



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Board Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello, Melinda Saller, Lynn Campo (7:04 P.M.), Christopher Daur, Melissa Kaplan, Gail Mitchell, Walter Morton IV. (7:11 P.M.), and Gary Walsh

Board Members Absent: Roxana Walker-Canton

Student Representative: Darius Cummings

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

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized the following people from Hamden Middle School as February Hamden Heroes:

Donnell Edwards, 7th grade Student
Thomas Lam, 7th grade Student
Julie Beaver, School Nurse
Mary Jane Karstensen, Whitsons'

The Superintendent recognized the following students as CAPSS (Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents) Award Honorees:

Bear Path School - Michelle Cochran and Jason Collins
Church Street School - Saige Sampson
Dunbar Hill School - Nabiha Matin
Hamden High School - Noah Campbell, Darius Cummings, Amanda Dowgiewicz, Imani Gatison, Sircia Levitt, and Alivia Vivenzio
Hamden Middle School - Vela Abugri, Kaustuv Mohanty, Lidia Morgillo, and Evan Oppenheim
Helen Street School - Jayden Stanley
Ridge Hill School - Lyla Banks
Shepherd Glen School - Prayas Dash
Spring Glen School - Bethel Desta and Sahana Dodd
West Woods School - Lauren Aitkenhead and Matthew Peck

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

Saller
Seconded by: Mitchell

Move to amend minutes to correct Melinda to Melissa Kaplan..
Kaplan

Move to approve the amended minutes from the October 13, 2020 Board of Education meeting
Unanimous

2. Move to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 Board of Education meeting
Saller
Seconded by: Mitchell

Move to amend minutes to correct Melinda to Melissa Kaplan and Roxana Canton-Walker to Walker-Canton.
Kaplan

Move to approve the amended minutes from the January 12, 2021 Board of Education meeting
Unanimous

3. Move to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2021 Special Board of Education meeting.
Saller
Seconded by: Mitchell
In Favor: Campo, Daur, Mitchell, Perez-Cabello, Saller and Walsh.
Abstain: Kaplan
MOTION PASSES

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one Public Comment that was not signed nor any address was given.

INFORMATION ITEMS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ACES/Wintergreen - Committee Chair, Lynn Campo reported meeting will be February 11, 2021.

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., looking to have a meeting in the next week or so.

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

Evaluation and Goals Committee - Committee Chair, Lynn Campo stated there will be a meeting February 19, 2021.

Equity Committee - Committee Member, Melissa Kaplan, reported on the activities of the committee.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda.

Christopher Daur requested the following items be removed from the Consent Agenda:
10a) Approval to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #6114 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness (1st reading) and 10b) Approval to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #3516 Safety (1st reading)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Move to approve to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #6114 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness (1st reading)
Melinda
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

Walter Morton IV. made a Point of Order concerning Action Items and Consent Agenda.

5. Move to approve to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #3516 Safety (1st reading).
Saller
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Move to accept the Consent Agenda
Walsh
Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

- c) Approval to rescind Hamden Board of Education Policy #3516.3 Accident Prevention and Reporting (1st reading)
- d) Approval to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.32 Technology and Instruction (2nd reading)
- e) Approval of the construction of the Spring Glen Garden

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent gave the Board an update on the 3R plan.

The Superintendent gave an update on spectators on Athletic events.

The Superintendent gave an update on COVID-19 and Hamden Public Schools.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke during Public Comment this evening:
Christopher Daur and Lynn Campo.

ADJOURNMENT

7. Move to adjourn at 8:29 P.M.
Morton
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

IV.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Saller, Board Secretary