

Finance Committee  
of the  
Hamden Board of Education

February 22, 2024  
Board of Education 60 Putnam Ave. Hamden, CT

1. Call to order and roll call

Chairman Peter Downhour called the meeting to order at 18:09

Roll Call - Committee Members Present: Peter Downhour, Mario Ciccarini,  
and Christopher Piscitelli

Board Members: Board Chairperson Melissa Kaplan

Staff Members and guest: Superintendent of Schools Gary Highsmith,  
Chief Operating Officer Tom Ariola, Interim Director of Pupil Personnel  
Services Karen Habegger, Business and Transportation Supervisor Dawn  
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2. Public comments – none

3. Information Items:

- a. Audit Report for FY 2022-2023 and the EFS report - Chief Operating Officer Tom Ariola briefly reviewed and shared the Town audit section that pertains to the BOE.
- b. Update/report from the Special Education Department - Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services Karen Habegger answered questions and reviewed challenges with spending in areas pertaining to special education.
- c. Review & Update of 2024-2025 Budget - Chief Operating Officer Tom Ariola presented and answered questions on the 2024-2025 budget.

4. Adjourned without objection 20:02