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo, updated the Board on ACES and Wintergreen issues.

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

Finance Committee – Committee Chair, Myron W. Hul, reported on this evening's Finance Committee meeting.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton, IV, updated the Board on current negotiations.

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

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting on October 23, 2017.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:
Christopher Daur, Arturo Perez-Cabello, Lynn Campo, Melinda Saller
and Melissa Kaplan

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following people spoke:
John Hanna – 670 Mix Avenue, Hamden
Kathleen Kiely – 69 Augur Street, Hamden
Arun Darwar – 49 Glastonbury Hunt Lane, Glastonbury

ADJOURNMENT

7. Move to adjourn at 8:59 P.M.
Campo
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted
Myron W. Hul, Board Secretary