



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2020
MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

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

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

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng was also in attendance.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Melinda Saller reviewed the correspondence she received since the last Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people had their comments read by the Board Members: Jennifer Caruso, Amanda Erard, Sarah Dunn, Jacqueline Bernie, and Megan Goslin.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Move to add Authorizes the Superintendent the right to sign off a MOA with the teacher's union when it is ready
Morton IV.
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

Arturo Perez-Cabello asked to remove the Move to authorize the Superintendent the right to sign a MOA with the teacher's union when it is ready.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to accept the Consent Agenda
Morton IV.

Seconded by: Saller

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

Abstain: Daur

MOTION PASSES

a. Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.31 Bilingual Bicultural Education (Policy meeting, May 19, 2020) (2nd Reading)

b.. Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.311 Limited English Proficiency Program (English Learners) (Policy meeting, May 19, 2020) (2nd Reading)

INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent wanted to thank the Core Team and the Reopening Committee and sub-committee for their continued hard work. The Superintendent discussed the Reopening Plan.

Tom Ariola updated the Board on the CARES ACT funds Hamden will receive.

The Superintendent reported Sarah Tamiscolli, applied to for a collaboration in BRIDGES (HVAC is the opportunity Hamden will participate in). We are only one of 50 districts in the state to have been selected to participate in BRIDGES.

The Superintendent is working with Right at School and the Y for childcare for days of remote learning and earlier dismissal time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee - Committee Chair, Melissa Kaplan reported on the activities of the committee.

ACES/Wintergreen - Committee Chair, Lynn Campo reported that a meeting will be taking place September 10, 2020.

Operations Committee - Committee Chair, Christopher Daur, reported on the activities of the committee.

Finance Committee - Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV., 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, Melinda Saller, stated that the committee will meet next month.

Evaluation and Goals Committee - Committee Chair, Lynn Campo stated there needs to be a meeting soon.

Equity Committee - Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello, stated there was no meeting next month and that hopefully one would be held next month. Mentioned that there will be three workshops coming up soon.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:
Roxana Walker-Canton, Melissa Kaplan, Gary Walsh, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng, Christopher Daur, Melinda Saller, Walter Morton IV. and Arturo Perez-Cabello.

ADJOURNMENT

3. Move to adjourn at 9:58 P.M.
Saller
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Saller, Board Secretary