



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Board Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello, Melinda Saller, Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Melinda Kaplan, Gail Mitchell, Walter Morton IV. (7:10 P.M.), Roxana Walker-Canton, and Gary Walsh

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

Student Representative: Darius Cummings

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people had their comments read by the Board Members: Anne DiLeone, Amanda Erard, Karen Kosminoff, Gregory & Karen Bivens, Betsy D'Amico, Cat Balco, Theresa Considine, Alyssa Murphy, James Erand, Carla Smith Stover, Sarah Dunn, Curtis Perry, Megan Goslin, Sara Goross, Linda Chimielecki, Laura Perkins Davidson, Jasmine Almeida, Jessica Savik, Nola Chic, KaNard Dowd, Grace Yukich, Heather Camery, Shelby Irwin, Marissa Monocchi, Jennifer Schmitz, and Steve Clapp

INFORMATION ITEMS

Linda Morbidelli and Sue Smey presented the Board with the Grading Practices for the upcoming school year.

The Superintendent answered questions about the reopening plan and requested to delay the opening of schools to September 15, 2020.

BOARD COMMENTS

The following Board member spoke this evening:
Roxana Walker-Canton, Melissa Kaplan, Melinda Saller, Lynn Campo, Mayor Curt Leng, Gary Walsh, Christopher Daur, and Arturo Perez-Cabello.

ACTION ITEMS

PENDING ACTION

1. Move to approve to change the start of 2020-2021 School Year for students to September 15, 2020.
Morton IV.
Seconded by: Saller

Move to amend the motion to delay start of school to September 15 and simultaneously direct the Superintendent to develop a contingency plan for full distance learning to commence on September 15, if the hybrid plan cannot start on September 15, 2020.

Morton IV.
Seconded by: Mitchell
Perez-Cabello – No
Saller – No
Campo - No
Daur – No
Kaplan – No
Mitchell – No
Morton IV - Yes
Walker-Canton – No
Walsh - No

MOTION FAILS

Move to approve to change the start of 2020-2021 School Year for students to September 15, 2020.

In Favor: Perez-Cabello, Saller, Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Mitchell, Morton IV,
Walker -Canton

Opposed: Walsh

MOTION PASSES

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board member spoke this evening: Christopher Daur, Roxana Walker-Canton, Melissa Kaplan, Gail Mitchell, Walter Morton IV., Arturo Perez-Cabello, Lynn Campo, and Gary Walsh.

ADJOURNMENT

2. Move to adjourn at 11:28 P.M.

Saller

Seconded by: Morton IV.

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Saller, Board Secretary