



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 3, 2024
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Melissa Kaplan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

Board Members: Melissa Kaplan, Peter Downhour, David Asbery (virtual), Mario Ciccarini, Nancy Hill, Greta Johnson, Christopher Piscitelli, Kevin Shea (virtual) and Andrew Tammaro.

Student Representatives: Mark Hu and Matilda Ryder

Staff: Gary Highsmith, Tom Ariola, Erin Bailey and Linda Tran

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following people sent in Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Susan Dorfman, Bonnie Pepper, Joseph Ryan, Michelle DeLucia, Melanie Coggins, Katie Catellier, Holly Benedetti, Christina Busker, Rose Cooper Saerys, Reidun Wallin, Anna Patel, Kelsey Oddo, Katie Ryan, Frank Kachmar, Elisa James, Katie Hagen, Melissa DeMicco and Kerry O'Sullivan

The following people spoke during Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Cynthia Than and Elizabeth Franks Dulo

INFORMATION ITEM

The Superintendent and Tom Ariola presented the deficit mitigation plans for the 2024-2025 School Year. There was discussion from Melissa Kaplan, Peter Downhour, David Asbery, Christopher Piscitelli, Nancy Hill, Andrew Tammaro and Mario Ciccarini.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Move to amend the deficit mitigation plans for the 2024-2025 School Year to remove the Library Media Specialist position from the plan.

Downhour

Seconded by: Kaplan

In Favor: Kaplan, Downhour, Asbery, Ciccarini, Hill, Johnson, Piscitelli and Shea

Opposed: Tammaro

MOTION PASSES

2. Move to approve deficit mitigation plans for the 2024-2025 School Year, excluding the removal of the Library Media Specialist position at Hamden High School, in the amount of \$3,268,090.00.

Kaplan

Seconded by: Downhour

In Favor: Kaplan, Downhour, Ciccarini, Hill, Johnson, Piscitelli, Shea and Tammaro

Opposed: Asbery

MOTION PASSES

ADJOURNMENT

2. Move to Adjourn at 7:33 P.M.

Kaplan

Seconded by: Hill

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

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Downhour, Board Secretary