



**Special Finance Committee
Hamden Board of Education
Minutes**

February 26, 2025

Board of Education 60 Putnam Ave. Hamden, CT

1. Call to order and roll call

Chair Peter Downhour called the meeting to order at 5:23 PM

Roll Call - Committee Members Present: Peter Downhour, Mario Ciccarini, and Christopher Piscitelli-absent. Additional Board Members: BOE Chairperson Melissia Kaplan

Staff Members and Guests: Superintendent of Schools Gary Highsmith, Chief Operating Officer Tom Ariola, Business and Transportation Supervisor Dawn Albizu, and Director of Pupil Personnel Services Mike McDermott

2. Public comments – none

3. Information Items:

- a. Review of 2025-2026 Budget - Chief Operating Officer Tom Ariola presented and answered questions about the proposed budget

4. Adjourned without objection 6:59 PM