

Board of Education Meeting

March 18, 2021 6:30 PM

Derby Middle School, 73 Chatfield Street capacity up to 25 to include the Board and Superintendent, Zoom

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I. Call to Order

Mr. Gildea: Welcome to the Derby Board of Education meeting. We thank everybody for spending a little time with us. With that, I would like to call this meeting to order at 6:39. Would everybody stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Opening Ceremonies



Pledge of allegiance

b. Roll Call

Mr. Gildea: It is a pretty neat meeting for the Board this meeting. It's pretty neat to be together and see the faces. We thank you for being here.

Ms. O'Hara; Tara Hyder; Dan Foley; George Kurtyka; Melissa Cannata; Ken Marcucio; Laura Harris; Jim Gildea; Janine Netto. Eight of nine board members are present. Janine is expected, so when she comes here, we will let everyone know.

c. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Motion Passed: The Superintendent has asked to move item number 19 right before Superintendent of Schools. Any objection. passed with a motion by Mr. Kenneth Marcucio and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Mr. Gildea: Any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda. The Superintendent has asked to move item number 19 right before Superintendent of Schools report. Any objection.

Mr. Marcucio: I make a motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

II. Public Portion

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

* Prior to the commencement of any public meeting of any board of the city, the agenda for said meeting shall be posted in the meeting room and the first order of business of said meeting shall be the entertainment of public discussion on any item on said agenda and the conduct, length, and method of terminating said public discussion shall be determined by majority vote of the members of said board of commission.

Mr. Gildea: Anyone from the public wish to speak before the Derby Board of Education this evening. Anyone from the public at home, raise your hand, state your name. Anyone from the public going once. Anyone from the public going twice. Anyone from the public going three times.

We do appreciate everyone here who is in attendance. The Zoom technology has allowed us to open ourselves up to a great many more public members. We appreciate that.

We do have State Senator Jorge Cabrera from the 17th in attendance, we have State Rep Mary Whelander from the 114th. We have State Rep Nichole Klarides-Ditria from the 105 and we will have Kara Rochelle should be here shortly.

We will wait for Kara before we move on to item number three.

III. Board of Education Appreciation Month

March is Board of Education Member Appreciation Month!

We ask all citizens to join us in building awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our society. We recognize the Derby Board of Education for all of their hard work and thank them for their relentless pursuit of excellence for your child and this City. <https://youtu.be/ipT99FLsxP8>



Mr. Gildea: It's been an absolute honor to be on the Derby Board of Ed for 22 years and Chairman for 16. It's been challenging at so many different fronts. People I work with, it's been about the mission. It's never ever been about politics. Never ever been about the mission and the children. It's never been who gets the credit. It's always about the mission and the kids. We always talk about Derby being a family. It's an honor of a life-time. Board of Appreciation Month. I just want to let you know how much you're appreciated.

Dr. Conway: A couple things to share with you, a video. Playing video. To our Board members, thank you for everything you do for our kids. And thank you to your families. Happy National Board Appreciation Month.

Mr. Gildea: Thanks, Doc.

Dr. Conway: Introduce delegation. Want to come on up.

Kara: All the State Representatives saying thank you to the Derby Board of Education tonight. Thank you for all of your dedication. I was so appreciative that Doc reached out to us and we're very happy to honor you all.

To echo what Kara said, I can't thank you enough. The most thankless Board is the Board of Ed. It's the toughest job. It's the longest hours and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and the residents of Derby for you doing what you're doing every day. Always put, as Doc said, the kids first and we're a family. In the valley we take care of each other in the Valley. So again, thank you very much. congratulations.

I can say as a former Board of Education member I know exactly how tired you are right now. As a parent, and as a former Board member, not of this District, but I know what you're all doing. I want to thank you for everything you've done. The Board of Ed is usually the hardest working Board. Your work is appreciated even though you don't hear it very often. Thank you for what you've done.

Senator Cabrera: What you do matters a great deal. I can't imagine navigating a once in a century pandemic and continue to do your work, it's incredible. How dedicated you and how important this work is. My hats off to you. It's our honor to be here. So thanks, congratulations. Thank you.

It is an honor so thank you for all you do. Given today, on March 18, 2021, signed by Martin Looney and the Secretary of State. Pass these out to all of you.

IV. March Birthday



Mr. Gildea: Happy Birthday Brad.

