



Special Finance Committee - Hamden Board of Education Minutes

November 19, 2025

Zoom

1. Call to order and roll call

Chair Peter Downhour called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM

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

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

2. Public comments – none

3. 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. No new update on district grants by Chief Operating Officer Tom Ariola. Discussion on grants and how they appear in the budget.

4. Action Items:

a. Peter moved to approve budget transfers as presented.

Second, Chris

All in favor

Motion passes

b. Discussion and possible action on the BOE representative to the Hamden Finance Commission

Discussion on appointment of BOE member to Finance Commission.

Moved without objection to table until the new Board is formed and to be acted on as determined by the new Board.

5. Adjourned without objection at 5:02 PM

HAMDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS					
	FY 2025-2026 - Budget	\$	101,436,940.00		
	YTD Expenditures	\$	26,096,120.00		
	YTD Encumbrances	\$	11,833,441.91		
	Less Grants	\$	-		
	Remaining Budget - FY 2025-2026	\$	63,507,386.29		
Object #	Object Code Description	TO:	FROM:	TO: NET:	FROM: NET:
111	Assistant Superintendent Salary		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	
330	Professional Services - First Responders Academy	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Grand Totals	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Reason for Request				
	To cover instructional classes for First Responders Academy				
644	Instructional Software		\$ 1,957.40	\$ -	
645	Non-Instructional Software	\$ 1,957.40	\$ -	\$ -	
	Grand Totals	\$ 1,957.40	\$ 1,957.40	\$ -	\$ -
	Reason for Request				
	To cover actual expenditures for software renewals				
611	Instructional Supplies		\$ 400.00	\$ -	
735	Equipment	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Grand Totals	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Reason for Request				
	Teacher computer needed for HTA program				
582	Admin Conferences		\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	
325	Curriculum Development	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Grand Totals	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Reason for Request				
	Use conference funds for curriculum writing as new courses are developing				
641	Textbooks		\$ 10,920.00	\$ -	
642	Library Books	\$ 10,920.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Grand Totals	\$ 10,920.00	\$ 10,920.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Reason for Request				
	The Media department will be purchasing library books not textbooks				
325	Curriculum Development		\$ 193.00	\$ -	
810	Dues and Fees	\$ 193.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Grand Totals	\$ 193.00	\$ 193.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Reason for Request				
	To cover the membership for Library Consortium				
325	Teacher Salary		\$ 17,925.00	\$ -	
641	Textbooks - Music	\$ 17,925.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	Grand Totals	\$ 17,925.00	\$ 17,925.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Reason for Request				
	This transfer was approved in FY24-25 because the 0.4 general music position budgeted was not going to be filled and reallocated to the marching band. There is no funding for this unfilled position in FY25-26.				