



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019
MINUTES

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

Board Members: Christopher Daur, Myron W. Hul, Lynn Campo, Melissa Kaplan, Vic Mitchell, Walter Morton, IV. (7:15 P.M.), Arturo Perez-Cabello (7:23 P.M.) and Melinda Saller

Board Member Absent: Gail Mitchell

Student Representatives: Vincent Palumbo (left at 7:23 P.M.) and Mariam Khan

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

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized Vincent Palumbo, student representative for his two years on the board.

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

- Lamia Musallam (staff)
- Lilly Fiore (student)

The Superintendent introduced Hamden Education Association president Diane Marinaro who recognized this year's Hamden Teachers of the Year

- Alice Peck – Susan Delancy
- Bear Path – Tina Rotondo
- Dunbar Hill – Heather Page
- Helen Street –Alexandra Distasio
- Ridge Hill – Amanda Gratton
- Shepherd Glen – Jaime Callan
- Spring Glen – Patrick Sullivan
- West Woods – Carolyn Longyear
- Hamden Collaborative Learning Center – Rose Pawlikowski
- Hamden Middle School – Michelle Mule
- Hamden High School – Elizabeth Marini
- Church Street – Tiffany Cofrin

Tiffany Cofrin was named 2019-2020 Hamden's Teacher of the Year

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2019 Board of Education meeting.
Hul

Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

2. Move to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2019 Special Board of Education meeting.
Hul
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

Myron W. Hul stated there was correspondence received since the last meeting dealing primarily with the 3R Plan and the YMCA and that he will be detailing this at the next Board meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. Move to add to the agenda an information item concerning district after-school program.
Hul
Seconded by: Morton, IV.
Unanimous
4. Move to add to the agenda Approval for the In Class Today, Inc. Contract.
Daur
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello
In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, V. Mitchell, Morton IV., Perez-Cabello, and Saller
Opposed: Hul

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no comments on action items.

REMOVAL OF ITEM FROM AGENDA

Christopher Daur removed from the pending actions the following:

Approval of a 6-year Capital Plan.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.
Morton IV.
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous
 - a. Approval of History and Sports electives at Hamden High School (Curriculum Committee, June 5, 2019).

b. Approval of freshmen courses: Adolescent Psychology and You (Social Studies), Reader and Writer Workshop (English), Application of Math (Math), and Investigations of Science (Science) – (Curriculum Committee, June 5, 2019).

PENDING ACTION

6. Move to accept a \$1,500 donation from Kelly Educational Staffing.
V. Mitchell
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello
Unanimous
7. Move to approve 2019-2020 SFA-FSMC Contract Renewal Agreement, Whitsons New England contract renewal.
Morton IV.
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous
8. Move to approve the reauthorization of the annual Healthy Food Certification Statement under 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 2, 2019 through June 30, 2020. 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.
Kaplan
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous
9. Move that Pursuant to Section 10-215f of the CT General State Statutes, the Hamden Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practice, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight until 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held 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.
Morton IV.

Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

10. 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: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The "school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the food sales.

Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

11. Move to maintain school lunch price for 2019-2020 school year.

Saller
Seconded by: V. Mitchell
Unanimous

12. Move to approve a school bus transportation contract and amendment agreement, First Student.

Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: V. Mitchell
Unanimous

13. Move to approve a building usage request for the New Haven Symphony Orchestra to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on October 11-12, 2019, and use of the Hamden High School auditorium on December 21, 2019, February 21-22, 2020 and June 5-6, 2020.

Morton IV.
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

14. Move to approve a building usage request for Joni's dance Center to use the Hamden High School auditorium on May 28-30, 2020 for a dance recital.

Saller
Seconded by: V. Mitchell
Unanimous

15. Move to approve a building usage request for the Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on November 3, 2019 for a movie-night fundraiser.

Morton IV.
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello
Unanimous

16. Move to approve the In Class Today, Inc. contract

Daur

Seconded by: Morton, IV

Move to table Approval for the In Class Today, Inc. Contract.

Daur

Seconded by: Morton IV.

Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

The following people spoke during the public comment session

David Stevenson - YMCA

Sara Madden – Spring Glen

Sheri Wright – Wintergreen/Ridge Hill

Stacey Warner – Bear Path

Ned Fall – YMCA

Maria Melendea – Helen Street

Justine – Helen Street

Janise Webb – Helen Street

Julia Stonia – Bear Path

Mr. Brovia – West Woods

Sophia – Bear Path

Christine – Spring Glen

Mike Philhimer – Helen Street

Stephanie Willis – West Woods

John Eriallano – Spring Glen

Kimberly Antones – West Woods

Erica Sapp - Helen Street

Patrick McCawley – Dunbar Hill

Sharon Brunee – Spring Glen

INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent gave a quick summary of the In Class Today, Inc. Contract in reference to the Board of Education's Action plan to address chronic absenteeism.

Mariam Khan, student represent to the Board, updated the board on the activities and meetings she has been involved in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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, Myron W. Hul, reported on the activities of the committee.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV, reported on the activities of the committee.

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

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo stated a meeting would be scheduled.

DISTRICT AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. Move to Executive Session at 10:14 P.M. to discuss Non-union salary increases and Nurses' Collective Bargaining Strategies. In addition to the members of the Board, the following individuals attended: Jody Goeler and Gary Highsmith Hul
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

18. Move to return from Executive Session at 11:18 P.M.
Morton, IV
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Approval of non-union salary increases – Pulled
- b. Approval of Nurses' Collective Bargaining Agreement - Pulled

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no questions from Press and Public.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke:

Morton, IV., Daur, Perez-Cabello, Saller, Kaplan, Hul and Campo

ADJOURNMENT

19. Move to adjourn at 11:43 P.M.

Morton, IV.

Seconded by: Daur

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Myron W. Hul, Board Secretary