



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

Melissa Kaplan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Board Members: Melissa Kaplan, Reu'el Parks, David Asbery (7:07 P.M.), Mariam Khan, Kevin Shea and Gary Walsh (left at 10:56 P.M.).

Board Members Absent: Austin Cesare and Walter Morton IV.

Student Representative: Mark Hu and Ishnan Khan

Staff: Gary Highsmith, Tom Ariola, Erin Bailey, Linda Morbidelli and Sue Smey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the Board of Education meeting on August 9, 2022 and August 31, 2022.
Parks
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received since the last meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during public comments tonight:
Wayho Lin, Jadeep Talwalker, Dan Wagner, Nayan Talwalker, Luca Ferrucci Deandrea, Leo Mueller, Jack Gaffney, Nico Bennett, Cody Hazen, John Hanna, Perjah Delgado, Avi Kamrat, and Ann Powers

The Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan asked Attorney Dori Antonette to give some background on the process of possibly changing policies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Move to Executive Session at 7:52 P.M. to discuss and review Non-Union Contracts for Assistant Superintendents. In addition to the Board, the Superintendent, Gary Highsmith, was asked to attend.
Discussion about attorney-client privileged communication regarding the calculation of weighted grading and class rank will also be had. In addition to the board, the following people were asked to attend: Superintendent Gary Highsmith, Assistant Superintendent Linda Morbidelli, Dan Cocchiola and Attorney Dory Antonetti

Walsh
Seconded by: Asbery
Unanimous

3. Move to return to Public Session at 10:56 P.M.
Parks
Seconded by: Asbery
Unanimous

PENDING ACTION ITEMS

4. Move to approve non-union contracts for Assistant Superintendents.
Parks
Seconded by: Asbery
Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.
Parks
Seconded by: Khan
Unanimous
 - i. Approval of updated Application for Use of School Building form (Operations, September 2022)
 - ii. Approval of the building use by the Whitneyville Association to use the boardroom at Central Office for monthly meetings starting on September 15, 2022, and continuing bi-monthly on Thursdays until May 2023 from 6:30-9:00pm (Operations, September 2022)
 - iii. Approval of the building use by the New Haven Symphony Orchestra to use the Hamden High School auditorium, black box, and dressing rooms on October 6th/7th and February 16th/17th from 4:30-10:00pm for POPS concert rehearsals and October 8th/February 18th for POPS concerts (Operations, September 2022)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACES/Wintergreen – Committee Chair, Kevin Shea, stated there was nothing to report.
Curriculum Committee – there was no meeting.
Equity Committee – Committee Chair, Mariam Khan, reported on the activities of the committee
Evaluation and Goals Committee – there was no meeting.
Finance Committee – there was nothing to report at this time.
Operations Committee – there was nothing to report at this time.
Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Reu’el Parks, stated the next meeting would take place on September 27, 2022
Policy Committee – Board Chair, David Asbery stated there was nothing to report at this time as the was no meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent stated that due to the time he would give his update at the Special Board of Education Meeting on September 20, 2022.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening: Melissa Kaplan, Mariam Khan, Reu'el Parks and David Asbery.

ADJOURMENT

6. Move to adjourn at 11:08 P.M.
Kaplan
Seconded by: Khan
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Reu'el Parks, Board Secretary