



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020
MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

Board Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello, Lynn Campo (left at 9:12 P.M.), Melinda Kaplan, Gail Mitchell, Walter Morton IV. (8:07 P.M. – 8:20 P.M.), Roxana Walker-Canton, and Gary Walsh

Board Members Absent: Christopher Daur, Walter Morton IV., and Melinda Saller

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

Student Representative: Darius Cummings

Gail Mitchell asked for a moment of silence for all those that have lost their lives recently, especially due to COVID-19.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent thanked the School Re-Opening Committee and all subcommittee members for all the work that have been done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve minutes from the Board meeting on July 14, 2020.
Mitchell
Seconded by: Kaplan
In Favor: Campo, Kaplan, Mitchell, Perez-Cabello and Walsh
Abstain: Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

2. Move to approve minutes from the Special Board of Education meeting on July 21, 2020.
Kaplan
Seconded by: Mitchell
In Favor: Campo, Kaplan, Mitchell, Perez-Cabello and Walsh
Abstain: Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

CORRESPONDENCE

Arturo Perez-Cabello reviewed the correspondence that was received since the last Board meeting.

Arturo Perez-Cabello assigned Melissa Kaplan as the Acting Secretary to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people had their comments read by the Board Members:
Jessica Powell, Jayme Clark, Anne DiLeone, Sarah Northrop, Jeremy Schwartz and Tracy Rabin, Karen Robinson, and Teresa Considine,

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There are no additions to the Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS PENDING ACTION

The Superintendent presented his requests for changes to the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

3. Move to approve the following calendar changes for 2020-2021 school year: school year begins for students on September 8, 2020, changing October 12, 2020 to a school day and changing November 2, 2020 to a day off, making the last day of school for students June 14, 2021.

Perez-Cabello

Seconded by: Walker-Canton

In Favor: Campo, Kaplan, Mitchell, Morton IV., Perez-Cabello, Walker-Canton and Walsh

Unanimous

4. Move to approve budget transfers from 2019-2020 LEA

Perez-Cabello

Seconded by: Walsh

In Favor: Campo, Kaplan, Mitchell, Perez-Cabello and Walsh

Abstain: Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

5. Move to table the approval of outdoor garden at Spring Glen School by the PTA Outdoor Committee.

Perez-Cabello

Seconded by: Mitchell

Unanimous

6. Move to approve acceptance of donation of school and art supplies for student summer work by the Hamden Women's Club

Perez-Cabello

Seconded by: Mitchell

In Favor: Campo, Kaplan, Mitchell, Perez-Cabello and Walker-Canton

Unanimous

7. Move to approve acceptance of donation of backpacks and school supplies for elementary students by Vox Church of New Haven
Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Walker-Canton
In Favor: Campo, Kaplan, Mitchell, Perez-Cabello and Walker-Canton
Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Move to approve the Consent Agenda
Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Kaplan
Unanimous
 - a. Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.31 Bilingual Bicultural Education (Policy meeting, May 19, 2020) (1st Reading)
 - b. Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.311 Limited English Proficiency Program (English Learners) (Policy meeting, May 19, 2020) (1st Reading)

INFORMATION ITEMS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent gave an update of the 2020-2021 reopening plans.

The Superintendent shared August 31, 2020 and September 1, 2020 as dates to walk through schools for Board members.

The Superintendent share dates that Ted Caruso from CAFE and Tom Mooney, the Board of Education's Attorney, can meet for discussions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee - Committee Chair, Melissa Kaplan stated the committee did not meet this past month.

ACES/Wintergreen - Committee Chair, Lynn Campo left the meeting prior to committee reports.

Operations Committee - Committee Chair, Christopher Daur, was absent but Tom Ariola reported on the activities of the committee.

Finance Committee - Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV., was absent.

Personnel Committee - Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV., was absent.

Policy Committee - Committee Chair, Melinda Saller, was absent, but Arturo Perez-Cabello stated the meeting is scheduled for next week.

Evaluation and Goals Committee - Committee Chair, Lynn Campo left prior to the committee report, but Committee Members Roxana Walker-Canton and Gail Mitchell gave an update.

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

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board member spoke this evening:
Gail Mitchell, Roxana Walker-Canton, Gary Walsh, and Arturo Perez-Cabello.

ADJOURNMENT

4. Move to adjourn at 9:56 P.M.
Walsh
Seconded by: Kaplan
In Favor: Kaplan, Perez-Cabello, Walker-Canton and Walsh.
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Kaplan, Acting Board Secretary