HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 26, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Peter Downhour, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Board Members: Peter Downhour, Melissa Kaplan, David Asbery (Virtual 6:15 P.M.), Marcia Brown, Mario Ciccarini, Crystal Dailey, Nancy Hill, Greta Johnson, and Christopher Piscitelli
Staff: Gary Highsmith, Tom Ariola, Erin Bailey, and Susan Smey
Student Representative: Matilda Ryder

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Public Comments on Agenda Items.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

The Superintendent presented the deficit mitigation plan for the 2026-2027 School Year. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Erin Bailey, Chief Financial Officer Tom Ariola, and Susan Smey, answered questions from the following Board members: Crystal Dailey, Marcia Brown, Nancy Hill, Mario Ciccarini, Christopher Piscitelli, Melissa Kaplan, Greta Johnson, David Asbery, and Peter Downhour.

ACTION ITEM

1. Move to approve deficit mitigation plans for the 2026-2027 School Year as presented in the amount of $3,570,254 for a total budget amount of $103,936,949.
   Downhour
   Seconded by: Kaplan
   In Favor: Downhour, Kaplan, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Dailey, Hill, Johnson and Piscitelli
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ADJOURNMENT

2. Move to adjourn at 7:33 P.M.
   Downhour
   Seconded by: Johnson
   In Favor: Downhour, Kaplan, Asbery, Brown, Ciccarini, Dailey, Hill, Johnson and Piscitelli
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Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Kaplan, Board Secretary