



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 12, 2024  
MEETING MINUTES

Peter Downhour, Acting Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.  
Peter Downhour named Christopher Piscitelli as Acting Board Secretary.

Board Members: Peter Downhour, David Asbery, Mario Ciccarini, Greta Johnson(7:25 P.M), Christopher Piscitelli, Kevin Shea and Andrew Tammaro.

Student Representative: Mark Hu and Matilda Ryder

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

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

#### SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION

The Superintendent, along with the building administrator, introduced the March Hamden Heroes.

Spring Glen School

Beatrice Pitkin, Spring Glen student

Stephen Sudusky, Spring Glen custodian

Elisabeth Lesieur, Spring Glen Community Helper

Alice Peck Learning Center

Meredith Kras- Alice Peck Speech-Language Pathologist

Catherine Pilterski, Alice Peck Community Helper

#### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence since the last meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no Public Comment on Agenda Items.

#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Matilda told the Board about the upcoming play.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACES/Wintergreen - Committee Chair, Greta Johnson, stated there was nothing to report.

Curriculum Committee - Committee Chair, Mario Ciccarini, reported on the activities of the committee.

Equity Committee - Committee Chair, Mariam Khan, was not present to report.

Finance Committee - Committee Chair, Peter Downhour, reported on the activities of tonight's meeting.

Goals and Evaluations Committee - Committee Chair, Andrew Tammaro, stated there was nothing to report.

Operations Committee - Committee Chair, Kevin Shea, reported on the activities of the committee.

Personnel Committee - Committee Chair, David Asbery, reported on the activities of the committee.

Policy Committee - Committee Chair, Christopher Piscitelli, stated the next meeting will be held on March 19, 2024.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

The Superintendent reviewed the 2024-2025 District Calendar.

The Superintendent, along with Assistant Superintendent Erin Bailey and Assistant Superintendent Linda Tran represented the draft Educator Diversity Plan.

## ACTION ITEM

### PENDING ACTION

1. Move to approve the 2024-2025 District Calendar.

Downhour

Seconded by: Piscitelli

In Favor: Downhour, Asbery, Ciccarini, Piscitelli, Shea and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

2. Move to approve the draft Educator Diversity Plan

Downhour

Seconded by: Tammaro

In Favor: Downhour, Asbery, Ciccarini, Piscitelli, Shea and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

## CONSENT AGENDA

3. Move to approve the Consent Agenda

Downhour

Seconded by: Piscitelli

In Favor: Downhour, Asbery, Ciccarini, Piscitelli, Shea and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

- i. Approval to revise Policy #5145.5 Sexual Harassment (First Read, Policy Committee, January 2024)

- ii. Approval to revise Policy #5145.4 Non-Discrimination (Students) (First Read, Policy Committee, January 2024)

- iii. Approval to adopt Policy #5145.3 Section 504/ADA (Students) (Second Read, Policy Committee, January 2024)

- iv. Approval of Spring Glen 6th grade immigration field trip to New York City on May 29, 2024 (Curriculum Committee, February 2024)

- v. Approval of a donation of a copy of "CHAMP Dream Big" by J.I. Spencer by the Dowling Family in memory of Christopher Andreozzi for all Hamden Elementary Schools (Special Operations Committee, March 2024)

- vi. Approval of a donation of a birdbox with a nest cam, a solar panel to keep it charged, and a pole to place it on from Netvue and the Sacco Family for Bear Path School (Special Operations Committee, March 2024)

vii. Approval of the building use by the Hamden Soccer Association to use the fields at West Woods, Shepherd Glen, Dunbar Hill and Hamden High from March 18th – June 16th Monday-Fridays from 5:30pm-7:30pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 8am-5pm (Special Operations Committee, March 2024)

viii. Approval of the building use by the Hamden Special Olympics to use the pool at Hamden High School for practice for the upcoming Summer Games on March 15th – May 10th from 6:15-7:45pm (Special Operations Committee, March 2024)

ix. Approval of the building use by Town of Hamden Community Services to use the gymnasium and a classroom at 60 Putnam Ave. on March 21st from 6-9pm for a Spring Family Event (Special Operations Committee, March 2024)

x. Approval of the building use by Hamden Fathers' Football to use field at Hamden Middle School for Spring Coed Flag Football on April 14th- July 28th from 8am-5pm (Special Operations Committee, March 2024)

xi. Approval of the building use by Creative Kids to use the art room at Spring Glen School for art camp on July 8th- July 26th from 9am-12pm (Special Operations Committee, March 2024)

xii. Approval of the building use by CT ParaConn to use the gymnasium at Hamden High School for a ParaConn Convention on July 14th from 8am-6:00pm and July 14th from 11am-6pm (Special Operations Committee, March 2024)

xiii. Approval of the building use by Slammas Jamma basketball to use the gymnasium at Hamden Middle School for a basketball summer camp on July 22nd- July 26th from 8:30am-1:00pm (Special Operations Committee, March 2024)

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent thanked the Board members for the service as it is Board of Education Appreciation Month.

The Superintendent stated that there was a contest amongst Hamden High Students to create a new logo.

The Superintendent spoke about grant opportunities the district is applying for and moving forward with. The district is moving forward with a new way to communicate with parents and that is through Parent Square.

The Superintendent spoke of the highlight of a letter written to him by a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader.

## ADJOURNMENT

4. Motion to Adjourn at 8:10.M.

Downhour

Seconded by: Piscitelli

In Favor: Downhour, Asbery, Ciccarini, Johnson, Piscitelli, Shea and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Piscitelli, Acting Board Secretary