



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2020
MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Board Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello, Melinda Saller, Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Melissa Kaplan, Gail Mitchell, Walter Morton IV. And Roxana Walker-Canton.

Board Members Absent: Gary Walsh

Student Representatives: Mariam Khan(left at 8:44 P.M.) and Darius Cummings(left at 8:27 P.M.)

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

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

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

- LaMond Battle (Hamden High School staff)
- Michelle Kachmark (Hamden High School staff)
- Zoe Hoffman (Hamden High School student)
- Devante Mitchell (Hamden High School student)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Move to Executive Session at 7:21 P.M. to discuss Attorney/Client communications concerning legal obligations related to data security. In addition to the Board, the following people were invited into the Executive Session: Superintendent Goeler, Karen Kaplan, Tom Ariola, and Natalia Sierra-Millan. Saller
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

2. Move to return from Executive Session at 8:12 P.M.
Saller
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Move to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2019 , November 6, 2019, December 4, 2019 Special Board of Education meetings and December 10, 2019

Board of Education meeting.
Saller
Seconded by: Morton IV.

Move to amend to approve of minutes from the November 2, 2019, November 15, 2019, and December 5, 2019 Special Board of Education meetings, and December 10, 2019 Board of Education meeting
Daur
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person spoke during Public Comments on Action Items:
Sarah Morrill.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There are no additions to the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA

4. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.
Saller
Seconded by: Mitchell
Unanimous
 - a. Approval of a building usage request from the Academy of Dance and Music to use the Hamden High School auditorium on February 2, 2020 for a dance rehearsal.
 - b. Approval of a building usage request from Wintergreen Hills Congregation to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium on April 7, 2020 for a memorial celebration.
 - c. Approval of a building usage request from the Academy of Dance, LLC to use the Hamden High School auditorium on June 12 and 13, 2020.

PENDING ACTION

5. Move to approve Hamden Public Schools 2020-2021 school calendar.

Kaplan
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

6. Move to approve snow removal services agreement between Hamden Public Schools and Perfect Landscaping LLC.

Saller
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Motion tabled by Morton IV.
Unanimous

7. Move to adopt Board of Education Policy #5141.213 Opioid Overdose Prevention (2nd reading).

Kaplan
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

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8. Move to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #5132 Dress Code (2nd reading).

Kaplan
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

9. Move to apply for a grant from the Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) Grant Program

Kaplan
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

10. Move to file the ED-049 Documents and estimates for Dunbar Hill construction project.

Saller
Seconded by: Morton IV.
In Favor: Duar, Perez-Cabello, Saller and Walker-Canton
Opposed: Campo, Mitchell and Morton IV.
Abstain: Kaplan

MOTION PASSES

11. Move to approve budget transfers

Morton IV.
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT ON INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no Public Comment on Information Items.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Superintendent updated the Board on the activities and meetings he has attended.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the internet and computer status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Committee Chair, Melissa Kaplan stated there was no meeting, but one is scheduled for January 15, 2020.

ACES/WINTERGREEN – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo reported on the activities of the committee.

Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Christopher Daur, stated a meeting will be held next week, January 19, 2020.

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

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV. stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Melinda Kaplan, reported on the activities of the committee.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo stated there were no updates at this time..

Equity Committee – Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello stated a meeting would be held soon.

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no comments from Press and Public.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

12. Move to adjourn at 9:42 P.M.

Saller

Seconded by: Morton IV.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Saller, Board Secretary
