



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 8, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Board Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello, Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Melissa Kaplan (7:25 PM – 8:50 PM), Gail Mitchell, Roxana Walker-Canton (7:13 PM), and Gary Walsh, Ex-officio Mayor Curt Balzano Leng (7:15 PM – 7:45 PM)

Board Members Absent: Melinda Saller

Student Representative: Ayanna Iovieno

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

Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello made an Opening Remark.

Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello thanked the two Board Members that are leaving Walter Morton IV. and Roxana Walker-Canton.

Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello, announced there would be a solicitation for applications for the two vacated Board of Education vacancies.

Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello appointed Christopher Daur as Acting Board Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized the Connecticut Association Boards of Education (CABE) Award winners
Tatianna Jones- Hamden High School
Conner Larocque- Hamden High School

The Superintendent recognized the June Hamden Heroes
Kristen Kovacs, Central Office Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

Melinda Saller was absent this evening so there was no correspondence discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person had a public comment shared tonight:
Brian Paquin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the Board of Education meeting on May 11, 2021.

Campo
Seconded by: Mitchell
In Favor: Campo, Daur, Mitchell, Perez-Cabello, and Walsh
Abstain: Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Assistant Superintendent, Chris Melillo, reported on the activities of the committee.

ACES/Wintergreen – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo stated there will be a meeting on May 15, 2021.

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

Policy Committee – Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello stated there was nothing to report at this time as there was no meeting.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Lynn Campo reported on the activities of the committee.

Equity Committee – Committee Chair, Roxana Walker-Canton stated the meeting needed to be rescheduled and the meeting will be held on June 9, 2021. Roxana Walker-Canton reported on a meeting that was held with Church Street School.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Superintendent reviewed the reorganization of Central Office staff.

The Superintendent reviewed the new job descriptions for the new Assistant Superintendent Human Resources and Administration, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, and the Chief Operating & Finance Officer.

ACTION ITEMS

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda this evening.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Move to approve the Central Office reorganization plan resulting from the reduction of one Central Office administrator.

Daur

Seconded by: Campo

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

Abstain: Walker-Canton and Walsh

MOTION PASSES

3. Move to approve the job descriptions of the Chief Operating & Finance Officer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, and the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration.
Daur
Seconded by: Walker-Canton
In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Mitchell, Perez-Cabello and Walsh
Abstain: Walker-Canton

MOTION PASSES

4. Move to approve of the Board of Education 2021-2022 budget
Daur
Seconded by: Campo
In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Mitchell, Perez-Cabello and Walker-Canton
Opposed: Walsh

MOTION PASSES

5. Move to approve of the final plans and project manual(s) for West Woods Roof project as prepared for bidding and dated May 25, 2021, and the professional cost estimate, completed in accordance with Level 3 of ASTM International Standard E1557, Standard Classification of Building Elements and Related Sitework-UNIFORMAT II for this project, dated May 25, 2021, have been reviewed and approved for this project on the date May 25, 2021.
Walker-Canton
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous
6. Move to approve the final plans and project manual(s) for West Woods Windows project as prepared for bidding and dated May 25, 2021, and the professional cost estimate, completed in accordance with Level 3 of ASTM International Standard E1557, Standard Classification of Building Elements and Related Sitework-UNIFORMAT II for this project, dated May 25, 2021, have been reviewed and approved for this project on the date May 25, 2021.
Walsh
Seconded by: Walker-Canton
Unanimous
7. Move to approve the final plans and project manual(s) for Dunbar Hill Roof project as prepared for bidding and dated May 25, 2021, and the professional cost estimate, completed in accordance with Level 3 of ASTM International Standard E1557, Standard Classification of Building Elements and Related Sitework-UNIFORMAT II for this project, dated May 25, 2021, have been reviewed and approved for this project on the date May 25, 2021.
Mitchell
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous
8. Move to approve of the final plans and project manual(s) for Dunbar Hill Windows project as prepared for bidding and dated May 25, 2021, and the professional cost estimate, completed in accordance with Level 3 of ASTM International Standard E1557, Standard Classification of Building Elements and Related Sitework-UNIFORMAT II for this project, dated May 25, 2021, have been reviewed and approved for this project on the date May 25, 2021.

Walsh
Seconded by: Mitchell
Unanimous

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM AGENDA

Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello removed Action Item 10.1) Approval of the First Student Contract Amendment and Extension (Operations, 6/1/21) and Action Item 10.2) Approval of the FSMC Contract Renewal Amendment (Operations, 6/1/21) from the Consent Agenda.

9. Move to approve the First Student Contract Amendment and Extension (Operations, 6/1/21)
Mitchell
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

10. Move to approve the FSMC Contract Renewal Amendment (Operations, 6/1/21)
Walker-Canton
Seconded by: Mitchell
Unanimous

Christopher Daur made a Point of Order, to remove Action Item 10.12) June budget transfers (Finance 6/8/2021) from the Consent Agenda.

11. Move June budget transfers:

From:	611 – Instructional Supplies	\$2054
To:	734 – Instructional Equipment	\$2054
From:	320 - Professional Development	\$140
To:	330 - Professional Services	\$140
From:	320 - Professional Development	\$395
To:	810 - Dues and Fees	\$395

Daur
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA

12. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.
Walker-Canton
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

- a). Approval of the FSMC partnership with Gateway Community College (Operations, 6/1/21)
- b). Acceptance of donation of ceramics supplies for HHS art department by Myron Hul (Operations, 6/1/21)

- c). Approval of building use by Yale New Haven Hospital to use the driveway of the Hamden Middle School for a toy drive on June 26th from 10am-2pm (Operations, 6/1/21)
- d). Approval of building use by the Hamden Summer STEM Camp to use various rooms at Hamden High School July 26th –August 13th from 9am-5pm (Operations, 6/1/21)
- e). Approval to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #6111 School Calendar (2nd reading)
- f). Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.3291 District Assigned Device (2nd reading)
- g). Grade 11 American Literature (Curriculum, 6/2/21)
- h). Illustrative Math Curriculum: Grade 7 Math, Grade 8 Math, Foundations of Algebra, Algebra 1 (Curriculum, 6/2/21)
- i). Approval of textbook disposal for Grades K and 1, Grades 6 through 8, and Hamden High School (Curriculum, 6/2/21)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent updated the Board on 3R Plan.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the COVID-19.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS


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

ADJOURNMENT

- 13. Move to adjourn at 9:21 P.M.
Walker-Canton
Seconded by: Mitchell
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,


Christopher Daur, Acting Board Secretary


M. Arturo Perez-Cabello
BOE Chair


Rissa Webb, Clerk to the Board

