



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020
MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M.

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

Board Members Absent: Walter Morton IV.

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

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the Board meeting on August 11, 2020.

Saller

Seconded by: Walsh

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

Abstain: Daur and Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

2. Move to approve the minutes from the Board Special Meeting August 25, 2020.

Saller

Seconded by: Daur

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

Abstain: Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

3. Move to approve the minutes from the Board meeting on September 9, 2020.

Saller

Seconded by: Daur

Move to amend to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of September 8, 2020.

Saller

Seconded by: Daur

Unanimous

Move to approve the amended September 8, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.

Saller

Seconded by: Walsh

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

Abstain: Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

4. Move to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 Board of Education Special Meeting.

Saller

Seconded by: Daur

Unanimous

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized the 2020-2021 Teachers of the Year:

Alice Peck - Mary Fiddler

Bear Path - Katie Blake

Church Street - Katie Anton-Steer

Dunbar Hill - Lori Maslowski

Helen Street - Marcella Suza

Ridge Hill - Alex Camire

Spring Glen - Lauren Hartman

West Woods - Alen Page

Hamden Middle - Lisa Peccini

Hamden High - Steve Delgrego

HCLC - Seera Desjardin

and Hamden's 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year from Shepard Glen, Danielle Helenski

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:

Democratic Town Committee.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda this evening.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Diversity Advisory Council facilitator and committee members gave a presentation on the activities of Council.

The Superintendent and Tom Ariola presented an update of the 3R plan.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Move to accept the Consent Agenda

Saller

Seconded by: Walsh

Unanimous

- a). Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #4131 Professional Development (Policy meeting, September 22, 2020) (1st reading)
- b). Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #5118.1 Homeless Students (Policy meeting, September 22, 2020) (1st Reading)

INFORMATION ITEMS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the meetings he attended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee - Karen Kaplan reported on the activities of the committee.

ACES/Wintergreen - Committee Chair, Lynn Campo reported on the activities of the committee.

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

Finance Committee - Tom Ariola gave a quick update.

Personnel Committee - Gary Highsmith stated no meeting was held.

Policy Committee - Committee Chair, Melinda Saller, reported on the activities of the committee.

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.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:
Roxana Walker-Canton, Christopher Daur, Melissa Kaplan, Lynn Campo, Gary Walsh, and Arturo Perez-Cabello.

ADJOURNMENT

6. Move to adjourn at 10:53 P.M.

Saller

Seconded by: Walsh

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Saller, Board Secretary