



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016
MINUTES

Adam Sendroff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Board Members: Lynn Campo, Cathy Corso-White, Christopher Daur, Vic Mitchell, Walter Morton IV, Arturo Perez-Cabello, Melinda Saller, Adam Sendroff and Christopher Vega

Staff: Jody Goeler, Mark Albanese, Michael Belden, Gary Highsmith, Karen Kaplan and Christopher Melillo

Student Representative: Aaron Garner

ACTION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent introduced and recognized this month's recipients of the Hamden Heroes Award:

Tajuan Washington, Dunbar Hill School student
Jodi Uscilla, Dunbar Hill School staff

The Superintendent, along with the Board member, Vic Mitchell, presented certificates to the honorees from Dunbar Hill School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve minutes from the November 15, 2016 Special Board of Education meeting.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Campo
Unanimous

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

The following person spoke during Public Comment on Action Items:
Meg Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

Sendroff

Unanimous

- 1.) Approval of a building usage request from Academy of Dance LLC to use the auditorium at Hamden High School on June 9, 2017 and June 10, 2017 for a dance showcase (Operations Committee, December 6, 2016).
- 2.) Approval of a building usage request from Joni's Dance Center to use the auditorium at Hamden Middle School on February 17, 2017 for a dance showcase (Operations Committee, December 6, 2016).
- 3.) Approval to switch from Styrofoam to bio-degradable food trays at Hamden Middle School and Hamden High School (Operations Committee, December 6, 2016).
- 4.) Approval of a field trip for Hamden High School European Travel Club to travel to Portugal and Spain for global awareness from April 6-17, 2017 (Curriculum Committee, December 7, 2016).
- 5.) Approval of a partnership between Hamden High School and Bulldog tutors to provide test preparation for students (Curriculum Committee, December 7, 2016).

PENDING ACTIONS

3. Move to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #1112 News Media Relationships (second reading).
Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Vega
Unanimous
4. Move to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #1110 Communications with the Public (second reading).
Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous
5. Move to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #1110.1 Communications with the Public – Parent Involvement (second reading).
Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Corso-White
Unanimous

6. Move to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #1120 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings (second reading).
Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Vega
Unanimous

7. Move to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #4118.11 (second reading).
Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Vega
Unanimous

8. Move to adopt Hamden Board of Education Policy #4118.112 Sexual Harassment (second reading).
Perez-Cabello
Seconded by: Corso-White
In Favor: Campo, Corso-White, Daur, Mitchell, Morton, Saller, Sendroff, and Vega
Opposed: Perez-Cabello

MOTION PASSES

9. Move to approve purchases orders over \$50,000 as presented at the Finance Committee meeting.
Daur
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

The following person spoke during Public Comment on Information Items:

Meg Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent told the Board about the upcoming meeting he will have with the Superintendent Network at Dunbar Hill School. The purpose of this Network is to for Superintendents to go to different districts, spend time in the classrooms and give feedback to the corresponding district.

The Superintendent told the Board about the meetings and activities that he has been involved within the last couple months.

The Superintendent will present the 2017-2018 Budget to the Board on

January 31, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Board and Committee Chair, Adam Sendroff, reported on the activities of the committee.

ACES/WINTERGREEN – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo, reported on the activities of the committee.

Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Vic Mitchell, reported on the activities of the committee.

Finance Committee – Committee Chair, Christopher Daur, reported on the activities of the committee.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Christopher Vega, reported on the activities of the committee

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello, stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo reported there would be a meeting in January.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Move to Executive Session at 8:15 PM for discussion on the collective bargaining strategies.

Sendroff
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

11. Move to return to Public Session at 8:39 P.M.

Sendroff
Seconded by: Saller
Unanimous

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following person spoke during comments from Press or Public:
Meg Nowacki, 1134 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following board members spoke this evening:
Adam Sendroff and Arturo Perez-Cabello.

ADJOURNMENT

12. Move to adjourn at 8:43 P.M.
Sendroff
Seconded by: Morton
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted

Christopher Daur
Secretary to the Board