



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUGUST 31, 2022  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Melissa Kaplan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:47 P.M.

Board Members Present: Melissa Kaplan, Reuel Parks, David Asbery, Mariam Khan (7:54 P.M. - 9:24 P.M.), Walter Morton IV, Kevin Shea, and Gary Walsh

Board Members Absent: Austin Cesare

Student Representative: Mark Hu and Ishnan Khan

Staff: Gary Highsmith and Tom Ariola

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Move to Executive Session at 7:48 P.M. to discuss attorney-client advice regarding Security Resource Officer (SRO) MOU with Police Chief Timothy Wydra and Jacqueline Beirne. In addition to the Board, the following people were asked to join the meeting: Assistant Superintendent, Gary Highsmith, Attorney, Natalia Sieria Millan, and Jacqueline Beirne.  
Morton  
Seconded by: Parks  
Unanimous
2. Move to return from Executive Session at 9:25 P.M.  
Parks  
Seconded by: Asbery  
Unanimous

### ACTION ITEMS

3. Move to approve that Hamden Board of Education approve the SRO MOU with Police Department as presented to the Board.  
Morton  
Seconded by: Asbery  
Unanimous
4. Move to allow Board Chair, Melissa Kaplan and Superintendent, Gary Highsmith to sign the MOU.  
Asbery  
Seconded by: Morton IV  
Unanimous

### ADJOURNMENT

5. Move to adjourn at 9:39 P.M.  
Kaplan  
Seconded by: Morton IV  
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Reu'el Parks, Board Secretary