



City of Derby - Board of Education Meeting

May 10, 2018 6:30 PM
Derby Middle School Cafetorium
73 Chatfield Street

Attendance Taken at 6:35 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Jim Gildea
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio
Mrs. Debra Borrelli
Mr. Dan Foley
Mr. George Kurtyka
Mrs. Janine Netto
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara

Board members not present:

Mrs. Laura Harris was excused
Mrs. Casey Picheco was excused

I. Call to Order

I.a. Opening Ceremonies

I.b. Roll Call

I.c. Additions/deletions to the agenda -There were no changes to the agenda.

II. Public Participation

No one spoke.

III. Recognition

2018 Roadway Safety Poster Contest – Sofia Rudus, Grade 4 – Bradley School received an honorable mention award for her submission to the grades 2-4 poster contest.

Letter to principal for "I Survived" book series

Kayla Rodwell, Grade 2 - Irving School, wrote a letter to Principal Olson asking her to purchase more books from the series "I Survived" for the library. In addition to getting books for the Library the author Lauren Tarshis held a book signing and books were sold.

Elementary Honors Chorus

Anastasia Stanis, Grade 6 - Derby Middle School

Donte Palacios, Grade 6 - Derby Middle School

Students were selected to participate in the Elementary Honors Chorus (EHC) hosted by the Connecticut Music Educators Association.

2017-2018 Derby High School Scholar Athletes

Nicole Rizzo, Grade 12 - Derby High School is a top runner for four years and has received a full scholarship to Southern Connecticut State College

Joshua Dana, Grade 12 - Derby High School is a wrestler for four years and will be attending the University of New Haven majoring in criminal justice.

These students were chosen as 2017-2018 DHS Scholar Athletes based on their high academic achievement and strong athletic ability.

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award

Shenella Tertullien, Grade 12 - Derby High School

The prestigious DAR Good Citizen Award recognizes outstanding young people who exhibit qualities of good citizenship in their homes, schools and communities.

South Central Area Superintendents' Association Awards

Vanessa Nguyen, Grade 5, Bradley School

Quintin Simjouw, Grade 5, Irving School

Christina Castellini, Grade 8, Derby Middle School

Jackson Kellogg, Grade 8, Derby Middle School

Sara Gerckens, Grade 12, Derby High School

Jake Ferguson, Grade 12, Derby High School

These students received the SCASA Student Award for students who exhibit high academic achievement, strong extra-curricular involvement and community service.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

Finance Committee – A meeting will be called once the Board of Apportionment and Taxation sets the City's budget.

Personnel and Negotiations Committee held an informational meeting on April 26th for an overview of the contracts that will come up for renew in 2019.

The School/Community Relations and Policy Committee has a meeting scheduled for June 12th at 6pm. at the Derby Middle School Cafetorium. Dr. Conway noted per a request by a parent there is renewed interest in school uniforms and he suggested that a survey be distributed to the parents to ascertain whether this is a favorable consideration. He suggests a basic yes or no poll. Members suggested that it may be beneficial to reach out to the Valley Independent Sentinel to have them publish a poll on line for community comment.

The Plant and Facility Committee have been touring the school buildings and will be compiling a list. A meeting is scheduled for May 29th at Bradley School.

Long-Range Planning Committee – nothing was noted.

The By-laws Committee feels their task is completed.

School Health and Safety Committee met May 9th and the next meeting is May 29th.

Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee and the Athletic Complex Building Committee – As can be seen, the Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee is moving forward and the construction site has been cleared. Dr. Conway continues to communicate with Ms. Payden and the progress is on track. The Athletic Complex Building Committee received bids that were well over the budgeted funding. The Committee has made modifications to the designs and is seeking new bids. They were able to achieve some savings by incorporating the softball field within the baseball field footprint. It was determined that with the artificial turf it would be possible to remove the mound and adjust the base lines for softball play and then also use the field for its intended use of baseball. The press box construction costs to relocate it to the middle of the football field on the home team side is too costly to build so the plan now being considered is to have the press box behind the visitors' bleachers.

Mr. Foley was excused at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. Financial Report - The agenda went out of order so as to allow Mr. Izzo the ability to attend the Board of Alderman meeting.

Motion Passed: Motion. The Board of Education approve the financial report through the period of April 30, 2018, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mrs. Debra Borrelli.

Mr. Jim Gildea	yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	yes
Mr. Dan Foley	excused
Mr. George Kurtyka	yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	yes

Discussion:

Mr. Mark Izzo reviewed the finance summary and the grant funding. He indicated that the Alliance funds came in late and he will be spending down the funds with some placed in reserve for next fiscal year. He noted the approval of the IDEA funds is on the agenda and he encouraged an affirmative vote. This is an entitlement grant that will sustain the existing programs.

Mr. Izzo has been in discussions for the new bus contract for fiscal year 2019 to 2023.

V. Superintendent's Report

Discussion:

Dr. Conway reviewed his report.

Dr. Conway noted that the City will be reimbursed the expenditures of \$89,900 for the Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee expenses that occurred prior to the State funds being in place.

Richard Dunne from the NVCOG and Representative Linda Gentile were successful in securing \$168,500 for the study on regionalization with Ansonia Schools.

Members and the Superintendent expressed appreciation for the tireless efforts of our representatives in the legislation.

VI. Administrator's Monthly Reports

Mr. David Nardone stated that he is expecting delivery of the remaining seating in the auditorium and the project should be done by June 8th. Dr. Conway noted that the Plant and Facility Committee has made the suggestion of replacing the carpeting in the auditorium in conjunction with the installation of the refurbished seating. Estimated cost is \$22,000 and funds are available within the surplus.

