

HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION ZOOM MEETING
Minutes-Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
Board Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello, Melinda Saller, Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Melissa Kaplan, and Gary Walsh

Board Members Absent: Gail Mitchell

Staff: Jody Goeler, Tom Ariola

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move to go into Executive Session to discuss Superintendent's evaluation and contract at 7:10 P.M.

Saller

Seconded by: Walsh

Unanimous

Move to Return to Public Session at 8:15 P.M.

Saller

Seconded by: Campo

Unanimous

Approval of minutes

- 1) Move to approve the minutes from the Board of Education meeting on August 10, 2021

Saller

Seconded by: Walsh

In Favor- Campo, Saller, Kaplan, Perez-Cabello and Walsh

Abstain- Daur

MOTION PASSES

- 2) Move to approve the minutes from the Special Board of Education meeting on September 2, 2021

Walsh

Seconded by: Saller

In Favor- Daur, Saller, Kaplan, Perez-Cabello and Walsh

Abstain-Campo

MOTION PASSES

2. Correspondence

3. Public comments

There was no public comment this evening.

4. Committee Reports

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

- 2) ACES/Wintergreen- Lynn Campo reported on the activities of the committee.

- 3) Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Chris Daur reported on the activities of the committee.
- 4) Finance Committee – Committee Chair, Chris Daur reported on the activities of the committee.
- 5) Personnel Committee – Director of Human Resources, Gary Highsmith, reported on the need for a meeting before the next Board Meeting.
- 6) Policy Committee- Committee Chair, Melinda Saller, reported on the activities of the committee.
- 7) Evaluation and Goals Committee – Lynn Campo reported next meeting is September 28, 2021.
- 8) Equity Committee- Jody Goeler reported on issues related to the Equity Committee like food security and Amanda Forcucci reported an update on the committee work on LGBTQIA within the district. Chris Melillo shared Curriculum and Professional Development pertaining to Equity

5. Information Items

- 1) Cenergistics presented a banner and plaque to the Board regarding Hamden Public School's achievements in energy stewardship

6. Consent Agenda

Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello made changes to items e & f

Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

Saller (with changes made)

Seconded by: Walsh

Unanimous

- a) Approval to move forward with the installation of the Grace Trail at WWS
(Operations Committee Meeting, August 23rd)
- b) Approval of building use by NASKA to use the gymnasium and cafeteria at Hamden Middle School for a cultural event on October 30, 2021 from 12pm-10:00pm (Operations Committee Meeting, August 23rd)
- c) Approval of building use by The Joan Lynn Dance Co. to use the auditorium, a classroom and the music room at Hamden Middle School for dance education on December 18, 2021 from 3pm-7:00pm
(Operations Committee Meeting, August 23rd)
- d) Approval of building use by the New Haven Symphony Orchestra to use the auditorium at Hamden High School for the 21-22 Hamden Pops Series April 9, 2022 from 12:00pm-5:00pm, May 20, 2022 from 7:30-10:30pm and May 21, 2022 from 12:00pm-5:00pm (Operations Committee Meeting, August 23rd)
- e) Approval of the ~~final~~ 6/30/20 budget transfers (Special Finance Committee Meeting, September 21st)
- f) Approval of the ~~final 6/30/21~~ **current school year** budget transfers (Special Finance Committee Meeting, September 21st)

1) Pending Action

- a. Move to rescind approval vote on 8/10/21 for Hamden Board of Education Policy #4118.5 Acceptable Computer Network Use
Saller
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

- b. Move to approve the Superintendent's evaluation and contract extension
Saller
Seconded by: Walsh
Comments were made by C. Daur
Unanimous

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent updated the Board on:

- the COVID-19 cases so far in the district. M. Kaplan commented.
- updated the Board on the concerns on transportation (along with Tom Ariola)
- fall Athletics
- Wintergreen/ACES and how our PPS department is working to properly integrating our students' placements going forward, not just shuffling them for the sale of Wintergreen
- Managing higher enrollment at Hamden High. M. Saller commented.

Gary Highsmith updated the board on the district staff vaccination & exemption numbers

Comments from Board Members

The following Board member spoke this evening:
Lynn Campo

Adjournment

1. Move to adjourn at 9:50 P.M.
Saller
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Saller, Board Secretary