

**Board of Education Meeting**

December 08, 2016 6:30 PM  
Derby Middle School Cafetorium

**Attendance Taken at 6:34 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mr. Dan Foley  
Mr. Jim Gildea  
Mrs. Laura Harris  
Mr. George Kurtyka  
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio  
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara  
Mrs. Christine Robinson

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Andy Mancini  
Mrs. Janine Netto

**I. Call to Order**

**I.a. Opening Ceremonies**

**I.b. Roll Call**

**I.c. Additions/deletions to the agenda**

**II. Public Participation**

Discussion:  
No one spoke.

**III. Student Recognition**

**The Board of Education would like to congratulate the Derby High School Girls Cross Country Team and Head Coach Nick DiLuggo on their win as CIAC Class S Champions.**

Discussion:

The Board congratulated the following students and their coach, Nick DiLuggo, on their win as CIAC Class S Champions:

Cassie Battaglinio*	Ann Chevarella
Skyler Curcio*	Zoe Donnauro*
Claire Douglas	Tiana Figueroa
Rachel Fleischer*	Rachel Gall
Sara Gerckens	Sabrina Hanock*
Annaly Khanthaphixay*	Nicole Rizzo*
Kiley Rodriguez*	Nicolette Tasi

\*Students who participated in the CIAC Class S Championship

**IV. Student Representative's Report**

No representative was present.

**V. Chairman's Report**

There was nothing to report.

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

Discussion:

Dr. Conway updated the Board on the meetings he attended throughout the month. Instruction rounds were held at Bradley. He participated on a panel for AASA Early Childhood Learning Summit. He attended the CABES/CAPSS Convention, the High School Reimagined Symposium, and participated in the ETP Implementation Advisory Committee. Dr. Conway conducted BB field relocation committee meetings. He participated in a task force to study life threatening food allergies in schools. He also attended the DHS pep rally, Parent/Teacher Night, International Night at DMS, and the Thanksgiving Day game.

**VII. Administrator's Reports**

**VII.a. Facilities Report**

Discussion:

Mr. Gildea asked about the 4 cameras at Bradley and Irving. Mr. Nardone said they are going to be installed on the exterior of the schools to cover blind spots. He also asked why so many doors needed to be repaired at once. Mr. Nardone said it was due to direction from the Fire Marshal that the doors now needed to be self-closing.

**VII.b. Technology Report**

Discussion:

Mr. Myzithras stated that their department is fully staffed. He is working to do a complete inventory. They are working to increase marketing and presence in buildings. They centralized their equipment repair shop. Mr. Gildea asked if there was any historical statistics on the turnaround time for repair tickets. Mr. Myzithras said he does not but will have that information with the new system. He also asked about the signal boosters. Mr. Myzithras said that Verizon gave him more information and they are getting installed. Mr. Marcucio asked how many kids do not have laptops. Mr. Myzithras believes it is 8 at DMS and 40 at DHS, but he'll have to look into the exact number. Ms. Artaiz stated that each parent has been contacted repeatedly and some parents simply do not want their children to have a laptop.

**VIII. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board of Education approve the minutes from the following meetings: a. October 5, 2016 - Special Meeting, Budget Committee passed with a motion by Mr. George Kurtyka and a second by Mrs. Christine Robinson.

Mr. Dan Foley	Abstain
Mr. Jim Gildea	Abstain
Mrs. Laura Harris	Abstain
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education approve the minutes from the following meeting: b. October 20, 2016 Board Meeting passed with a motion by Mr. George Kurtyka and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes

Mrs. Laura Harris	Abstain
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education approve the minutes from the following meetings: c. October 26, 2016 Special Meeting, Discipline Committee passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mrs. Christine Robinson.

Mr. Dan Foley	Abstain
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Abstain
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education approve the minutes from the following meetings: d. November 1, 2016 Committee of the Whole Strategic Planning passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. Jim Gildea.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education approve the minutes from the following meetings: e. November 21, 2016 - Special Meeting, Budget passed with a motion by Mr. George Kurtyka and a second by Mrs. Christine Robinson.

Mr. Dan Foley	Abstain
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Abstain
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

## **IX. Financial Report**

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education approve the financial report through November 30, 2016, with the budget transfer, as recommended by

the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

#### **X. Policy Series 7000**

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education review policy Series 7000, as a second read and adoption, as recommended by the Policy Committee. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

#### **XI. Policy 5131.81 Use of Cellular Telephones**

Discussion:

No action taken. Mr. Gildea had concerns with the 7 & 8 graders using their phones during lunch. He feels it still comes down to teacher enforcement. He doesn't feel they should be allowed at lunch at all. He also asked that the progressive discipline be added under #1 and #2 just the same as it is listed under #3.

Policy approval will be added to next month's meeting agenda.

#### **XII. Policy 3542 Food Services**

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education review policy 3542 Food Services, as a second read and adoption, as recommended by the Policy Committee. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mrs. Christine Robinson.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

**XIII. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (NAEYC)**

**Accreditation and quality improvement support with Connecticut's Quality Improvement System**

**Motion Passed:** That the Board of Education approve the MOU with the NAEYC accreditation. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

**XIV. SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE BEST PRACTICE GRANT**

**The Connecticut State Department of Education recognizes and celebrates school excellence by identifying schools that have achieved significant growth and/or sustained high performance. They have selected Bradley School for their measured improvement in math (80%) school average.**

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education approve the submission of the Schools of Excellence Best Practice Grant for Bradley School, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mrs. Christine Robinson.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

**XV. 2017 Board of Education Meeting Schedule**

Discussion:

No action taken. This will be addressed at next month's meeting.

**XVI. DERBY HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM TO STATE TOURNAMENT**

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education approve the overnight stay for the Derby High School Wrestling to attend the State Tournament on February 17th to 18th, 2017. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

**XVII. Executive Session**

**Motion Passed:** EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion: That the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 8:10 PM to discuss the appointment list, and that the Superintendent of School is invited to attend. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. Jim Gildea.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

The meeting reopened at 8:40 PM.

**XVIII. Appointment List**

**Motion Passed:** APPOINTMENT LIST Motion: That the Board of Education approve the appointment list as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

**XIX. Resignations**

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education accept the resignations of: Jessica Welsh, ISS tutor/School Climate at Irving School, with regret and best wishes. Anthony Caggiano, Jr., School Climate at Derby Middle School, with regret and best wishes. Alexandra Becker, Social Worker at Derby High School, with regret and best wishes. Alicia Ogren, Math Interventionist at Derby Middle School, with regret and best wishes. Jacqueline Forchetti, Behavior Specialist at Irving School, with regret and best wishes. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes

Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

**XX. Adjourn**

**Motion Passed:** Motion: That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 8:42 PM. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Absent
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

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Terri Kuskowski  
Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at the next Board meeting.