V. Executive Session

Motion Passed: The Board of Education enter into Executive Session to review the appointment list of new hires and a legal matter, and the Superintendent of Schools is invited to attend. passed with a motion by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes

Mrs. Janine Netto Yes

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. O'Hara: Second.

Mr. Gildea: We are back at 7:22.

VI. Student Data and Information Systems Specialist

Motion Passed: The Board of Education appoint Sarah Bernstein to the position of Student Information and Data Support Specialist at Central Office, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Dr. Rafferty: Introducing Sara Bernstein. The Committee was greatly impressed by her welcoming personality and her ability to follow-through. Sarah has been working with Middletown Public Schools for over the past ten years and is a research analyst. She's grounded in the use of Power School and State reporting databases. We look forward to her hitting the ground her present position mirrors the work we want her to do and beyond. Join me in welcoming Sarah to Derby Public Schools.

Sarah: Thank you.

Mr. Gildea: Welcoming Sarah to Derby.

VII. Assistant Softball Coach, Derby High School

Motion Passed: The Board of Education appoint Jennifer Moffat to the position of Assistant Softball Coach for Derby High School as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes

Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Ms. O'Hara: Second.

Dr. Conway: Congratulations Coach Moffat.

Mr. Gildea: Congratulations.

VIII. Assistant Outdoor Track Coach, Derby High School

Motion Passed: The Board of Education appoint Matthew Nicolari to the position of Assistant Outdoor Track Coach for Derby High School, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Mr. Kurtyka: Second.

You're fading in and out Jim.

Mr. Gildea: Congratulations on your appointment.

IX. Volunteer Outdoor Track Coach, Derby High School

Motion Passed: The Board of Education appoint Joseph Musante to the position of Volunteer Outdoor Track Coach for Derby High School, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes

Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Mr. Kurtyka: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Joe Musante is an icon in Derby. This is awesome. Exciting, exciting day. Nice to have you Joe.

Joe: Thank you, Jim. I appreciate it. Congratulations to you and all the Board members as well.

X. Volunteer Baseball Coach, Derby High School

Motion Passed: The Board of Education appoint Steve Reilly to the position of Volunteer Baseball Coach for Derby High School, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mrs. Tara Hyder.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes



Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Ms. Hyder: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Congratulations and again happy to have you.

Mr. Reilly: Thank you. I'm excited to help our student athletes excel.

Mr. Gildea: Congratulations.

Dr. Conway: Dr. Conway welcoming him and saying a few words.

XI. Appointment of New Hires

Motion Passed: The Board of Education approve the appointment list for new hires, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Mr. Gildea: Do you think we got them all?

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

XII. Subcommittee Reports

Finance Committee	Mrs. O'Hara
Negotiations and Personnel Committee	Mr. Kurtyka
School/Community Relations and Policy	Mrs. Harris
Plant and Facilities Committee	Mr. Gildea
Academic & Curriculum	Mrs. Hyder
Regionalization	Mr. Gildea
Athletic Committee	Mr. Marcucio
Student Health and Safety Committee	Mrs. Netto
Finance	
Negotiations and Personnel	

School/Community Relations

Plant and Facilities Committee: Meeting to discuss a few issues. Meeting on the 30th. Set a date in a couple of weeks.

Academic & Curriculum: We had a really informative meeting about the work being done with strategy mapping, strategic planning.

Regionalization: I don't think there's much. We cancelled two meetings. Focus continues to be on Governance. The Proposed Bill 6135 has been officially submitted. That Bill is in session, hasn't moved anywhere yet. Last Monday of March.

Athletic Committee: No report.

Student Health and Safety Committee: Janine is not here. There was an expulsion hearing the other day. They met yesterday.

Thank you.

XIII. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Conway: Going over his meetings. Held planning meeting with Essers II funding with our Admin team. Participated in our Superintendent Network meeting. Participated in our personnel and negotiations committee. Attended meetings with under Essers II with the State. Attended our Board of Alderman meetings. Hosted our SCASA meetings. Hosted our Cabe meetings. Participated in our team housing form.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you, Doc.

XIV. Administrator's Reports

Mr. Gildea: Technology report.

a. Technology Report

Mr. Langridge: All right. Lot of big things going on. Approval for T Mobile hotspots. Reach out to schools that are in need for mobile hotspots for students. Multiple interaction back and forth. Now we got approval. I got confirmation of the shipping.

Address wi-fi throughout all the buildings. Regulations. That is one of the things we are looking to do.

That's another project, cell phone service. Initial installation fee waived use that money for mobile solution. A lot of other projects everything is moving forward which is the important thing.

