

HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
60 PUTNAM AVENUE
HAMDEN, CT 06517

MINUTES

OPERATIONS COMMITTEES MEETING
Monday, June 12, 2017

Vic Mitchell, Chairman, called the Operations Committee meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

Operations Members: Vic Mitchell (Chairman), Chris Daur, Chris Vega

Board of Education Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello

Staff: Jody Goeler, Mark Albanese, Mike Belden

INFORMATION ITEMS:

First Student contract extension

Chief Operating Officer, Michael Belden, spoke to the Committee members about the extension to the contract. One of the concerns is that there are not many bus companies that can handle the number of buses the district requires for normal operation. First Student has a large presence in Connecticut and can meet Hamden's needs. However, the plan will be to look at going to RFP for next year. The Committee members asked Mr. Belden to look at some options to lower the overall transportation costs, such as utilizing smaller buses, analyzing student ridership, etc. Transportation is a large part of the annual operating budget.

Amendment #1, Whistons New England contract renewal

Chief Operating Officer, Michael Belden, brought the Committee members up to date on the Whitsons food service contract status. Last year, we signed a 5-year contract with Whitsons, which was awarded last year through a public bid. This amendment approval will be a yearly process, as required by the State of Connecticut. Mr. Vega had a question on recycling. Although not related to this topic, he was concerned of the lack of readily available recycling containers at events. He cited a PTA meeting that was held at the high school cafeteria. The regular trash containers were available, but no blue recycling containers were in sight. People were tossing recyclable materials into the regular trash. Mark Albanese, Director of Facilities, said he would look into this issue and ask his assistant to speak to all head custodians about having recycling containers available at all events.

FY 2016-17 Capital Projects update

Mark Albanese, Director of Facilities, updated the Committee relative to the status of this year's Capital projects. He told the Committee that the "on call" architect and engineer contracts have still not been completed by the Town. Once the contracts are approved, they would still have to go to the Legislative Council for approval, before we could utilize these services. Mr. Albanese had serious concerns about which projects could get done over this summer. Mr. Daur asked Superintendent Goeler to draft a letter to the Mayor, expressing his concern about the status of our summer projects and that most likely, very little will be accomplished over the summer break. Mr. Goeler will work with Mr. Albanese to draft this letter. Mark informed the Committee that there were several projects that should be completed over the summer break, including the Ridge Hill School gymnasium floor project.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Move to recommend to the full Board approval for the Hamden Soccer Association to post signs on school property

Mitchell / Vega
Unanimous

- b) Move to recommend to the full Board approval of the First Student contract extension.

Mitchell / Vega
Mitchell – Y
Vega – Y
Daur – N
Motion Carries

- c) Move to recommend to the full Board approval of "Amendment #1", Whitsons New England contract renewal.

Daur / Mitchell
Unanimous

- d) Move to recommend to the full Board approval of a building usage request from Stone Academy to use the auditorium at Hamden High School on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 for their graduation ceremony.

Mitchell / Daur
Unanimous

- e) Move to recommend to the full Board 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

Mitchell / Daur

Mitchell – N
Daur – N
Vega – N
Motion Fails

Move to adjourn at 7:43 PM.

Mitchell / Vega
Unanimous