

## **ZOOM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

When: April 2, 2023 06:00 PM

Location- Zoom

Committee members in attendance: Kevin Shea (Chair), Nancy Hill

Administration in attendance: Gary Highsmith (Superintendent), Tom Ariola (COFO)

Others: Stacie D'Antonio, Nadine Gannon, Mark Hatten (Mutualink) and Joseph Dooley (Mutualink)

- 1) Call to order and roll call at 6:01pm
- 2) Public Comments on Agenda Items- None
- 3) Additional Agenda Items-None

Chair moved Item 4-b to 4-a for discussion

### 4) Information Items

- a) Discussion of Mutualink Project Agreement- Mark Hatten and Joseph Dooley from Mutualink present on the security project with Hamden Public Schools. This program will allow schools to have faster and more accurate access to police and fire in case of an emergency.
- b) Discussion of a donation of a bench in memory of a former student to Ridge Hill School- Stacie D'Antonio, principal of Ridge Hill School, presented on this donation.
- c) Discussion of a request to plant additional trees at Church Street School along Chester Street- Tom Ariola discussed this request to work with Public Works on the trees selected and where they would go.
- d) Adult Education Federal Grant proposal presentation – Nadine Gannon presented on the federal grants that Adult Education is applying for and where those funds go.
- e) HFC Eligibility Requirements Update- Tom Ariola read the state requirements

### 5) Action Items

- a) Approval of Mutualink Project Agreement  
Motion- K. Shea  
2<sup>nd</sup>- N. Hill  
PASSES- UNANIMOUS
- b) Approval of a donation of a bench in memory of a former student to Ridge Hill School  
Motion  
2<sup>nd</sup>- K. Shea  
PASSES- UNANIMOUS
- c) Approval of the request to plant additional trees at Church Street School along Chester Street  
Motion  
2<sup>nd</sup>- K. Shea  
PASSES- UNANIMOUS
- d) Approval of Adult Education Federal Grant proposal  
Motion  
2<sup>nd</sup>- K. Shea  
PASSES- UNANIMOUS
- e) Approval of the reauthorization of the annual Healthy Food Certification under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Hamden Board of Education certifies that all food

items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Motion- N. Hill

2nd- K. Shea

PASSES- UNANIMOUS

- f) Approval of the Food Exemption under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Hamden Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

Motion- K. Shea

2nd- N. Hill

PASSES- UNANIMOUS

- g) Approval of exemptions for beverages that do not comply under Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Hamden Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. The "school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

Motion- K. Shea

2nd- N. Hill

PASSES- UNANIMOUS

Motion to move items H-K to a consent agenda- K. Shea

2nd- N. Hill

PASSES- UNANIMOUS

- h) Approval of the building use by Hamden Rovers Soccer to use the cafeteria at Hamden Middle School for summer camp June 22<sup>nd</sup>-July 27<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12pm
- i) Approval of the building use by Building with Ricky to use a classroom at Hamden Middle School for summer camp July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30am-3pm

- j) Approval of the building use by Unified Coed Sports to use the athletic fields at Hamden Middle School and Hamden High School for Coed Adult Softball League April 7<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am-2:30pm
- k) Approval of the building use by Hamden Fathers Football and Cheerleading to use the gymnasium at Hamden Middle School, Ridge Hill School and West Woods School for Cheerleading Clinics Thursdays from April 25<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-8:00pm

6) Adjournment at 6:30pm

Motion- K. Shea

2nd- N. Hill

PASSES- UNANIMOUS