



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019  
MINUTES

Christopher Daur, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Board Members: Christopher Daur, Lynn Campo, Melissa Kaplan, Walter Morton, IV. and Arturo Perez-Cabello.

Board Member Absent: Myron W. Hul, Gail Mitchell, Vic Mitchell and Melinda Saller

Student Representatives: Mariam Khan (7:16 P.M.)

Staff: Jody Goeler, Christopher Melillo, Karen Kaplan, Tom Ariola, John Cross, Gary Highsmith

Board Chair, Christopher Daur, appointed Arturo Perez-Cabello as Acting Board Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Move to Executive Session at 7:15 P.M. to discuss Nurses' Contract, Custodial Negotiations, Administrator Negotiations, and Security Union Negotiations. In addition to the members of the Board, the following individuals attended: Jody Goeler, Gary Highsmith and Attorney Bill Ryan.  
Morton IV.  
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello  
Unanimous
2. Move to return from Executive Session at 7:57 P.M.  
Morton, IV  
Seconded by: Daur  
Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Move to approve Nurses' contract tentative agreement.  
Kaplan  
Seconded by: Morton, IV  
Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Move to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2019 Board of Education

meeting.  
Kaplan  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Myron W. Hul was absent so there was no correspondence discussed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments during Public Comments on Action Items.

#### REMOVAL OF ITEM FROM AGENDA

Arturo Perez-Cabello removed from the pending actions the following:

8.A.1. Approval of job description for the Teacher Fellows position (Personnel Committee, August 20, 2019)

8.A.2. Approval of Minority Teacher Recruitment and Retention Plan (Personnel Committee, August 20, 2019)

8.A.4. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Child Health Development Institute of Connecticut and Hamden Public Schools (Curriculum Committee, September 4, 2019).

#### ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA

5. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Kaplan  
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).

c. Approval for the Hamden High School Dance Team to travel to Disney World in Orlando, FL for the National Dance Team Championships –Jan. 30, - Feb. 3, 2020 (Curriculum Committee, September 4, 2019).

d. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Child Health Development Institute of Connecticut and Hamden Public Schools (Curriculum Committee, September 4, 2019).

e. Approval of Capital Transfer (Board of Education-Replacement of the air conditioning/heating unit at Hamden High School - \$185,000)  
From: 36696-6337 HHS HVAC B,C & D wings \$185,000  
To: Pending Approval AC/Heating Unit at HHS \$185,000  
(Operations Committee, September 11, 2019).

f. Approval of a building usage request from the Hamden Regional Youth Basketball League to use the gymnasiums at Bear Path, Spring Glen, West Woods and Hamden Middle for the 2019-2020 season (Operations Committee, September 11, 2019).

g. Approval of building usage request from Mulan Art and Fitness School to use the Hamden High School auditorium on January 4, 2020 for a performance (Operations Committee, September 11, 2019).

h. Approval of building usage request from the Ridge Hill Civic Association to use the Ridge Hill School cafeteria on October 17, 2019, if available, January 9, 2020, April 23, 2020 and June 11, 2020 (Operations Committee, September 11, 2019).

i. Approval of a building usage request from the Cheshire Performing Arts Academy to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on June 1, 3 and 6, 2020 for dance recitals (Operations Committee, September 11, 2019).

j. Approval of a building usage request from Desire 2 Dance, LLC to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on June 12, 13, 2020 for a dance recital (Operations Committee, September 11, 2019).

k. Approval of a building usage request from Joni's Dance Center to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on February 29, 2020 for a dance showcase (Operations Committee, September 11, 2019).

#### PENDING ACTION

6. Move to approve job description for the Teacher Fellows position (Personnel Committee, August 20, 2019)

Kaplan

Seconded by: Morton IV.

Unanimous

7. Move to approve Minority Teacher Recruitment and Retention Plan (Personnel Committee, August 20, 2019)

Morton IV.

Seconded by: Kaplan

Unanimous

8. Move to accept of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Child Health Development Institute of Connecticut and Hamden Public Schools

(Curriculum Committee, September 4, 2019).  
Campo  
Seconded by: Morton IV.  
Unanimous

9. Move to accept a donation of backpacks and school supplies from H.H. Hair Design.  
Morton IV.  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous

10. Move to approve budget transfers for FY 2018-2019.  
Morton IV.  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous

11. Move to approve budget transfers for FY 2019-2020.  
Morton IV.  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous

12. Move to approve 6-year Capital Plan.  
Kaplan  
Seconded by: Morton IV.  
Unanimous

13. Move to authorize the Superintendent to write a letter of support for the Booker T. Washington Academy to continue as a charter school, as required by State Statute.  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Morton IV.

Move to amend to authorize the Superintendent to write a letter of support for the Booker T. Washington Academy to continue as a charter school, for one year, as required by State Statute.  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Campo

Move to authorize the Superintendent to write a letter of support for the Booker T. Washington Academy to continue as a charter school, as required by State Statute, as amended.  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Campo  
In favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Perez-Cabello  
Abstain: Morton IV.  
MOTION PASSES

QUESTION RELATING TO THE MEETING FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no questions from Press and Public.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke: Kahn, Morton IV., Campo, Kaplan and Perez-Cabello.

ADJOURNMENT

14. Move to adjourn at 9:10 P.M.  
Morton IV.  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Arturo Perez-Cabello, Acting Board Secretary