



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016  
MINUTES

Adam Sendroff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Board Members: Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Vic Mitchell, Arturo Perez-Cabello (7:18 P.M.), Melinda Saller, Adam Sendroff and Christopher Vega

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

ACTION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent introduced and recognized this month's recipients of the Hamden Heroes Award:

- Jessa Sagnella, Bear Path School student
- Laura Mason, Bear Path School staff
- Theron Holiday, Helen Street School student
- Maureen Sarno, Helen Street School staff

The Superintendent, along with the Board member, Lynn Campo, presented certificates to the honorees from Bear Path School.

The Superintendent, along with the Board member, Christopher Vega, presented certificates to the honorees from Helen Street School.

The Superintendent, along with the Board recognized and thanked John Keegan for his 15 years of service on the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve minutes from the September 13, 2016 Board of Education meeting.
  - Sendroff
  - Seconded by: Saller
  - Unanimous

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

The following people spoke during Public Comments on Action Items:

Meg Nowacki, 1034 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 2. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

Sendroff

- 1.) Approval of Board of Education Policy #3542 Food Services – first reading (Policy Committee, September 19, 2016).
- 2.) Approval of Board of Education Policy #3542.22 Food Services – Personnel Code of Conduct – first reading (Policy Committee, September 19, 2016).
- 3.) Approval of Board of Education Policy #3542.45 Food Services –Vending Machines – first reading (Policy Committee, September 19, 2016).
- 4.) Approval of a building usage request from The Power of Dance to use the auditorium and gymnasium at Hamden High School on April 28-April 30, 2017 for a dance competition (Operations Committee, October 4, 2016).
- 5.) Approval of a building usage request from CT Spirit All-Stars, to use the gymnasium at Hamden High School on Friday, December 2, 2016 for a dance showcase (Operations Committee, October 4, 2016).
- 6.) Approval of a building usage request from The Cheshire Performing Arts Academy to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on Saturday, June 10, 2017 for a dance recital (Operations Committee, October 4, 2016).
- 7.) Approval of a building usage request from the Cecchetti Ballet Theater to use the auditorium, C107 and black box at Hamden High School on Friday, December 9, 2016 through Sunday, December 11, 2016 for a dance recital (Operations Committee, October 4, 2016).
- 8.) Approval of a building usage request from Simply Dance to use the auditorium at Hamden Middle School on Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17, 2016 for a winter showcase (Operations Committee, October 4, 2016).
- 9.) Approval of a building usage request from Newhallville Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses to use the auditorium at Hamden Middle School on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 for a religious meeting (Operations Committee, October 4, 2016).

- 10.) Approval to dispose of obsolete non-instructional materials (Operations Committee, October 4, 2016).
- 11.) Approval of purchase orders as presented (Finance Committee, October 4, 2016).
- 12.) Approval of a field trip request for TAG students to travel to Washington, DC to visit historical locations – April 5-7, 2017 (Curriculum Committee, October 19, 2016).
- 13.) Approval of two U.S. History textbooks, 8th and 11th grades (Curriculum Committee, October 19, 2016).
- 14.) Approval of the Spain Immersion Program at Hamden Middle School (Curriculum Committee, October 19, 2016).

### PENDING ACTIONS

- 3. Move to approve a field trip request for the Hamden High School DECA Club to travel to Washington DC for a leadership conference – Nov. 18-20, 2016.
  - Sendroff
  - Seconded by: Campo
  - Unanimous

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no Public Comment on Information Items.

### INFORMATION ITEMS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent introduced Director of Language Arts, Julia McNamera, who gave a presentation of the Columbia Teacher's College writing workshop program.

The Superintendent told the Board about the meetings and activities that he has been involved within the last couple months.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Board and Committee Chair, Adam Sendroff, reported on the activities of the committee.

ACES/WINTERGREEN Committee – ACES Representative, Lynn Campo, reported on the upcoming meetings.

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, Melinda Saller, started there was nothing to report on at this time.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello stated there will be a meeting coming up next month.

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Move to Executive Session at 8:25 PM for discussion and possible action on the following:

Contract negotiations with security union and nurses union,  
Terms of Superintendent's contract extension  
Salary increases for non-union employees

Sendroff

Seconded by: Vega

Unanimous

5. Move to return to Public Session at 9:54 P.M.

Sendroff

Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

#### COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following board members spoke this evening:  
Christopher Daur, Lynn Campo, and Adam Sendroff.

#### COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no comments from Press or Public.

#### ADJOURNMENT

6. Move to adjourn at 9:55 P.M.  
Sendroff  
Seconded by: Vega

Respectfully submitted

Christopher Daur  
Secretary to the Board