Motion Passed: Motion. The Board of Education approve funding up to \$22,000 for the purchase and installation of carpeting to replace the existing carpeting in the High School Auditorium by Mr. George Kurtyka and a second by Mrs. Debra Borrelli.

Mr. Jim Gildea	yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	yes

Mr. Dan Foley excused
Mr. George Kurtyka yes
Mrs. Janine Netto yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara yes

VII. Approval of Minutes

Motion Passed: Motion: That the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held on April 19, 2018 with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Jim Gildea yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli yes
Mr. Dan Foley excused
Mr. George Kurtyka yes
Mrs. Janine Netto yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara yes

IX. Healthy Foods Certification Statement

Motion Passed: Motion: The Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the Healthy Foods Certification Statement to the State Department of Education with the exception of exemptions for the sale of food to students that are in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; the sale is at the location of an event; and the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Jim Gildea yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli yes
Mr. Dan Foley excused
Mr. George Kurtyka yes
Mrs. Janine Netto yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara yes

X. FY 2019 IDEA Grant

Motion Passed: Motion: The Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the 2018-2019 IDEA Grant to the State Department of Education by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Jim Gildea yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli yes
Mr. Dan Foley excused
Mr. George Kurtyka yes
Mrs. Janine Netto yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara yes

**XI. Policy 3542 – Food Services
Second Read and adoption**

Motion Withdrawn: Motion: The Board of Education review the proposed revision to Policy 3542-Food Services as a Second Read and adoption, as recommended by the Policy Committee by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Under the old policy the district did not serve meals to the student if the account is overdue. With the new policy any account issues are addressed by the administrators and the parents. It was noted that students accepted in the Husky program are automatically qualified. Members had additional questions regarding the withholding of report cards and whether there is a cap. With the questions it was decided to return the policy to Committee.

**XII. Policy 6172.3 – Home Schooling
Second Read and adoption**

Motion Passed: Motion: The Board of Education review Policy 6172.3 – Home Schooling as a Second Read and adoption, as recommended by the Policy Committee by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Jim Gildea	yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	yes
Mr. Dan Foley	excused
Mr. George Kurtyka	yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	yes

**XIII. Policy 5118.1 – Homeless Students
Second Read and adoption**

Motion to table: Motion: Move to table The Board of Education review Policy 5118.1 -Homeless Students by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Jim Gildea	yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	yes
Mr. Dan Foley	excused
Mr. George Kurtyka	yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	yes

**XIV. Policy 6141.321 – Acceptable Use
First read**

Motion Passed: Motion. The Board of Education review Policy 6141.321- Acceptable Use as a First Read, as recommended by the Policy Committee by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Jim Gildea	yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	yes
Mr. Dan Foley	excused
Mr. George Kurtyka	yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	yes

XV. Policy 6141.3291 – One to One Device

First read

Motion Passed: Motion. The Board of Education review Policy 6141.3291- One to One Device as a First Read, as recommended by the Policy Committee by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. Kenneth Marcucio.

Mr. Jim Gildea	yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	yes
Mr. Dan Foley	excused
Mr. George Kurtyka	yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	yes

XVI. Policy 4218.5 – Personnel Acceptable Use

First read

Motion Passed: Motion. The Board of Education review Policy 4218.5 – Personnel Acceptable Use as a First Read, as recommended by the Policy Committee by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mrs. Debra Borrelli.

Mr. Jim Gildea	yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	yes
Mr. Dan Foley	excused
Mr. George Kurtyka	yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	yes

XVII. Central Office Staffing

Dr. Conway stated that with the additional position of Director of Curriculum Instruction Assessment and given that staffing has been reduced in the Central Office for the past two years, two full time positions in the Finance office were reduced to two part time positions and the Human Resources position was delegated to an existing secretary position; this is not optimal for the current needs. He requested that the Board consider reinstating the positions. He will also be having a conversation with the City to see if this addition could support city duties such as the payroll, resulting in a cost effective result overall for the City.

XVIII. Athletic Complex Building Committee Update

Discussion:

The report was given under Sub-committee reports.

XIX. Executive Session

Motion Passed: Motion. The Board of Education enter into Executive Session to review the appointment list and to accept a letter of resignation, and the Superintendent of Schools is invited to attend at 7:50 PM. with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Jim Gildea	yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	yes
Mr. Dan Foley	excused

Mr. George Kurtyka yes
Mrs. Janine Netto yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara yes

Without objection the Board returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

XX. Appointment List

Motion Passed: Motion. The Board of Education approve the appointment of Tracy Landolfi, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mrs. Debra Borrelli

Mr. Jim Gildea yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli yes
Mr. Dan Foley excused
Mr. George Kurtyka yes
Mrs. Janine Netto yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara yes

Motion Passed: Motion. The Board of Education approve the appointment list, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Jim Gildea yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli yes
Mr. Dan Foley excused
Mr. George Kurtyka yes
Mrs. Janine Netto yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara yes

XXI. Resignations

Motion Passed: Motion. The Board of Education accept the resignation of Eric Place, effective June 30, 2018, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mrs. Debra Borrelli.

Mr. Jim Gildea yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli yes
Mr. Dan Foley excused
Mr. George Kurtyka yes
Mrs. Janine Netto yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara yes

XXII. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Motion. The Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 8:06 PM passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Jim Gildea yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli yes
Mr. Dan Foley excused

Mr. George Kurtyka yes
Mrs. Janine Netto yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara yes

Information Items

Enrollment Report
Vacancy List
Dashboards
Discipline reports
2018 Check Registers
Exit Interview

Karen M. Kemmesies

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Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at the next Board meeting.