



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JUNE 10, 2025  
MEETING MINUTES

Melissa Kaplan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Board Members: Melissa Kaplan, Peter Downhour(7:40 P.M.), David Asbery(Virtual), Marcia Brown, Mario Ciccarini, Nancy Hill, Christopher Piscitelli, and Andrew Tammaro.

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

Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan, named Christopher Piscitelli as Acting Board Secretary.

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan, added the following items to the the agenda under Pending Actions 11a:

- iii. Approval of the building use by Hamden Father’s Football and Cheerleading Association to use the field ONLY at Hamden High School July 6 & 13, 2025 from 1-3pm for Flag Football games
- iv. Approval of the building use by Hamden Father’s Football and Cheerleading Association to use the field ONLY at Hamden High School September 7,14, and 28 2025 and October 5 and 12, 2025 6am for Football home games
- v. Approval of the building use by the Whitney Players Theater Company to use the auditorium black box and dressing rooms at Hamden High School July 30- August 5, 2025 from 9am-10pm for a summer musical
- vi. Approval of the building use by Hamden Rovers Soccer to use the field ONLY at Hamden High School June 22, June 29, July 27, August 10 and September 21 2025 from 9:30am-12:15pm for soccer games

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2025 Board of Education meeting.

Kaplan

Seconded by: Ciccarini

In Favor: Kaplan, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Hill, Piscitelli and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Christopher Piscitelli reported there were a few correspondence since the last meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following people spoke tonight during Public Comment: Dana Guzman, Stephanie LaMacchia Cruz, Allison Gilbey, Coleen Cull, Judy Nolan, Gretchen Ferri, Tekeaya Taylor, Mr. Archer, Juanita Jeziomy, Jack Witteman, Jamie Listro, and Mariel Taylor.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

There were no student representatives present to speak tonight.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACES/Wintergreen - There was no report tonight.

Curriculum Committee - Committee Chair, Mario Ciccarini, stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Finance Committee - Committee Member, Christopher Piscitelli, reported on the activities of the committee.

Goals and Evaluations Committee – Committee Chair, Andrew Tammaro, stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Operations Committee - There was no report tonight

Personnel Committee - Committee Chair, David Asbery stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Policy Committee - Committee Chair, Christopher Piscitelli, stated a meeting will be held on June 24, 2025

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Superintendent stated he did not have a report this evening.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Move to Executive Session to discuss . Along with the Board, Superintendent Highsmith and Attorney Ryan were invited to the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

Kaplan

Seconded by: David

In Favor: Kaplan, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Hill, Piscitelli and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Return to Public Session at 8:11 P.M.

## ACTION ITEMS

### PENDING ACTIONS

3. Move to approve the FSMC 2025-26 Renewal

Kaplan

Seconded by: Hill

In Favor: Kaplan, Downhour, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Hill, Piscitelli and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

4. Move to approve the a tentative agreement with the Security Union

Kaplan

Seconded by: Piscitelli

In Favor: Kaplan, Downhour, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Hill, Piscitelli and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

5. Move to approve the building use by Hamden Father's Football and Cheerleading Association to use the field ONLY at Hamden High School July 6 & 13, 2025 from 1-3pm for Flag Football games

Kaplan

Seconded by: Piscitelli

In Favor: Kaplan, Downhour, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Hill, Piscitelli and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

6. Move to approve the building use by Hamden Father's Football and Cheerleading Association to use the field ONLY at Hamden High School September 7,14, and 28 2025 and October 5 and 12, 2025 6am for Football home games

Kaplan

Seconded by: Downhour

In Favor: Kaplan, Downhour, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Hill, Piscitelli and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

7. Move to approve the building use by the Whitney Players Theater Company to use the auditorium black box and dressing rooms at Hamden High School July 30- August 5, 2025 from 9am-10pm for a summer musical

Kaplan

Seconded by: Downhour

In Favor: Kaplan, Downhour, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Hill, Piscitelli and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

8. Move to approve the building use by Hamden Rovers Soccer to use the field ONLY at Hamden High School June 22, June 29, July 27, August 10 and September 21 2025 from 9:30am-12:15pm for soccer games

Kaplan

Seconded by: Downhour

In Favor: Kaplan, Downhour, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Hill, Piscitelli and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

9. Move to adjourn at 8:16 P.M.

Kaplan

Seconded by: Piscitelli

In Favor: Kaplan, Downhour, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Hill, Piscitelli and Tammaro

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christopher Piscitelli, Acting Board Secretary