Breakdown of the current team roles. Things constantly changing. Any questions. Once they graduate, laptops are supposed to be returned. We put up a survey one for the students and one for the parents. We want the parents to be aware of what they are getting.

Mr. Gildea: Any other questions for Brad.

b. Facilities Report

Mr. Cunningham: Pretty much routine maintenance this time of the year. I have set up the asbestos and maintenance work at Irving School during spring break. I also met with the architects for the walkthroughs at Bradley and Irving and masonry work at Bradley School.

We did go out for the gym refinishing at the high school. Walkthrough on Saturday with the contractors. Open up the bid at the fieldhouse. I did meet with painting contractors for the lines at Irving School.

We have those numbers. We'll sit down with the City and discuss who is going to be reliable for paying them. Any other questions.

This process started last year. A lot of projects, cleaning. It's going to be a very busy summer.

Ms. Harris: We talked about the snow removal on the stairs. Did we have a meeting with Public Works on that topic.

Mr. Cunningham: Looking to get a letter. I received nothing from them from the City side.

Mr. Gildea: I think there's an item agenda coming up shared services. I don't think the thought was to do anything short term as the snow season has been over. Big ticket discussion we will start to have a few items away.

Ms. Harris: Before next winter.

Mr. Gildea: Definitely be before that.

Ms. Harris: Thank you.

Mr. Izzo: The amount of work, the amount of effort to meet with contractors. Matt's tireless. He's a fine young man. I can't say how pleased I am that he's with the Derby School District. Matt thank you for all you do for all he's done behind the scenes. I just want to recognize Matt again and thank him for his all fine work.

Mr. Gildea: Thanks very much.

XV. Approval of Minutes

Motion Passed: The Board of Education approve the minutes from the following meeting: a. February 18, 2021 - Board meeting b. March 2, 2021 - Committee of the Whole passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Ms. Melissa Cannata.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes

Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Ms. Cannata: Second.

XVI. Financial Report

Motion Passed: The Board of Education approve the financial report for the period through February 28, 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Mr. Kurtyka: Second.

Mr. Passarelli: Hi everybody. I want to say congratulations to the Board on their recognition for tonight. I want to thank Mark his work in the last three weeks to transition me into this role.

Summary of our school year forecast. About 98 percent of our fully operating plan. When I look at February. I would expect that one to be a little bit higher. Our spending is picking up in February to get to that 19.1 million. Seeing favorability in the salary line specifically certified teachers. A lot of savings on the coaching offset by security we had to hire about three security people to fill some positions. Professional services, that variance is due to people services. This is due to upbringing some in-house services purchase orders. On the property services, small variance of about 910. Accrual spend on the maintenance, repairs for maintenance there to go spend some money. Other purchases special ed, 451 negative, special ed out of district. We're going to be favorable on the special ed transportation there from a plan prospective. On equipment is a little bit of negative, security enhancements there where we spent that money to date in February.

Mr. Gildea: No questions.

Mr. Passarelli: Going over grants.

Mr. Gildea: Any real chance we're getting the 95.

Mr. Izzo: Yes.

Mr. Passarelli: Thank you.

XVII. Shared Services Consideration

Dr. Conway: We had discussions came up with the City started out taking care of the stairs. We had put out the idea that we would assume responsibility for the stairs and like we do other things something we have been able to budget for, we would just sent invoice to the City at the end of the year. The conversation moved from there for the fieldhouse itself. Is that something that Matt Cunningham could possibly contribute to.

It is really because of Matt that I even had the conversation. And so last Friday I got a call from the City following up on our conversations. Taking a look at the field house because Matt is Matt it makes sense we open up the discussion about all the other buildings in the City. Bring that back to the Board as well as to the City bring it to the Board of Alderman as well. I want to thank Matt for considering what he has on his plate right now and move forward.

Mr. Gildea: It would be a potential for Matt or his Department. Proposal for Matt to take on some of the buildings in the City. You'd have to square out the details. Are we comfortable with Doc with the concept, coming back to us with the finances. We should at least have that discussion whether we're okay with the concept, before a whole lot of people do the work.

Dr. Conway: For the City possibly, they do realize there would be a need for a maintenance person that Matt would have oversight of to do the work in some of the buildings.

That would be in addition.

Mr. Gildea: It would be a City person. The fact that the City is bringing on additional buildings, it would be a City employer Ken.

Mr. Marcucio: I just don't understand why that couldn't be under Public Works. Why can't Public Works do it? If they're going to hire a City person.

