



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan, called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Board Members: Melissa Kaplan, Reu'el Parks, Dr. David Asbery, Siobhan Carter-David, Austin Cesare, Christopher Daur, Mariam Khan, Kevin Shea and Gary Walsh (7:09 P.M.)

Student Representative: Ayanna Iovino (left at 8:15 P.M.)

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received since the last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments on Action Items this evening.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee - Committee Chair, Siobhan Carter-David, stated they haven't met yet but will be meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

ACES/Wintergreen - Committee Chair, Kevin Shea, stated they haven't met yet.

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

Finance Committee - Committee Chair, Gary Walsh, reported on the activities of the committee.

Personnel Committee - Committee Chair, Reu'el Parks, stated the next meeting would be happening soon.

Policy Committee - Committee Chair, Dr. David Asbery, stated the next meeting will be on January 18, 2022

Evaluation and Goals Committee - Committee Chair, Austin Cesare, stated they haven't met yet.

Equity Committee - Committee Chair, Mariam Khan, stated they haven't met yet.

ACTION ITEMS
PENDING ACTIONS

1. Move to approve the donation of 9 copies of "Born on the Water" from Dr. Ann M. Altman Ph.D to the district's elementary schools.

Cesare
Seconded by: Parks
Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

2. Move to approve the Consent Agenda
 - i. Approval to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #4118.5 Personnel Acceptable Computer Network Use (Second Reading) (Policy, October 2021)
 - ii. Approval to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy# 5145.53 Transgender and Gender

Walsh
Seconded by: Asbery
Unanimous

3. Move to add to the Action Items, five motions from the Operations Committee meeting.

Daur
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

4. Move to approve the Action Items from the Operations Committee meeting (January 10, 2022)

- a. Disposal requests from the HPS music department
- b. Revised approval of building use by C.R. & Co. Dance, LLC to use the auditorium at Hamden High School and Hamden Middle School on February 10th from 4-8pm and February 12th from 11am-7pm for their Winter Showcase
- c. Revised approval of building use by the Academy of Dance and Music to use the Hamden High School auditorium/Black Box/Dressing Rooms on February 20th from 9am-2pm for a dance rehearsal
- d. Approval of building use by The Cheshire Performing Arts Academy to use the Hamden Middle School auditorium & some classrooms on May 16th /19th from 4-9pm for rehearsal and May 21st from 8am-12pm for their dance recital
- e. Approval of building use by the Joan Lynn Dance Company to use Hamden Middle School auditorium, cafeteria, and the music/band room on June 3 rd from 3-8pm for rehearsal & June 4 th from 12-6:00pm for their annual dance recital

Parks
Seconded by: Asbery
Unanimous

5. Move to add the approval of a budget transfer to the Agenda.

Daur
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

6. Move to approve budget transfer
From: (590) Student Activities \$3040
To: (734) Instructional Equipment \$3040
Cesare
Seconded by: Khan
Unanimous

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on COVID-19 statistics within the district and meetings that he has attended regarding COVID-19..

The Superintendent reported on the latest Food Distribution to Hamden families.

The Superintendent updated the Board on security measures at Hamden High School. The use of the wands had taken two hours before all students entered school. Currently, the process takes an hour. Hopefully the new process will lessen the time for the students to get into the building.

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Chris Melillo meet with elementary principals to discuss summer programming. Part of the goal of the summer programming is to calibrate with the town and not compete for the same students.

The Superintendent and Tom Ariola meet with a security company, as well as police and fire concerning a more robust security system. A new draft of the MOA for School Resource Officer job responsibilities has been created..

The Superintendent and Superintendent Gary Highsmith have had conversations with Clifford Beers concerning Mental Health Services for students and staff.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:

Gary Walsh, Melissa Kaplan, Austin Cesare, Dr. David Asbery, Mariam Khan, and Chris Daur.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Move to Executive session at 8:37 P.M. to discuss the Board-Superintendent contract. Other than the Board, the following people were invited to the Executive Session, the Superintendent as well as Attorney Natalia Millan.
Walsh
Seconded by: Carter-David
Unanimous

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

8. Move to return from Executive Session at 10:00 PM.
Walsh
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

9. Move to adjourn at 10:01 P.M.
Khan
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Reu'el Parks, Board Secretary