



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

MINUTES

Christopher Daur, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Board Members: Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Vic Mitchell, Walter Morton, IV, Arturo Perez-Cabello and Melinda Saller

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

Student Representatives: Vincent Palumbo and Jaweriah Shah

Legislative Council Member: Harry Gagliardi

Senator George Logan

State Representative Michael D'Agostino

**SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION**

The Superintendent introduced and recognized the following new staff members:

Linda Morbidelli, Director of Mathematics  
Corey Jackson, Principal, Shepherd Glen School  
Michael McDermott, Special Education Coordinator  
Vincent Palumbo, HHS student representative to the Hamden Board of Education

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Move to elect Myron W. Hul and Melissa Kaplan to the Hamden Board of Education  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Saller  
Unanimous

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

2. Move to elect Myron W. Hul as Board of Education secretary  
Daur  
Seconded by: Mitchell  
Unanimous

3. Move to Executive Session (7:15 PM) to discuss collective bargaining and pending litigation. In addition to Board members, the following people attended the Executive Session: Jody Goeler, Christopher Melillo, Michael Belden, Gary Highsmith and legal counsel, Bill Ryan.

Daur

Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

4. Move to return to Public Session (8:07 PM).

Saller

Seconded by: Morton

Unanimous

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. Move to approval the minutes from the June 13, 2017 Board of Education meeting, as amended and the minutes from the July 10, 2017 Special Board of Education meeting.

Saller

Seconded by: Campo

In Favor: Campo, Daur, Mitchell, Morton, Perez-Cabello, Saller

Abstained: Hul and Kaplan

Motion Passes

#### 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

#### CONSENT AGENDA

6. Move to approve the Consent Agenda

Daur

Seconded by: Mitchell

In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Mitchell, Morton Perez-Cabello, Saller

Abstain: Hul

Motion Passes

- 1.) 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 utility charges based on the percentage of non-Hamden participants (Operations Committee, September 5, 2017).

- 2.) Approval of a building usage request from Joni's Dance Center to use the Hamden High School auditorium on Saturday, June 2, 2018 for a dance recital (Operations Committee, September 5, 2017).
- 3.) Approval of a building usage request from CT Invention Convention to use the Hamden Middle School gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium, main hallway and band room on March 18, 2018 for a regional convention (Operations Committee, September 5, 2017).
- 4.) Approval to adopt BOE Policy #5145.53 Gender Identity and Expression – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (Policy Committee, April 25, 2017).

**PENDING ACTION**

7. Move to approve budget transfers as presented at the Finance Committee meeting (see attachment A).
  - Daur
  - Seconded by: Campo
  - In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Mitchell, Morton, Perez-Cabello, Saller
  - Abstain: Hul
  - Motion Passes
8. Move to approve purchase orders over \$50,000 (see attachment B).
  - Daur
  - Seconded by: Campo
  - In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Mitchell, Morton, Perez-Cabello, Saller
  - Abstain: Hul
  - Motion Passes
9. Move to approve a field trip request for the HHS Dance Team to travel to Orlando, FL (Disneyworld) for a dance competition – February 1-5, 2018.
  - Morton
  - Seconded by: Campo
  - In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Mitchell, Morton, Perez-Cabello, Saller
  - Abstain: Hul
  - Motion Passes
10. Move to refer Board of Education Policy #5125 *Student Records; Confidentiality* to the Policy Committee.
  - Perez-Cabello
  - Seconded by: Saller
  - In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Mithcell, Morton, Perez-Cabello, Saller
  - Abstain: Hul
  - Motion Passes
11. Move to rescind Board of Education Policy #2151 *Administration Hiring School Administrators* which was replaced with Board of Education Policy 2000.1 *Board-Superintendent Relationship (first reading)*.
  - Perez-Cabello
  - Seconded by: Saller
  - In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Mithcell, Morton, Perez-Cabello, Saller
  - Abstain: Hul
  - Motion Passes

12. Move to accept a \$10,000 donation from Burlington Stores and AdoptAClassroom.  
Mitchell  
Seconded by: Kaplan  
In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Mitchell, Morton, Perez-Cabello, Saller  
Abstain: Hul  
Motion Passes

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no comments on Information Items.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent introduced Senator George Logan and State Representative Michael D'Agostino, who update the Board on the status of the State budget.

