

ZOOM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES



When: October 3, 2023 6:00 PM

Location- Zoom

Board Members present- Gary Walsh (chair), Kevin Shea and Walter Morton, IV

Administration present- Gary Highsmith, Superintendent, Tom Ariola, COFO and Leslie Della Valle, Director of Fine and Performing Arts

- 1) Call to order and roll call at 6:07pm
- 2) Public Comments on Agenda Items- none
- 3) Additional Agenda Items-A building use request for the Hamden Park and Rec to hold a pickleball tournament 10/7/23 from 10am to 4pm at the Hamden Middle School tennis courts
Motion- Walsh
Second- Morton, IV
Unanimous
- 4) Information Items
 - a) Discussion of Building Use Application- Tom Ariola reviewed the current building use application that is sent to vendors who would like to use Hamden Public Schools property for their events. He explained that the Director of Facilities and the Director of Fine and Performing Arts reviewed the form and the current rates to make sure that the district is competitive with other towns. The district rates were much lower than other districts, making it appealing for people to want to use the spaces. The higher volume of people using the space (and not all of them are Hamden businesses or the Town) taxes the equipment, the space, and manpower and the district cannot afford it.
 - b) Discussion and possible approval of Capital plan to replace boilers at Hamden High School and Central Office- Tom Ariola explained the boilers' status at both 60 Putnam Ave. and Hamden High School. The request is to fix these boilers with the Wintergreen sale funds that have been set aside for Capital expenses already. If this is not done, Central Office and Hamden High will be unusable in the winter.
 - c) Discussion and possible approval of the Capital plan to replace the existing roof at Hamden High School and Helen Street School. Tom Ariola discussed how the district could use some of the Wintergreen sale Capital funds to fix the High School and Helen Street roof, which has required one for many years and the band-aid fixes are not working anymore. The Wintergreen money can be used to fund the LEA portion of the non-priority application so that these projects can be funded fully with little coming from the budget.
- 5) Action Items
 - a) Approval of the revised Building Use Application
 - b) Approval of Capital plan to replace boilers at Hamden High School and Central Office
 - c) Approval of Capital plan to replace the existing roof at Hamden High School and Helen Street School
 - d) Approval of the building use by We Are the Village to use the gymnasium at 60 Putnam Ave. for a community conference on October 19th & 20th from 7pm-10pm and October 21st from 10am-3pm
 - e) Approval of the building use request for the Hamden Park and Rec to use the Hamden Middle School tennis courts for a pickleball tournament on 10/7/23 from 10am to 4pm

Motion to move all action items on consent

Motion-Morton, IV

Second-Shea

Unanimous

- 6) Adjournment at 6:46pm

Motion-Walsh

Second-Morton, IV

Unanimous