Mr. Gildea: It doesn't commit us to anything this evening.

Dr. Conway: As soon as there is a committee, absolutely. There's no committee now, it's really just informal discussions. Reaching out to see if Matt would be interested. Then Matt touring the buildings. So right now, just in discussion phase. It's really with Andrew and myself and Matt and Mark.

Mr. Gildea: I'm not entirely sure where regionalization ends up.

Mr. Izzo: We want to if the Board is reasonable to at least hearing the facts then he and I will put together a rough proposal. What does he need from resources above and beyond what is here. But it would be interesting as far as doing work for the City. That's kind of where we are. It's a fact finding mission. Thank you.

Mr. Gildea: Those are all excellent points. All discussion.

Mr. Izzo: Part-time custodians.

Dr. Conway: We expect that to be part of the discussions. It really was just the fieldhouse and the stairs. Our building, City Hall.

Mr. Cunningham: There's no way I would take that on. The City doesn't really advocate the funds. At the very least I would report and give them my take on them. How they approach the custodial aspects of their buildings. Just an idea. I have no problem with the other buildings. That's fair.

Mr. Kurtyka: I agree though we should help them. It's a great idea. It's an honor that the City came and noticed that the job that you're doing.

Mr. Cunningham: Doc, this is something to look into.

Mr. Foley: It wouldn't hurt the City to come up with some suggestions. I'm acceptable to see what they would propose.

Ms. Harris: I would welcome to see something in writing black and white on all aspects.

Mr. Gildea: There's enough there Doc should get the details. What kind of reimbursement would the Board of Ed would get and then report back to us.

Dr. Conway: With the retirement of Mr. Burns, HR explore what it would look like if we shared HR services with the City, benefits and pension. At least three of the contracts that they have for their employees, we have the same for our employees. If that's something you want me to pursue partnership on that or not, just let me know.

Mr. Kurtyka: It's always been an issue with shared services for the City. It never worked out.

Dr. Conway: I don't know.

Mr. Kurtyka: Added responsibility means additional pay. City has to pay a portion of the salary.

Mr. Gildea: These are the details that Doc would have to work out. Come back from Doc with information and data.

Dr. Conway: This one might be worth exploring. On average across the State about 100,000. Probably together combine a track a different level candidate for a much different service.

Mr. Marcucio: This is nothing new. The Business Manager is going to be shared by the City. That's been a topic for many years.

Mr. Gildea: The Business Manager one is difficult. I think there is a conflict there myself. I'm just you know information gatherer. I want to look at the data. I'm just a detailed person. It's hard for me to make decisions without data. I don't know if there's a savings for the City. So it's possible we may save money for these positions that will help do other things. Decision tonight, is there a way to offer support to provide a better service that's currently being provided.

Mr. Marcucio: I'll say one last thing about this how could you trust them when they wouldn't shovel the stairs. Last thing I'm saying.

Mr. Gildea: All right. If it's not a ton of work for Doc, come back with information and data.

XVIII. Approval of Policies

Mr. Gildea: Approval of Policies.

a. Policy 6159 - Individualized Education/Special Education Programming - Second Read and Adoption

Motion Passed: The Board of Education review policy 6159 - Individualized Education - Special Education Programming, as a Second Read and Adoption, as recommended by the Policy Committee and Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Ms. O'Hara: Second.

b. Policy 6171.1 - Special Education Inclusion, Second Read and Adoption

Motion Passed: The Board of Education review policy 6171.1 - Special Education Inclusion as a Second Read and Adoption, as recommended by the Policy Committee and Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

c. Policy 0523 - Equity and Diversity, as a First Read

Motion Passed: The Board of Education review policy 0523 - Equity and Diversity as a First Ready, as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Ms. Melissa Cannata.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Ms. Cannata: Second.

d. Policy 5131.911 - Bullying and Hazing Revisions - First Read

Motion Passed: The Board of Education review policy 5131.911, Bullying and Hazing Activity as a First Read, as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Ms. Harris: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Gildea: That policy committee is a workhorse boy. I know negotiations can be tough during negotiations time, a lot of credit. That committee does an amazing job. And awesome stuff.

XIX. 2021-2022 Derby High School Program of Studies

[Program of Studies Draft](#)

Mrs. Olson: Tonight we are sharing is the Program of Studies for Derby High School. We have completely retooled the end product to show what's to offer at Derby High School. Every chance that I get to talk to families, I'd like to be able to talk about what's available for all students. You'll notice that teachers this year, lots of artwork from students imbedded into the program of studies. All students will be able to meet during that time.

