



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019  
MINUTES

Christopher Daur, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Board Members: Christopher Daur, Myron W. Hul, Melissa Kaplan, Gail Mitchell, Vic Mitchell, Arturo Perez-Cabello (7:15 P.M.) and Melinda Saller

Board Members Absent: Lynn Campo and Walter Morton, IV.

Student Representative: Mariam Khan (8:00 P.M.)

Student Representative Absent: Vincent Palumbo

Staff: Jody Goeler, Michael Belden (7:10-10:06 P.M.), Gary Highsmith and Karen Kaplan

**SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION**

The Superintendent introduced and recognized this month's recipients of the Hamden Heroes Award from Hamden Collaboration Learning Center (HCLC) and Shepherd Glen:

Wasim El Alwani (HCLC student)  
Doreen Fox (HCLC staff),

Daniela Viera Estades (Shepherd Glen student),  
Gina Pini (Shepherd Glen staff)

The Superintendent stated that it is Connecticut Association Boards of Education (CABE) Member Appreciation Month and books are being donated to the school media centers in the name of each Board member.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Move to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

M. Hul

Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

2. Move to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 Board of Education special meeting.

M. Hul

Seconded by: Saller

In Favor: Daur, Kaplan, Perez-Cabello and Saller

Abstain: G. Mitchell, and V. Mitchell

**MOTION PASSES**

3. Move to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Board of Education special meeting.  
M. Hul  
Seconded by: Saller  
In Favor: Daur, Kaplan, Perez-Cabello and Saller  
Abstain: G. Mitchell, and V. Mitchell

#### MOTION PASSES

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Myron W. Hul reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

#### REMOVAL OF ITEM FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Christopher Daur removed from the consent agenda the following:

7.A. 6. Approval of a field trip for Hamden High students to attend the historically Black Colleges and Universities tour from April 11-12, 2019

7.A.7. Approval of a field trip for Hamden High students to travel to Orlando, Florida to compete in the DECA Marketing International Career Development Conference – April 26-May 1, 2019

7.A.8. Approval to accept a donation of multicultural books from the Hamden Rotary Club

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

The following person spoke during Public Comments on Action Items: Paul Begemann.

#### ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA

4. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.  
Kaplan  
Seconded by: Saller  
Unanimous
  - a) Approval of a building usage request from Porter and Chester Institute to use the Hamden High School auditorium on May 2, 2019 for graduation (Operations Committee, April 2, 2019)
  - b) Approval to dispose of obsolete books at Bear Path School (Curriculum Committee, April 3, 2019).

- c) Approval to dispose of obsolete books at West Woods School (Curriculum Committee, April 3, 2019).
- d) Approval to dispose of obsolete books at Spring Glen School (Curriculum Committee, April 3, 2019).
- e) Approval to dispose of obsolete books at Ridge Hill School (Curriculum Committee, April 3, 2019).

PENDING ACTION

- 5. Move to approve the amended 2019-20 Board of Education calendar  
Saller  
Seconded by: G. Mitchell  
Unanimous
- 6. Move to adopt revisions to Hamden BOE Policy #3513.1 Energy Conservation – (second reading)  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Saller  
Unanimous
- 7. Move to adopt revisions to Hamden BOE Policy #4111 Recruitment and Selection (Certified and Non-Certified Personnel) – (second reading)  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: G. Mitchell  
Unanimous
- 8. Move to adopt revisions to Hamden BOE Policy #6161.1 Evaluation/Selection of Instructional Materials – (second reading)  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: G. Mitchell  
Unanimous
- 9. Move to adopt revisions to Hamden BOE Policy #6161.12 Free to Learn/Library Bill of Rights – (second reading)  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Kaplan  
Unanimous
- 10. Move to adopt revisions to Hamden BOE Policy #6146 Graduation Requirements – (second reading)  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: G. Mitchell  
Unanimous
- 11. Move to approve the budget transfers as presented by the Finance Chair as listed below:
 

From: Unemployment Compensation	(250)	\$75,000
Maintenance Salary	(125)	\$25,000

To:	Prof. Services	(330)	\$100,000
From:	Substitute Salaries	(115)	\$100,000
To:	Property Services	(400)	\$100,000
From:	Substitute Salaries	(115)	\$ 75,000
To:	Repair and Maintenance Bldgs	(432)	\$ 75,000

Hul

Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

12. Move to accept a donation of multicultural books from the Hamden Rotary Club (Curriculum Committee, April 3, 2019)

Saller

Seconded by: G. Mitchell

Unanimous

13. Move to approve of a field trip for Hamden High students to attend the historically Black Colleges and Universities tour from April 11-12, 2019 (Curriculum Committee, April 3, 2019)

Kaplan

Seconded by: V. Mitchell

Unanimous

14. Move to approve of a field trip for Hamden High students to travel to Orlando, Florida to compete in the DECA Marketing International Career Development Conference – April 26-May 1, 2019 (Curriculum Committee, April 3, 2019)

Saller

Seconded by: G. Mitchell

Unanimous

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

The following people spoke during Public Comments:

Neil Grasty, Shana Jackson, Pia Grasty, Morgan Jackson, Mariam Khan, Rozanna Walker Canton, David Canton, Tia Williams, and Katie Kiely.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

##### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent updated the board on the activities and meetings he attended as well as several new initiatives.

Karen Kaplan gave an overview of the new Hamden Public Schools website.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Committee member, Melinda Saller, reported on the activity of the committee.

ACES/WINTERGREEN – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo was absent so there was no report.

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

Finance Committee – Committee Chair, Myron W. Hul, stated there was no meeting but reported on the status of the budget.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV, was absent so there was no report.

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

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo was absent so there was no report.

#### COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no comments from Press and Public.

#### COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke: Perez-Cabello, Khan, Hul and Daur.

#### ADJOURNMENT

15. Move to adjourn at 10:23 P.M.  
Saller  
Seconded by: Hul  
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Myron W. Hul, Board Secretary