



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 13, 2017
MINUTES

Prior to the start of the meeting, Superintendent, Jody Goeler presented Board Chair, Adam Sendroff, with a gift from the Board and thanked him on behalf of the district for his 10 years of dedicated and outstanding service to the students and families of Hamden.

Adam Sendroff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Board Members: Adam Sendroff, Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Vic Mitchell, Walter Morton IV, Arturo Perez-Cabello(7:12 P.M.), Melinda Saller, and Christopher Vega

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

Student Representative: Aaron Garner

Legislative Council Members: Myron Hul

Board Chair, Adam Sendroff, asked for a moment of silence in memory of John Kennelly.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent introduced and recognized Aaron Garner, student representative on the Hamden BOE.

The Superintendent introduced Diane Marinaro and Amanda Forcucci, co-chairs of the teacher of the year committee, who together presented awards to the following teachers of the year:

Melissa Holt, Alice Peck School,
Sarah Pannon, Church Street School,
Lauren Chudoba, Dunbar Hill School,
Kristen Wiggins, Helen Street School,
Holly Stanley, Ridge Hill School,
Judy Nolan, Shepard Glen School,
Jen Pohl, Spring Glen School,
Kristen Bell, West Woods School,
Jen Britton, Hamden Middle School,
Tammy Adames, Hamden High School,
Frank Renaldi, Bear Path School, Hamden's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve minutes from the May 9, 2017 Board of Education meeting.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

There following person spoke:
Meg Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

ACTION ITEMS

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Adam Sendroff requested the removal of item 6a4 Approval of First Student Transportation contract extension (Operations Committee, June 12, 2017) from the Agenda and be placed as Pending Action 6b8.

Adam Sendroff requested the removal of item 6a8 Approval of a building usage request from Tobe Carberry (Fundamental Man Camps, Inc.) to use the Central Office gymnasium on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from June 20, through August 31, 2017 for personal training (Operations Committee, June 12, 2017).

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous
 - a. Approval to adopt Board of Education Policy #6172.6 Virtual/Online Courses – second reading (Policy Committee, April 25, 2017).
 - b. Approval to adopt Board of Education Policy #5131.6 Alcohol Use, Drugs and Tobacco – second reading (Policy Committee, April 25, 2017).
 - c. Approval to adopt Board of Education Policy #5125 –Student Records-Confidentiality – second reading (Policy Committee, April 25, 2017).
 - d. Approval for Hamden Soccer Association to post signs on school property (Operations Committee, June 12, 2017).

- e. Approval of "Amendment #1," Whitsons New England contract renewal (Operations Committee, June 12, 2017).
- f. Approval of a building usage request from Stone Academy to use the Hamden High School auditorium on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 for their graduation ceremony (Operations Committee, June 12, 2017).

PENDING ACTION

- 3. Move to approve the following budget transfers (as presented in Finance Committee meeting):
 - a. from Tuition – Non-Public (563) in the amount of \$175,000 to Substitute Salaries (115)
 - b. from Tuition – Non-Public (563) in the amount of \$75,000 to Substitute Salaries (115) \$75,000
 - c. from Tuition – Non-Public (563) in the amount of \$25,000 to Coaches / Clubs / Stipends (117)
 - d. from Tuition – Non-Public (563) in the amount of \$150,000 to Aide Salaries (123)
 - e. from Tuition – Non-Public (563) in the amount of \$40,000 to Lunch Aide Salaries (128)
 - f. from Tuition – Non-Public (563) in the amount of \$35,000 to Security / Residency (140)

Daur
Seconded by: Sendroff
Unanimous

- 4. Move to approve the following purchase order(s) over \$50,000:
 - a. \$110,137.50 to Billy's Landscaping
 - b. \$132,681.13 to UTC

Daur
Seconded by: Morton
Unanimous

- 5. Move to approve of FY 2017-18 Board of Education operating budget in the amount of \$84,500,000

Daur
Seconded by: Sendroff
Unanimous

- 6. Move to certify that Pursuant to Section 10-215f of the CT General State Statutes, all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under the jurisdiction of the Hamden Board of Education, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-

school organizations and groups.

Sendroff
Seconded by: Vega
Unanimous

7. Move that Pursuant to Section 10-215f of the CT General State Statutes, the Hamden Board of Education will exclude from certification food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that such food is sold in connection with any event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, such sale is at the location of the event, and such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

Sendroff
Seconded by: Vega
Unanimous

8. Move to allow the sale of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes to students, provided that the following conditions are met: the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; the sale is at the location of the event and the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store.

Sendroff
Seconded by: Morton
Unanimous

9. Move to approve of a leave of absence for Dominique Rakiec, English teacher, Hamden High School (2017-18 school year).

Vega
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

10. Move to approve to accept a donation of technology equipment from Michael Brooks.

Sendroff
Seconded by: Vega
Unanimous

11. Move to approve First Student Transportation contract extension (Operations Committee, June 12, 2017)

Mitchell
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

There following person spoke:

Meg Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deb Culligan from Quinnipiac Valley Health Department updated the Board on a new policy at the school based Health Center (Mom's Clinic) at Hamden High School.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the 2017-18 budget and the meetings and activities that he attended during the past month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee –Committee Chair, Adam Sendroff, stated the next meeting would be tomorrow, June 14, 2017.

ACES/CABE – 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, Christopher Vega, stated the next meeting would be the week of June 26, 2017.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello, stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo stated there was nothing to report at this time.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

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

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following people spoke:
Molly Moore, 51 Greenway Street, Hamden
Ned Moore, 51 Greenway Street, Hamden

Valen Grandelski, 112 Pleasant Drive, Hamden
JT Talwalkar, 5 Churchhill Road, Hamden
Meg Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden
Diane Marinaro, HAE President

ADJOURNMENT

8. Move to adjourn at 9:24 P.M.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted
Chris Daur, Board Secretary