



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DECEMBER 13, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES

Melissa Kaplan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Board Members Present: Melissa Kaplan, Reuel Parks, Peter Downhour, Mariam Khan, and Walter Morton IV

Board Members Absent: David Asbery, Austin Cesare, Kevin Shea and Gary Walsh

Student Representative: Mark Hu and Ishnan Khan

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

#### SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent along with Dunbar Hill School Principal, Laura Rodriguez, introduced the December Dunbar Hill Hamden Heroes:

Stephen Wagner, Grade 5 student  
Alaine Brittell, Math Specialist  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard DelVecchio, DH Community Member

The Superintendent, along with Helen Street School Principal, Karen Franklin, introduced the December Helen Street Hamden Heroes:

Marlana Williams, Grade 6 student  
Staci Walden, HS School Nurse  
Elizabeth Hindinger & Hindinger Farm, HS Community Member

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2022 Board of Education meeting with edit for Downhour to abstain from approval of minutes.  
Kaplan  
Seconded by: Parks  
Unanimous

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Reu'el Parks stated there was no correspondence since the last meeting.

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on agenda items.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ishnan Khan updated the board on upcoming events.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACES/Wintergreen – Committee Chair, Kevin Shea, wasn't present to report.  
Curriculum Committee – Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan, reported there would be a meeting 11/9/2022.

Equity Committee – Committee Chair, Mariam Khan, stated there was no meeting.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Austin Cesare, wasn't present to report.

Finance Committee – Committee Member, Walter Morton IV, reported on the activities of the committee.

Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV, reported on the activities of the committee.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Reuel Parks, reported on the activities of the committee.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, David Asbery, wasn't present to report.

## ACTION ITEMS

### PENDING ACTION

2. Move to approve the Board of Education meeting schedule.  
Morton IV  
Seconded by: Khan  
Unanimous

Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan, removed 9.b.i. Approval to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #5134 Parenting and Pregnant Students (First Read, Policy Committee- November 2022)

3. Move to approve to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #5134 Parenting and Pregnant Students (First Read, Policy Committee- November 2022) with comments going back to policy committee.  
Downhour  
Seconded by: Kaplan  
Unanimous

## CONSENT AGENDA

4. Move to approve Consent Agenda
  - ii. Approval to revise Hamden Board of Education Policy #6141.322 Web Sites/Pages (First Read, Policy Committee- November 2022)
  - iii. Approval to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #4113.12 Duty-Free Lunch (First Read, Policy Committee- November 2022)
  - iv. Approval of the Spring Glen Book Discard (Curriculum Committee, November 2022)
  - v. Approval of the proposed Short-Term Exchange with Italy (Curriculum Committee, November 2022)
  - vi. Approval of budget transfers (Finance Committee, December 2022)

- vii. Approval of the request by Sunshine Pre-School to lease 5 additional spots in the back lot of 60 Putnam Ave. (Special Operations Committee, December 2022)
  - viii. Approval of the Arts Department disposal request (Special Operations Committee, December 2022)
  - ix. Approval of the electric piano donation to West Woods music department (Special Operations Committee, December 2022)
  - x. Approval of the building use by The Dance Connection to use the auditorium, cafeteria, classrooms, and music/band rooms at Hamden Middle School for rehearsal and recital on June 2nd from 4-9pm and June 3rd from 11am-6:00pm (Special Operations Committee, December 2022)
  - xi. Approval of the building use by The Tia Russell Studio to use the auditorium, cafeteria, classrooms, and music/band rooms at Hamden Middle School for rehearsal on February 22nd from 3-9pm and for their Winter Showcase on February 24th & 25th from 3-10pm (Special Operations Committee, December 2022)
  - xii. Approval of the building use by Joan Lynn Dance to use the auditorium, Black Box, and dressing rooms at Hamden High School for a Summer Dance Recital on June 2, 2023 from 3-8pm and June 3rd from 12-6pm (Special Operations Committee, December 2022)
- Kaplan  
Seconded by: Morton IV  
Unanimous

#### SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

The Superintendent requested a moment of silence for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sandy Hook killings

The Superintendent reported on the meetings he had attended, including a presentation from Whitsons, IRIS, a tour with of HCLC, and next gen data.

The Superintendent stated that different transportation scenarios will be sent to the community.

#### COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:  
Kaplan

#### ADJOURNMENT

5. Move to adjourn at 8:03 P.M.  
Kaplan  
Seconded by: Morton IV  
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Reu'el Parks, Board Secretary