



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Board Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello, Melinda Saller, David Asberry, Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Melinda Kaplan, and Gary Walsh

Board Members Absent: Gail Mitchell and Reuel Parks

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

#### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence this evening.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no Public Comment this evening.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

Chris Melillo shared a presentation on Equity Initiatives. The Equity Team: Karen Butler, Linda Morbidelli, Jennifer Vienneau, Amanda Forcucci and Erin Bailey gave a presentation on Curriculum, Professional Development and LGBTQIA+ initiatives that have already taken place and plans for the next year and beyond.

Tom Ariola shared information about Food Security, what has been done and what is still being done.

Tom Ariola and Sue Smey shared information on the changes with Technology.

Gary Highsmith gave a presentation on how he has been working on hiring a diverse workforce.

#### COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:

Melissa Kaplan, Lynn Campo, Melinda Saller, David Asberry, Chris Daur, Arturo Perez-Cabello and Gary Walsh

#### ADJOURNMENT

1. Move to adjourn at 8:16 P.M.  
Saller  
Seconded by: Asberry  
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melinda Saller, Board Secretary