



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES

Melissa Kaplan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

Board Members: Melissa Kaplan, Reuel Parks, Dr. David Asbery, Siohban Carter-David(7:30 P.M.), Austin Cesare, Christopher Daur, Mariam Khan, Kevin Shea and Gary Walsh

Student Representative: Ayanna Iovino

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

Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan made opening remarks.

INFORMATION ITEM

The Superintendent along with Assistant Superintendent, Gary Highsmith, gave a presentation of information concerning mask wearing. There was information shared from CSDE, DPH, QVHD, and the Medical Subcommittee meetings. A poll was given to staff members to find out their impressions of any decision made by the district concerning mask wearing. The Superintendent stated he will share statistics with the Board on a weekly basis.

The following board members asked questions: Gary Walsh, Austin Cesare, Ayanna Iovino, David Asbery, Reuel Parks, Melissa Kaplan, Mayor Lauren Garrett, Kevin Shea, Mariam Khan and Siohban Carter-David

ACTION ITEMS

1. Move to reinstate the Governor's mask mandate within the district.

Parks

Seconded by: Asbery

Move to amend the reinstatement of the Governor's mask mandate to end the mandate on April 1.

Cesare

Seconded by: Walsh

In Favor: Cesare, Shea and Walsh

Opposed: Asbery, Carter-David, Kaplan, Khan, and Parks

MOTION FAILS

Move to reinstate the Governor's mask mandate within the district

In Favor: Asbery, Carter-David, Kaplan, Khan, and Parks

Opposed: Cesare, Shea and Walsh

MOTION PASSES

ADJOURNMENT

2. Move to adjourn at 8:19 P.M.

Walsh

Seconded by: Asbery

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Reuel Parks, Board Secretary