The Superintendent congratulated Michael Belden who was selected by the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce to receive the "Educational Leadership" award at this year's Chamber Choice Awards Dinner on November 9, 2017.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the opening of the school year and the meetings and activities he has attended.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton, stated there was no meeting this month.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello stated there was no meeting this month.

Goals and Evaluation Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo, notified the Board that there would be a meeting schedule in October.

## COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:

Arturo Perez-Cabello

Melinda Saller

Lynn Camp

Christopher Daur

## COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following people spoke this evening:

Meg Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

John Hanna, 670 Mix Avenue, Hamden

Mark Levinson, 51 Putnam Avenue, Hamden

Beth Wolak, 1884 Whitney Avenue, Hamden

## ADJOURNMENT

13. Move to adjourn (9:41 PM).

Saller

Seconded by: Morton

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Myron W. Hul, Board Secretary

# Attachment A

9/8/2017  
6:15 PM

FY 2016-2017 Year End Budget Transfers					
FY 2016-2017 - Budget		\$ 84,008,995.00			
FY 2016-2017 - YTD Expenditures		\$ 84,007,125.16			
Remaining Budget - FY 2016-2017		\$ 1,869.84			
Object #	Object Code Description	TO:	FROM:	TO: NET:	FROM: NET:
111	Central Office Salaries	\$ 30,433	\$ -		
112	Director's salaries	\$ 103,614	\$ -		
113	Principal's Salaries		\$ 13,063		
114	Teachers Salaries	\$ 18,452	\$ -		
115	Substitute Salaries	\$ 26,673	\$ -		
116	Tutor Salaries	\$ -	\$ 66,834		
117	coaches / clubs / stipends	\$ 5,220	\$ -		
119	School Nurse Salaries	\$ 84,901	\$ -		
121	Adult Ed. Instructors	\$ -	\$ 42,196		
122	Clerical Salaries	\$ 169,944	\$ -		
123	Aide Salaries	\$ 264,014	\$ -		
124	Custodian Salaries	\$ 54,108	\$ -		
125	Maintenance Salaries	\$ 21,526	\$ -		
128	Lunch Aide Salaries	\$ -	\$ 10,339		
133	School Climate Advisors	\$ 9,376	\$ -		
140	Security / Residency / Attendance	\$ 16,865	\$ -		
	<b>Sub Total - Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 805,125</b>	<b>\$ 132,432</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (672,693)</b>
Object #	Object Code Description	TO:	FROM:	TO: NET:	FROM: NET:
215	Life Insurance	\$ 9,566			
217	Other Insurance / Benefits		\$ 22,334		
220	FICA ER Expense	\$ 38,593			
226	Medicare ER Expense	\$ 7,076	\$ -		
240	Clothing Allowance		\$ 10,080		
245	Professional Licenses		\$ 240		
250	Unemployment Compensation		\$ 30,069		
270	Annuities	\$ -	\$ 10,900		
320	Professional Development	\$ -	\$ 127,728		
325	Curriculum Development	\$ -	\$ 50,874		
330	Professional Services	\$ 31,334	\$ -		
340	Technical Services		\$ 3,000		
400	Property Services	\$ -	\$ 121,722		
431	Water	\$ -	\$ 4,415		
431	Repair & Maint - Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,725		
432	Repair & Maint. - Bldgs		\$ 78,650		
435	Safety - Bldgs		\$ 10,943		
442	Lease of Equipment	\$ -	\$ 26,386		
510	Transportation Public	\$ -	\$ 100,342		
511	Transportation - Non-Public		\$ 22,782		
512	FS SPED Transportation	\$ -	\$ 77,696		
513	Other SPED Transportation	\$ 197,521	\$ -		
518	Transportation - Athletics	\$ -	\$ 11,146		

