



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 10, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

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

Board Members Present: Melissa Kaplan, Reuel Parks, David Asbery, Peter Downhour, Mariam Khan, Walter Morton IV, Kevin Shea and Gary Walsh

Student Representative: Mark Hu and Ishnan Khan

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan, requested the following be pulled from the Consent Agenda:

8.a.iv. Approval of the DEI/Strategic Planning Director position job description (Personnel Committee – January 2023)

8.a.v. Approval of Lead Special Education Clerk position job description (Personnel Committee – January 2023)

8.a.vi. Approval of budget transfers (Finance Committee – January 2023)

Walter Morton IV asked for a moment of silence for Mrs. Cesare, Austin Cesare's mother.

Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan, made a statement concerning Public Comment policies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following people spoke during Public Comments on Agenda Items:
Bailey Biancha, Gina Biancha, Erin Doolittle and Timothy Kadiiszawski

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ishnan Khan stated there was nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACES/Wintergreen – Committee Chair, Kevin Shea, stated there was nothing to report.

Equity Committee – Committee Chair, Mariam Khan, stated the meeting was postponed until tomorrow, January 11, 2023.

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

Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV, stated there was no meeting.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Reuel Parks, had technical difficulties and couldn't report.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, David Asbery, stated there wasn't anything to report.

ACTION ITEMS

PENDING ACTION

1. Move to approve the building use by the Hamden PTA Council to use the Board room at Central Office for a panel discussion with Hamden Education Leaders on January 27, 2023 6-8pm.
Kaplan
Seconded by: Morton IV
Unanimous

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

The Superintendent requested a moment of silence for Juan Morales, a Hamden High School student who recently passed away.

The Superintendent reported on the meetings he had attended.

The Superintendent along with Erin Bailey and Linda Tran Morbidelli reported on the IEC classrooms and potential new home for HCLC.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:
Kaplan, Walsh, Downhour and Asbery

ADJOURNMENT

2. Move to adjourn at 8:19 P.M.
Kaplan
Seconded by: Morton IV
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Reu'el Parks, Board Secretary