



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Melissa Kaplan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Board Members: Melissa Kaplan, Reuel Parks, Dr. David Asbery(7:12 P.M.), Siohban Carter-David(7:15 P.M.), Austin Cesare, Mariam Khan(7:07 P.M.), Walter Morton IV.(7:10 P.M.), Kevin Shea and Gary Walsh

Staff: Jody Goeler, Tom Ariola, and Gary Highsmith

Mariam Khan made a point of order concerning the agenda.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Move to Executive Session at 7:10 P.M. to: discuss and possible action on appointing an Interim Superintendent of Schools; discuss and possible action on appointing a Superintendent of Schools; review of collecting bargaining strategies for the Supervisors' Union tentative agreement. In addition to the Board, the following people were invited to the meeting: the Board Attorney Natalia Millan and Attorney Tom Mooney.  
Cesare  
Seconded by: Walsh  
Unanimous
2. Move to return from Executive Session at 8:32 P.M.  
Cesare  
Seconded by: Parks  
Unanimous

#### ACTION ITEMS

3. Move to approve Standard Addendum to FSMC Contract pending state approval.  
Cesare  
Seconded by: Parks  
Unanimous
4. Move to approve the Supervisors' Union tentative agreement.  
Morton IV.  
Seconded by: Walsh  
Unanimous
5. Move to continue the employment of Jody Goeler as Superintendent on an interim basis.  
Cesare  
Seconded by: Walsh  
Unanimous
6. Move to authorize the chairperson to execute the related contract for employment on behalf of the Board.  
Cesare  
Seconded by: Morton IV.  
Unanimous

The Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan, requested Attorney Tom Mooney explain the Board of Education's process of searching and hiring the new Superintendent.

7. Move to appoint Gary Highsmith as Superintendent of Hamden Public Schools September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025.

Walsh

Seconded by: Morton IV.

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

Abstain: Khan

MOTION PASSES

#### ADJOURNMENT

8. Move to adjourn at 9:21 P.M.

Cesare

Seconded by: Morton IV.

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,  
Reuel Parks, Board Secretary