<b>FY 2016-2017 Year End Budget Transfers</b>					
<b>FY 2016-2017 - Budget</b>		<b>\$ 84,008,995.00</b>			
<b>FY 2016-2017 - YTD Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 84,007,125.16</b>			
<b>Remaining Budget - FY 2016-2017</b>		<b>\$ 1,869.84</b>			
<b>Object #</b>	<b>Object Code Description</b>	<b>TO:</b>	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO: NET:</b>	<b>FROM: NET:</b>
521	Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ 68,931		
531	Telecommunications	\$ -	\$ 31,686		
532	Postage		\$ 19,922		
540	advertising		\$ 3,441		
550	Printing		\$ 45,849		
561	Tuition - Public Schools	\$ 23,009	\$ -		
563	Tuition - Non-Public Schools	\$ 1,101,067	\$ -		
565	Advanced / Alternative Ed	\$ -	\$ 26,241		
581	Staff Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 11,572			
582	Admin Conferences	\$ -	\$ 17,134		
590	student activities		\$ 18,077		
611	Instructional Supplies	\$ -	\$ 153,675		
612	maintenance supplies	\$ -	\$ 41,284		
613	other supplies	\$ -	\$ 22,684		
621	Natural Gas	\$ -	\$ 242,854		
622	Electricity	\$ -	\$ 540,813		
623	sewer use fees	\$ -	\$ 3,550		
641	textbooks		\$ 39,651		
642	library books		\$ 2,980		
643	Periodicals		\$ 3,396		
644	Instructional Software		\$ 13,255		
645	Non-Instructional Software	\$ -	\$ 15,044		
733	Furniture and Fixtures	\$ -	\$ 4,213		
734	Instructional Equipment		\$ 43,425		
735	Non- Instructional Equipment		\$ 12,889		
810	Dues & Fees		\$ 9,403		
	<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,419,738</b>	<b>\$ 2,092,431</b>	<b>\$ (672,693)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,224,864</b>	<b>\$ 2,224,864</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Item #	Funding Source	PO #	Vendor Name	PO Date	PO Amount	Procurement Method	Description
1	School Security Grant # 604	677500	UTILITY COMMUNICATIONS	06/28/2017	\$ 53,953.00	State Contract	Portable Radios and Battery Backups for AP, BP, CO, DH, HS, HCLC, HMS, RH, SG
2	Alliance Grant # 633	671281	DISTRICT MANAGEMENT GROUP	06/15/2017	\$ 80,000.00	Preferred Vendor	Participation in a working group ACE2 (Assuring Connecticut's Educations Excellence) - Company based out of Cambridge, Ma.



July 2017 PO over \$50,000

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Item #	Funding Source	PO #	Vendor	PO Date	PO Amount	Procurement Method	Description
1	LEA	1800384	Frontier	07/21/2017	\$ 50,000.00	Sole Vendor	Encumbrance for telecommunications (Phones)
2	LEA	1800389	Greater New Haven Water Pollution Authority	07/21/2017	\$ 54,700.00	Sole Vendor	Encumbrance for sewer usage
3	LEA	1800392	Berchem, Moses, & Devlin	07/21/2017	\$ 60,000.00	Preferred Vendor	Encumbrance for legal services - (Special Education)
4	LEA	1800390	Regional Water Authority	07/21/2017	\$ 63,500.00	Sole Vendor	Encumbrance for water usage
5	LEA	1800397	Smoko Insurance	07/21/2017	\$ 76,800.00	Preferred Vendor	Encumbrance for insurance - Commercial Umbrella Policy
6	LEA	1800393	Blessed Sacrament Church	07/21/2017	\$ 86,400.00	Sole Vendor	Encumbrance for Blessed Sacrament Church - custodial services
7	LEA	1800523	Grove School, Inc	07/21/2017	\$ 93,300.00	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for SY 2017-2018 student tuition
8	LEA	1800524	Grove School, Inc	07/21/2017	\$ 93,300.00	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for SY 2017-2018 student tuition
9	LEA	1800525	Grove School, Inc	07/21/2017	\$ 136,920.00	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for SY 2017-2018 student tuition
10	LEA	1800012	Xerox Corporation	07/11/2017	\$ 190,217.64	RFP / BID	Encumbrance for copier leases
11	LEA	1800003	Anthem Bcbst	07/11/2017	\$ 215,000.00	Sole Vendor	Encumbrance for life insurance
12	LEA	1800005	Blessed Sacrament Church	07/11/2017	\$ 240,000.00	Sole Vendor	HCLC lease from Blessed Sacrament Church (\$20,000 per month * 12 months)
13	LEA	1800387	Ref Us Investments	07/21/2017	\$ 306,000.00	Sole Vendor	Encumbrance for fuel cell (\$25,500 per mth * 12 months)
14	LEA	1800194	East River Oil	07/14/2017	\$ 309,435.00	Town / BOE Consortium	Town & BOE Part of Consortium to Purchase Diesel Fuel and additive for Buses. 150,000 gallons at \$2.05 per gallon plus additive costs (last years price was \$2.02)
15	LEA	1800385	Southern Ct Gas Co	07/21/2017	\$ 588,000.00	Sole Vendor	Encumbrance for natural gas usage
16	LEA	1800396	Ct Interlocal Risk Management Agency (Cirma)	07/21/2017	\$ 686,641.40	Town Bid	Encumbrance for Liability-Auto-Property (LAP) insurance
17	LEA	1800391	Anthem Bcbst	07/21/2017	\$ 840,000.00	Sole Vendor	Encumbrance for medical insurance - Paid by Town - Balance Sheet entry for BOE
18	LEA	1800386	United Illuminating Co	07/21/2017	\$ 1,191,000.00	Sole Vendor	Encumbrance for electricity - all schools

