



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016  
MINUTES

Adam Sendroff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:16 P.M.

Board Members: Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, John Keegan, Arturo Perez-Cabello(7:34 P.M.), Melinda Saller and Adam Sendroff

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

APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Cathy Corso-White was sworn in by Town Clerk, Vera Morrison.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent introduced and recognized members of the Hamden High School Dance Team.

The Superintendent introduced the newly appointed high school principal, Nadine Gannon, to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve minutes from the May 10, 2016 Board of Education meeting.  
Sendroff  
Seconded by: Campo  
Abstain: Corso-White

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

Two Hamden High School students discussed funding for the debate team.

Meg Nowacki, Dunbar Hill Road - Hamden  
Myron Hul, Hartford Turnpike - Hamden  
John Hannah, Mix Avenue - Hamden

## CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Daur asked that Item 4 be removed from the consent agenda and be moved to Pending Action Items.

2. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

Sendroff

Unanimous

- 1.) Approval of a field trip to Washington, DC, for the Talented and Gifted students, on April 5, 6, 7, 2017 (Curriculum Committee, June 1, 2016).
- 2.) Approval to dispose of obsolete books from Shepherd Glen School (Curriculum Committee, June 1, 2016).
- 3.) Approval to dispose of obsolete books and videos from Spring Glen School (Curriculum Committee, June 1, 2016).
- 4.) Approval to dispose of obsolete non-instructional materials (Operations Committee, June 7, 2016).

## PENDING ACTIONS

3. Move to approve budget transfers presented at the Finance Committee meeting.

Keegan

Seconded by: Campo

Abstained: Corso-White

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4. Move to approve a purchase order over \$50,000

Keegan

Seconded by: Perez-Cabello

Abstained: Corso-White

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5. Move to approve FY 2016-17 Board of Education operating budget in the amount of \$84,008,995

Keegan

Seconded by: Daur

Abstain: Corso-White

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6. Move to approve Healthy Food Certification

Daur

Seconded by: Sendroff

Abstain: Corso-White

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7. Move to approve the Beverage Exemption allowing the district to sell beverages that do not meet the requirements of state statute at events occurring after the school day or on weekends.

Daur

Seconded by: Sendroff

Abstain: Corso-White

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8. Move to increase school lunch prices as follows:

Elementary - \$2.50 to \$2.65

Secondary - \$2.75 - \$2.90

and to explore the use of recyclable serving trays at the HMS and HHS, with the understanding that lunch prices may be modified to cover these costs should the Board choose to opt for recyclable serving trays.

Daur

Seconded by: Sendroff

Abstain: Corso-White

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9. Move to accept the School Attendance Program Grant from the State of CT in the amount of \$16,000.

Sendroff

Seconded by: Saller

Abstain: Corso-White

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10. Move to approve submittal of a grant proposal in the amount of \$30,000 for "Hamden's Health Care Careers in Aging Initiative" and that the Board of Education is committed to continuing the initiative beyond the grant period.

Sendroff

Seconded by: Keegan

Abstain: Corso-White

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11. Move to approve a leave of absence for Dominique Rakiec, English teacher at Hamden High School.

Keegan

Seconded by: Saller

Unanimous

12. Move to discard obsolete textbooks at Hamden Middle School  
Sendroff  
Seconded by: Sendroff  
Unanimous
  
13. Move to revise Board of Education policy #6172.3 – Home Schooling (first reading).  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Sendroff  
  
Motion to table: Daur  
Seconded by: Campo  
Unanimous
  
14. Move to revise Board of Education policy #3514 – Authorized Use of School-Owned Equipment (first reading).  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Sendroff  
Abstain: Corso-White  
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15. Move to revise Board of Education policy #1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property (first reading) as amended to include: "*Only police officers in good standing*"  
Sendroff  
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello  
Unanimous
  
16. Move to revise Board of Education policy #4118.51 – Social Networking (Media) – (first reading).  
Perez-Cabello  
Seconded by: Saller  
Abstain: Corso-White  
  
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17. Move to approve the job description for Coordinator of Special Services.  
Sendroff  
Seconded by: Keegan  
Abstain: Corso-White  
  
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18. Move to approve an addendum to the Whitsons Food Service Contract (Operations Committee, June 7, 2016).  
Daur  
Seconded by: Sendroff  
Abstain: Corso-White

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#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

The following people spoke during this session:  
Meg Nowacki, Dunbar Hill Road  
Myron W. Hul, Hartford Turnpike

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent thanked the Board and staff for a great year. He welcomed the new high school principal, spoke about the graduation, the retreat and the West Woods School volunteer breakfast and the middle school Navigator Boat Launch. He also informed the Board about the interviews for the new student representative on the Board.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Committee Member, Adam Sendroff, reported on the activities of the committee.

ACES/WINTERGREEN Committee – ACES Representative, Lynn Campo reported.

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

Finance Committee – Committee Chair, John Keegan, reported on the activities of the committee.

Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, John Keegan reported.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello reported.

Evaluation and Goals Committee – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo reported.

#### COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening:  
Adam Sendroff, Christopher Daur, Lynn Campo and

Arturo Perez-Cabello

COMMENTS FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

Stephanie Kollett, Belmont Street - Hamden

19. Move to Executive Session to discuss Hamden Education Association contract extension (9:25 PM).  
Sendroff  
Seconded by: Perez-Cabello  
Unanimous
20. Move to return to Public Session (10:24 PM)  
Sendroff  
Seconded by: Sendroff  
Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

21. Move to adjourn (10:25 PM)  
Sendroff  
Seconded by: Saller  
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Daur  
Secretary to the Board