



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020
MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Board Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello, Melinda Saller, Lynn Campo (7:10 P.M.), Christopher Daur, Melissa 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

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, made an opening remark. Arturo announced that Roxana Walker-Canton will be the new Committee Chair of the Equity Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized the following people as November Hamden Heroes:

- Justin Reynoso - Dunbar Hill Student
- Alaine Brittell - Dunbar Hill Staff
- Emily McClain - Dunbar Hill Staff
- Gwendolyn Kolubah - Helen Street Student
- Karen Franklin - Helen Street Staff

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Move to Executive Session at 7:13 P.M. to Discussion regarding attorney-client privilege communication concerning Board policy matters with Attorney Natalia Sieira Millan. In addition to the Board, Gary Highsmith and Chris Melillo were invited to attend.
Saller

Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

2. Move to return to Public Session at 8:12 P.M.
Saller

Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

Information Item was moved to before Correspondence.

INFORMATION ITEM

Kellen Nixon, from Nixon & Co, updated the Board regarding BOE equity workshop and facilitation.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments this evening.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Move to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

Morton IV.

Seconded by: Saller

In Favor:

Abstain: Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

4. Move to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2020 Special Board of Education meeting

Saller

Seconded by: Morton IV.

In Favor:

Abstain: Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

5. Move to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2020 Special Board of Education meeting.

Saller

Seconded by: Morton IV.

In Favor: Campo, Daur,

Abstain: Kaplan

MOTION PASSES

ACTION ITEMS

6. Move to approve of the use of the Hamden Middle School parking lot for a Toys for Tots toy drive on December 19th from WTNH 10.

Saller

Seconded by: Morton IV.

Unanimous

7. Move to accept the Consent Agenda

Morton IV
Seconded by: Walsh

- a) Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #5118.1 Homeless Students (2nd reading)
- b) Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #4131 Professional Development (2nd reading)
- c) Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.32 Technology and Instruction (1st Reading)
- d) Approval to rescind Hamden Board of Education Policy #6156.2 Off-Site Computer Use (1st Reading)
- e) Approval of the building use form for Cornell Scott Hill to use the gym at 60 Putnam Ave. for COVID-19 testing (Operations meeting 12/1/20)
- f) Approval of the 2021-2022 High School Bell Schedule (Curriculum meeting 12/2/20)- Presentation from N. Gannon & L. Dyer
- g) Approval of 20-21 budget transfers (Finance meeting 12/8/20)

Christopher Daur requested to pull from the Consent Agenda
10f) Approval of the 2021-2022 High School Bell Schedule (Curriculum meeting 12/2/20)- Presentation from N. Gannon & L. Dyer

Christopher Daur called a Point of Order.

Roxana Walker-Canton requested to pull the following items from the Consent Agenda

- 10a) Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #5118.1 Homeless Students (2nd reading)
- 10b) Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #4131 Professional Development (2nd reading)
- 10c) Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.32 Technology and Instruction (1st Reading)

8. Move to rescind the motion to accept the Consent Agenda
Morton IV

9. Move to accept updated Consent Agenda
Morton IV.
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

- d) Approval to rescind Hamden Board of Education Policy #6156.2 Off-Site Computer Use (1st Reading)
- e) Approval of the building use form for Cornell Scott Hill to use the gym at 60 Putnam Ave. for COVID-19 testing (Operations meeting 12/1/20)
- g) Approval of 20-21 budget transfers (Finance meeting 12/8/20)

ACTION ITEMS

10. Move to approve to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #5118.1 Homeless Students (2nd reading)
Walker-Canton
Seconded by: Morton
Unanimous

11. Move to approve to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #4131 Professional Development (2nd reading)
Morton IV
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

12. Move to approve to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.32 Technology and Instruction (1st Reading)
Saller
Seconded by: Morton IV.

Table item and send back to Policy.

13. Move to approve the 2021-2022 High School Bell Schedule (Curriculum meeting 12/2/20).
Saller
Seconded by: Morton IV.

A presentation on the 2021-2022 High School Bell Schedule was given by Nadine Gannon and Lisa Dyer.

In Favor: Campo, Kaplan, Mitchell, Morton IV., Perez-Cabello, Walker-Canton and Walsh
Against: Daur and Saller
MOTION PASSES

INFORMATION ITEMS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent gave an update on facilities, food distribution, child care programs and notes from the medical subcommittee.

Theresa Ott gave a presentation to update on the status of Special Education during distance learning.

Karen Kaplan presented the results of The Distance Learning Parent Survey.

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 December 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, reported on the activities of the committee.

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

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

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, Lynn Campo, and Arturo Perez-Cabello.

ADJOURNMENT

14. Move to adjourn at 11:06 P.M.

Morton

IV.

Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Saller, Board Secretary