August 2017 PO over \$50,000

9/12/2017  
9:50 AM

Item #	Funding Source	PO #	Vendor	PO Date	PO Amount	Procurement Method	Description
1	ALLIANCE (FUND 06)	681022	NWEA	08/31/2017	\$ 57,500.00	Specialized Vendor - Technology	WEB BASED MAP & WEB BASED MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS / Assessments
2	LEA	1800561	Joan Radocchio	08/01/2017	\$ 59,280.00	PPS Placement - Nurse	Encumbrance for nurse to ride bus with student to ACES Village Est
3	LEA	1800657	Kennedy Center, Inc.	08/02/2017	\$ 61,275.00	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for student 6/17-12/17 - PPS Outplacement
4	LEA	1800845	Specialized Education of CT, INC	08/29/2017	\$ 70,720.76	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for multiple students extended school year July/August 2017
5	LEA	1800839	Lina Home Care	08/29/2017	\$ 75,000.00	Specialized Vendor - PPS Transportation	Encumbrance for SPED transportation SY 2017-2018
6	LEA	1800800	Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC	08/14/2017	\$ 80,125.92	Preferred Vendor - Technology	Encumbrance for district Ethernet Metro-E
7	LEA	1800843	Boys & Girls Village, INC	08/29/2017	\$ 84,400.00	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for DCF Placement Tuition SY 2017-2018
8	LEA	1800846	CT Transportation Solutions	08/29/2017	\$ 94,102.60	Specialized Vendor	Encumbrance for SPED transportation-2 students
9	LEA	1800838	ZABA Therapy	08/29/2017	\$ 101,912.50	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for Tuition & Behavior Services SY 2017-2018
10	LEA	1800847	ACES	08/29/2017	\$ 110,000.00	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for Tuition multiple students & 1:1 esitmate SY 2017-2018
11	LEA	1800844	Ben Bronz Foundation	08/29/2017	\$ 113,000.00	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for 2 students tuition SY 2017-2018
12	LEA	1800837	ZABA Therapy	08/29/2017	\$ 124,250.00	Specialized Vendor	Encumbrance for Tuition & Behavior Services SY 2017-2018
13	LEA	1800842	Benhaven, Inc	08/29/2017	\$ 147,600.00	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for 1 student tuition SY 2017-2018
14	LEA	1800684	First Group America	08/02/2017	\$ 158,250.00	RFP / Awarded Contract	Encumbrance - 2017-2018 SY Game Buses for HHS Athletics
15	LEA	1800812	ACES	08/18/2017	\$ 387,922.33	PPS Placement - Tuition	ESY 2017 Public Tuition- 58 students
16	LEA	1800841	ACES	08/29/2017	\$ 400,000.00	Specialized Vendor - PPS Transportation	Encumbrance for SPED transportation SY 2017-2018
17	LEA	1800655	CT Center for Child Development, Inc	08/02/2017	\$ 420,757.00	PPS Placement - Tuition	Encumbrance for 4students tuition SY 2016-2017