



**Finance Committee  
Hamden Board of Education  
Minutes**

March 11, 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 6:07 PM

Roll Call - Committee Members Present: Peter Downhour, Mario Ciccarini, and Christopher Piscitelli. Additional Board Members: None

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

2. Additions to the agenda- none

3. Public comments – none

4. Information Items:

a. Update on Audit – no update

b. Update on 2024-2025 Budget - Chief Operating Officer Tom Ariola presented and answered questions on the 2024-2025 budget.

i. Update from Special Education department: Director of Pupil Personnel Services Mike McDermott answered questions about special education spending.

5. Action Items:

a. Approval of budget transfers-none

6. Adjourned without objection 6:47 PM