



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021  
MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:17 P.M.

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

Student Representative: Darius Cummings (7:22 P.M.)

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

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, made an opening remark.

#### COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board Members made comments this evening: Melissa Kaplan and Roxana Walker-Canton

#### SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized the following people as January Hamden Heroes from Hamden High School:  
LaMecca Quinones, Office Manager  
Joe Vermiglio, Head Custodian  
Montsho Canton, Grade 12 student  
Justin Esmer, Grade 12 student

Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello, moved the Committee Reports to before Action Items.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board took time to read comments sent in by the following people:  
Indigo Irwin

Avi Kamrat  
Susan Martinez Sendroff  
Dani Nixon  
Jessica Essenter  
Zoe and Mia Hffman Kamrat

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee - Committee Chair, Melissa Kaplan reported the meeting was canceled.

ACES/Wintergreen - Committee Chair, Lynn Campo reported that a meeting will be taking place January 14, 2021, and she reported on the activities of the committee..

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, reported on the activities of the committee.

Evaluation and Goals Committee - Committee Chair, Lynn Campo stated there should be a meeting in January or February.

Equity Committee - Committee Chair, Roxana Walker-Canton stated there would be a meeting on January 26, 2021.

## ACTION ITEMS

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Move to accept the Consent Agenda  
Morton IV  
Seconded by: Saller  
Unanimous

- a) Approval to rescind Hamden Board of Education Policy #6156.2 Off-Site Computer Use (2nd Reading)
- b) Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #4131 Professional Development (2nd reading)
- c) Approval to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.32 Technology and Instruction (1st reading)

### ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

2. Move to approval of Spring Glen Community Garden plans (Operations meeting 1/5/21)  
Morton IV.  
Seconded by: Daur

Christopher Daur made a Point of Order concerning 8d) Spring Glen Community Garden plans for the educational aspect of the garden.

3. Move to table 8d) The Approval of Spring Glen Community Garden Plans and refer to the Policy and Curriculum Committees.  
Perez-Cabello

INFORMATION ITEMS  
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent gave an update on COVID-19 cases in the schools and presented his Recommendation to Return Hybrid Instruction.

The Superintendent presented Right At School Virtual Learning Support and the YMCA program.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the activities on what was going on since the schools went fully remote.

Theresa Ott updated the Board on the Special Education programs that continued in school for the entire time. She also updated the Board on the Return to school programs.

Sue Smey updated the Board about SRBI

Dan Levy updated the Board on the Safety Health Team and Vaccine Task Force.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the 3R Plan.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:

Melissa Kaplan, Walter Morton IV., Roxana Walker-Canton, Christopher Daur, Melinda Saller, Gary Walsh, and Arturo Perez-Cabello.

ADJOURNMENT

4. Move to adjourn at 9:39 P.M.

Saller

Seconded by: Morton IV.

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melinda Saller, Board Secretary