



Finance Committee - Hamden Board of Education Minutes

September 9, 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 6:02 PM
Roll Call - Committee Members Present: Peter Downhour, Mario Ciccarini, and Christopher Piscitelli. Melissa Kaplan arrived during the meeting. 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 2025-2026 Budget - Chief Operating Officer Tom Ariola presented and answered questions on the 2024-2025 budget.
 - i. Update from the Special Education department: Director of Pupil Personnel Services Mike McDermott answered questions about special education spending.
 - ii. Update on district grants by Chief Operating Officer Tom Ariola
 - b. Tom Ariola asked clarifying questions, and the committee discussed the approval processes in BOE subcommittees, particularly as they relate to the district's financial impact.
5. Action Items:
 - a. Chris moved to approve budget transfers as presented.
Second, Mario
All in favor
Motion passes
6. Adjourned without objection at 7:02 PM

<u>HAMDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS</u>						
	<u>FY 2025-2026 - Budget</u>	\$	101,436,949.00			
	YTD Expenditures	\$	7,559,149.18			
	YTD Encumbrances	\$	2,794,773.67			
	Less Grants	\$	-			
	Remaining Budget - FY 2025-2026	\$	91,063,026.15			
Object #	Object Code Description		TO:	FROM:	TO: NET:	FROM: NET:
644	Instructional Software			\$ 16,335.63	\$ -	
645	Non-Instructional Software	\$	16,335.63	\$ -	\$ -	
	Grand Totals	\$	16,335.63	\$ 16,335.63	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>Reason for Request</u>					
	To cover actual expenditures for software renewals					
431	Equip Repairs			\$ 900.00	\$ -	
810	Dues and Fees	\$	900.00	\$ -	\$ -	
532	Postage			\$ 500.00		
810	Dues and Fees	\$	500.00			
613	Other Supplies			\$ 600.00		
611	Instructional Supplies	\$	600.00			
641	Textbooks			\$ 400.00		
611	Instructional Supplies	\$	400.00			
	Grand Totals	\$	2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>Reason for Request</u>					
	Adult Education Director - To cover actual expenditures in the correct line items					
590	Student Activities			\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
613	Other Supplies	\$	2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Grand Totals	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>Reason for Request</u>					
	Spring Glen Principal - To cover actual expenditures in the correct line items					
145	Reserve For Negotiations			\$ 119,283.00	\$ -	
112	Director Salaries	\$	20,463.00	\$ -	\$ -	
113	Principal Salaries	\$	28,985.00		\$ -	
119	Nurse Salaries	\$	69,835.00		\$ -	
	Grand Totals	\$	119,283.00	\$ 119,283.00	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>Reason for Request</u>					
	To cover payouts for retirees					