



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Board Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello, Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Melissa Kaplan, Walter Morton IV. (8:25 P.M.), Roxana Walker-Canton, and Gary Walsh

Board Members Absent: Gail Mitchell and Melinda Saller

Student Representative: Darius Cummings and new Student Representative Ayanna Iovieno

Staff: Jody Goeler, Tom Ariola, Gary Highsmith, Karen Kaplan, and Christopher Melillo (7:10 P.M.)

Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello appointed Christopher Daur as Acting Board Secretary. Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello made an Opening Remark.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized the following April Hamden Heroes:
Annmarie Powers-Moore, Shepherd Glen school nurse
Cedro Greist-Salazar, Shepherd Glen 6th grader
Rich Altieri, HCLC Special Education Aide
Ben Yulo, HCLC 12th grader
Community Food Distribution Heroes
Hector Velasquez, Family Engagement Coordinator-Church Street School
Adam Sendroff, Acting Chief of Staff Town of Hamden
Randall Mel, Food Services Director Whitsons

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the Board of Education special meeting on February 19, 2021.
Walsh
Seconded by: Campo
In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Perez-Cabello, and Walsh
Abstain: Kaplan and Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

2. Move to approve the minutes from the Board of Education meeting on March 9, 2021.
Daur
Seconded by: Walsh
In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Perez-Cabello and Walsh
Abstain: Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

CORRESPONDENCE

Melinda Saller was not present this evening to share any correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Move to Executive Session to discuss teacher MOA negotiations, at 7:32 P.M. Along with the Board, the following people were invited to attend: Jody Goeler, Gary Highsmith, and Attorney Natalia Siervo.

Daur

Seconded by: Walsh

Unanimous

4. Move to return from Executive Session at 7:52 P.M.

Daur

Seconded by: Walsh

Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Committee Chair, Melissa Kaplan stated the next meeting will be held on April 21, 2021.

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

Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Chris Daur reported on the activities of the committee.

Finance Committee – Committee Member, Chris Daur, reported on the activities of the committee.

Personnel Committee – Director of Human Resources, Gary Highsmith, reported on the activities of the committee.

Policy Committee – Director of Media, Assessment and Intervention, Susan Smey, reported on the activities of the committee.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Lynn Campo stated a meeting needs to be scheduled.

Equity Committee – Roxana Walker-Canton reported on the activities of the committee.

ACTION ITEMS

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE AGENDA

Christopher Daur requested that 12j Approval of 20-21 budget transfer (Finance meeting 4/13/21) be removed from the Consent Agenda and move to Action Items.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add Approval of MOA with the teachers for teachers going back to in-school classes five days a week.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

Campo

Seconded by: Daur

Unanimous

a) Approval to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #6111 School Calendar (1st reading)

b) Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.3291 District Assigned Device (1st reading)

c) Approval to authorize the Superintendent to sign grant awards from UI for HVAC work at Hamden High School and Ridge Hill School and forward to legislative council for approval

d) Approval of the use of Hamden High School gymnasium and athletic field by film production group June 21st- July 9th i. Review of production COVID-19 protocols

e) Approval of pool use by Hamden Heronettes through June 2021

f) Approval of West Woods equipment discard request

g) Approval of the reauthorization of the annual Healthy Food Certification under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes.

h) Approval of the Food Exemption under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes.

i) Approval of exemptions for beverages that do not comply under Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General

6. Move to approve the MOA with the teachers for teachers going back to in-school classes five days a week.

Daur

Seconded by: Campo

Unanimous

7. Move to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Transfer:

FROM: Reserve for Negotiations (145) \$150,000

TO: Custodial Salaries (124) \$150,000

Campo

Seconded by: Daur

Unanimous

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent updated the Board on the COVID-19 and the reopening of schools including transportation, food service and buildings.

The Superintendent updated the Board on 3R Plan including the design update for the Middle School and redistricting options.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:

Gary Walsh and Arturo Perez-Cabello

ADJOURNMENT

8. Move to adjourn at 8:51 P.M.
Campo
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Daur, Acting Board Secretary