



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 14, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

Melissa Kaplan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Board Members: Melissa Kaplan, Reuel Parks, Dr. David Asbery(7:57 P.M.),
Siohban Carter-David, Austin Cesare(10:47 P.M.), Mariam Khan(7:16 P.M), Walter
Morton IV.(7:45 P.M.). Kevin Shea and Gary Walsh

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

Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan made opening remarks.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent thanked Assistant Principal, Christopher Melillo for his hard work and good luck in his new role in Newtown.

The Superintendent also thanked Helen Street School Principal, Michael Lorenzo, for his work and good luck on his retirement.

The Superintendent introduced the two new student representatives to the Board of Education.

The Superintendent introduced Amanda Forcucci and Laura Rodriguez who recognized Hamden Teachers of the Year:

Alice Peck – Susan Delancy
Bear Path – Maria DiMeo
Church Street – Carla Roussel
Dunbar Hill – Janet Manukas
Ridge Hill – Bridget Adrian
Shepherd Glen – Grace Guidet
Spring Glen – Molly O’Neil
West Woods – Lauren Mollin
Hamden High – Bill Phinney
Hamden Middle – Kathi Zarate
HCLC – Megan Balestrieri
Wintergreen – Liz Sugar

Brooke Hempley was named Hamden’s Teacher of the Year

The Superintendent recognized June Hamden Heroes from Hamden High School:

Officer Jeremy Brewer
Assistant Principal Scott Trauner
Catherine King
John Hannah

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the Board of Education meeting on May 10, 2022 and the Board of Education special meeting on May 18, 2022.
Walsh
Seconded by: Parks
Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

Reuel Parks reviewed the correspondence he received since the last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were seven people who spoke during Public Comments on Agenda Items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACES/Wintergreen – Committee Chair, Kevin Shea, reported on the activities.
Curriculum Committee – Committee Chair, Siobhan Carter-David, reported on the activities of the committee.
Equity Committee – Committee Chair, Mariam Khan, reported on the activities of the committee.
Evaluation and Goals Committee – There was no update from this committee.
Finance Committee – Committee Chair, Gary Walsh reported on the activities of the committee.
Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Reuel Parks, reported on the activities of the committee.
Personnel Committee – There was no report.
Policy Committee – There was no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Move to Executive Session at 7:58 P.M. to discuss: a request by the Superintendent to discuss the Board-Superintendent contract set to expire June 30, 2022, review of collective bargaining strategies for the Supervisors' Union 7:57 tentative agreement and discuss the Security Resource Officer (SRO) MOU with Police Chief Timothy Wydra and Jacqueline Beirne. In addition to the Board, the following people attended the Executive Session: Attorney Natalia Millan and Gary Highsmith.
Parks
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

3. Move to return to Public Session at 9:43 P.M.
Parks
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

INFORMATION ITEMS

There was a presentation by CABA Mary Broderick and Jack Reynolds about the CABA's Superintendent's Search Leadership Profile.

Tom Ariola and Chris Melillo presented the Finance Committee Amended 2022-2023 Budget.

ACTION ITEMS

PENDING ACTIONS

2. Move to continue to employee Jody Goeler as Interim Superintendent.
Morton IV.
Seconded by: Cesare
Unanimous

3. Move to accept CABE's Superintendent's Search Leadership Profile
Morton IV.
Seconded by: Walsh
In Favor: Asbery, Carter-David, Kaplan, Khan, Morton IV., Parks, Shea and Walsh.
Abstain: Cesare

MOTION PASSES

4. Move to approve Hamden High School graduation date of June 22nd and the last day of June 23rd.
Walsh
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

5. Move to approve the 2022-2023 BOE Amended Budget.
Morton IV.
Seconded by: Walsh

Move to amend the 2022-2023 BOE Amended Budget to take the TAG position out and add the HVAC position back in.

Morton IV.
Seconded by: Asbery

Move to rescind amendment to the budget.

Kaplan
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

Move to amend the 2022-2023 BOE Amended Budget to table the \$75,000 position.

Morton IV.
Seconded by: Parks

Austin Cesare made a Point of Clarification about voting on the budget without the \$75,000.

In Favor: Asbery, Kaplan, Morton IV., Parks, Shea and Walsh
Opposed: Carter-David, Cesare, and Khan

MOTION PASSES

6. Move to approve Whitsons' 5-year district food service contract.
Morton IV.
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

Melissa Kaplan removed 10.ii. Approval of revised 2022-2023 School Calendar (Operations, June 2022) from the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Move to approve the Consent Agenda.
Morton IV
Seconded by: Walsh

i. Approval of a field trip for the Hamden Middle School Grade 8 Students to travel to Costa Rica, during the 2022- 2023 Spring Break in April 2023 (Curriculum, May 2022)

iii. Approval of building use by Parks & Rec Skyhawks program to use Ridge Hill School gymnasium as an alternate location for inclement weather on July 5th-August 12th from 9am-3pm for camp (Operations, June 2022)

iv. Approval of building use by Parks & Rec Summer Day program to use Hamden Middle School gymnasium, cafeteria, and tennis courts from July 25th-July 29th from 7:15am-5:30pm for day camp (Operations, June 2022)

v. Approval of building use by Parks & Rec Munchkin/Rascal program to use Shepherd Glen School gymnasium, cafeteria, and fields from June 27th-July 29th from 7:15am-5:30pm for day camp (Operations, June 2022)

vi. Move to approve the reauthorization of the annual Healthy Food Certification Statement pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Hamden Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. (Operations, June 2022)

vii. Move that Pursuant to Section 10-215f, the Hamden Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practice, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales. (Operations, June 2022)

viii. Move to allow the sale of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes to students, provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The "school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales. (Operations, June 2022)

Rescind Consent Agenda motion

Morton IV

Seconded by: Shea

11. Move to approve the following items from the Consent Agenda:
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 - iii. Approval of building use by Parks & Rec Skyhawks program to use Ridge Hill School gymnasium as an alternate location for inclement weather on July 5th-August 12th from 9am-3pm for camp (Operations, June 2022)
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Morton IV.

Seconded by: Shea

Unanimous

12. Move to approve the reauthorization of the annual Healthy Food Certification Statement pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Hamden Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. (Operations, June 2022).

Morton IV.

Seconded by: Shea

Unanimous

13. Move to approve that Pursuant to Section 10-215f, the Hamden Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event and 3)

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Walsh

Seconded by: Morton IV.

Unanimous

14. Move to allow the sale of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes to students, provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The "school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales. (Operations, June 2022)

Walsh

Seconded by: Morton IV.

Unanimous

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent stated that due to the time, he will forgo his report and email the Board a full update.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD

The following Board Members made comments this evening:

Mariam Khan, Gary Walsh, David Asbery, Walter Morton IV.,
Melissa Kaplan, and Austin Cesare.

ADJOURNMENT

15. Move to adjourn at 11:44 P.M.

Morton IV.

Seconded by: Walsh

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Reuel Parks, Board Secretary