In our program of studies, we focus on sharing more about who we are as the school and what we offer. The teacher approved a portrait of a graduate. Additionally, what parents can expect from us as students as a team. We are sharing with families on what they can expect from us as they are part of Derby High School. Families say they don't know who to go to for help. Links to key members of the team as students are planning their programming. So one of the biggest changes in terms of our course offerings, excited about a brand new partnership with Housatonic Community College. We are moving towards a new Allied Health Program. They are pursuing lots of different health tracks, nursing, a medical profession or other types of related healthcare services. Lot of core classes that kids need, chemistry, biology, certain math classes that prepare all entry level classes in college.

Housatonic has this certificate program that will allow DHS to offer an Allied Health Career Track path. I'll just feature some of the key parts of the classes. Different careers in healthcare and give them a chance to say if this is really for me. It will also offer three credits at Housatonic Community College. All the other courses required for the full program 28 credit certificate program. So our shift right now is looking at how we can make our current honor courses dual credit. So kids can take that class at Derby High School like they always do, actually be able to get three credits towards their college transcript they get three credits towards their transcripts through Housatonic. Teachers be eligible to become instructors. We started going through with what the credentials would be with our faculty to look and see how we might be offer that inhouse at no cost to the district at no cost to the taxpayers for us to be able to start the class.

In the fall for sure health exploratory class will be offered. Additional other classes as well certificate program. Very exciting stuff and we're proud of it.

Mr. Gildea: Any questions.

Mrs. Olson: Kids get an opportunity. It's a real transcript. Kids get a real credit. Yes, 100 percent kids will get credit they walk away with. That grade and transcript stay with you. We want kids to be set up for success.

We're going to come back at the COW meeting.

Mr. Gildea: Go back to item 3.

XX. COVID Updates

Dr. Conway: We have seen updates. I'm sure you got the phone calls, emails, Bradley School last week, Irving this past week. We are seeing an update in children now as opposed to adults. Thirteen students right now, 3 adults. Continue to watch out. Changes with the State are coming. Travel Advisory, changes will be announced tomorrow. Wait until decisions on tomorrow.

We will have an official come back to school on April 19th. Also plans for each child for support. It is an adjustment. We want to really do it right, but we are already seeing more kids coming back just this week through that campaign.

Mr. Gildea: Continue to make plans to work towards a goal of trying to reverse that.

Dr. Conway: Yes, 100 percent. Still offer remote at least until the end of the year, if not into next year, requires at least 50 percent of that synchronous. We will plan to offer remote in a manner prescribed.

Ms. Hyder: Why do we have to offer remote in September.

Dr. Conway: Right now it's mandated. And through the Governor on Wednesday, we expect continue through the remainder of the year into next year.

Ms. Hyder: We can all go into jam packed restaurant but we can't watch our kids play sports and we have to offer remote.

Dr. Conway: Tuesday, late in the day there was a decision. They too are receiving as much people want to be back in person, receiving a tremendous amount of response from families that want to remain remote. We are going to do everything in our power to get kids back in person.

We're in a unique position now. Really, April 19th, everybody coming back. We have offered that all the time. This is the official. The school's been working on a plan for the first day of school for the excitement of it so that kids have a reason to come.

Massachusetts announced April 28th everybody coming back in, no more remote. Now, they're offering a waiver. There is a strong push from both sides from families that to remain remote for a variety of reasons. I do want to say we have amazing staff. They're all in. They want all kids back in.

Mr. Gildea: Any other questions.

Mr. Marcucio: Doc, when you send out these emails notifying us, is it possible to notify us exactly how it affected that school?

Dr. Conway: I don't always have that full report from the school. It might have to be an hour later or so.

Mr. Marcucio: A day or two later, I just want to know the effect. At this point in time, what are you doing how this is affecting the students academically.

Dr. Conway: So when you compare our fall data, it's not exact because it is a different group of kids, multiple ways to compare. We do that as well. The other piece you don't see is the social emotional part of this is as well that we're concerned about.

XXI. Adjourn

Motion Passed: The Board of Education adjourn its meeting. passed with a motion by Mr. Dan Foley and a second by Ms. Melissa Cannata.

Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ms. Melissa Cannata	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Tara Hyder	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes

Mr. Foley: Making motion.

Ms. Cannata: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Meeting is over at 8:51.

Marianne Samokar, Recording Secretary