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**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Gildea: Would everyone stand for the pledge.

**a. Opening Ceremonies**



Pledge of Allegiance.

**b. Roll Call**

Ms. Netto: Tara Hyder; Melissa Cannata; Laura Harris; Dan Foley; George Kurtyka; Rebecca O'Hara; Ken Marcucio, Ken is not present. Jim Gildea and Janine Netto.

**c. Additions/Deletions to the agenda**

**Motion Passed:** motion to add in the approval of the Program of Studies after Administrator Reports passed with a motion by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Mrs. Janine Netto.

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

**Motion Passed:** Motion to delete agenda item XIII.i, Teaching and Learning passed with a motion by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Mrs. Laura Harris.

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: Are there any additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda. Dr. Conway?

Dr. Conway: All right. We do. If we could add the approval of the Program of Studies. If you recall last meeting, we presented the Program of Studies for consideration for review. The Board would allow that we add a motion to approve the program of studies.

Mr. Gildea: Where would you like to add that, sir?

Dr. Conway: Can we add it right after administrative reports?

Mr. Gildea: Okay. Administrator reports. Is there a motion to add in the approval of the Program of Studies after Administrator Reports?

Making motion.

Second by Janine.

Dr. Conway: Teaching and Assessment. It should be on the Board Agenda.

Mr. Gildea: Motion to delete XIII.i.

Ms. Harris: Motion.

## **II. Public Participation**

### **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: We have a number of folks on zoom and folks here at the middle school. Anyone from the public who wishes to speak. Anyone from the public who wishes to speak, going twice. Anyone from the public who wishes to speak, going three times. Seeing no one from the public.

Move on to item III. Dr. Conway.

### **III. National Assistant Principal's Week**

Thank you, Assistant Principal Mr. Ray Coplin, Assistant Principal Ms. Tracey Quartiano & Dean of Students Mr. Marc Russo.







Dr. Conway: This is National Assistant Principal's Week.

Mr. Coplin, Ms. Quartiano and Mr. Russo. I'd like to thank these principals what they have done.

Going over what each Assistant Principal does.

Mr. Gildea: Each one of you has a critical role. We know what you guys do behind the scenes. We see it, we know it and we appreciate it.

Dr. Conway: Can we get a socially distance picture with you guys.

#### **IV. Student Representative to the Board of Education**

Ms. Chevarella If you guys saw the fashion show, we raised good money. We have our talent show coming up. We have another student council coming up.

Mr. Gildea: When you were here last, committees end of year activities.

Ms. Chevarella: We have a prom committee meeting to discuss our class theme. That's pretty exciting.

Mr. Gildea: More out of curiosity, as we start to get warmer weather, are kids are slowly coming back.

Ms. Cheveralla: I know two students came back. Slowly, kids are coming back. I think kids are feeling a lot more safe. More activities and more fun stuff going on.

Mr. Gildea: Excellent work again. The fashion show was pretty cool. Thank you for coming in and sharing your thoughts.

#### **V. Student Recognition**

Dr. Conway: It's that time of year again where we get to recognize students in their last year of that particular schooling, who have demonstrated their school, assuming their leadership and their responsibility opportunity. Could be the top of the class we very well recognize but really students well-rounded, committed to the Community. Leadership and make the school a better place. Call on our principals to help recognize our students this evening.

If you guys could come up to the microphone at the podium and share your story about your students. Why don't we begin with Irving School.

**a. South Central Area Superintendents' Association Student Recognition and SCASA Memorial Scholarship Recipient**

**The South Central Area Superintendents' Association has announced the following Derby Students who have been selected to receive the SCASA Student Recognition Awards and the SCASA Memorial Scholarship Recipient:**

#### **SCASA Student Recognition Awards**

**Brianna Fernandez - Grade 5, Bradley School**

**Eduar Barillas - Grade 5, Irving School**

**Gianna Akter - Grade 8, Derby Middle School**

**Joseph Izquierdo - Grade 8, Derby Middle School**

**Destiny Lewis - Grade 12, Derby High School**

**Bryce Cotter - Grade 12, Derby High School**

#### **SCASA Memorial Scholarship Recipient**

**Isabelle Chevarella**

**Brianna Fernandez, Gr. 5**  
**Bradley School**



**Eduar Barrillas, Grade 5**  
**Irving School**



**Gianna Akter, Grade 8**  
**Derby Middle School**



**Joseph Izquierdo, Grade 8**  
**Derby Middle School**





**Bryce Cotter, Grade 12  
Derby High School**



**Destiny Lewis, Grade 12  
Derby High School**



**Isabelle Chevarella, Grade 12  
Derby High School**



Dr. Conway: Begin with Irving School.

Ms. Misset: There you see Eduar's picture. I see several Irving staff members joining us today. And I know they are doing that because they all love Eduar. I'm going to read what his 5th grade teacher, Ms. Riccio had to say about him, who is his 5th grade teacher. Eduar has been at Irving School since kindergarten and demonstrate true Wildcat spirit by consistently helping students and teachers with a smile without being asked. He takes pride in both his work and his classroom community. Helping others with their assignments if they are confused. He begins every day with a positive attitude. Eduar demonstrates the drive and willingness

to learn. One of the best things about Eduar is the positive attitude he brings to the school, he is waving and he brings joy to all of us. He just brings joy to all of us. That smiling is someone who works really hard. I'm sorry we're losing him to Middle School, but I'm sure you'll take care of him there. Congratulations Eduar. I have this lovely certificate for you and we have another treat back at school.

Mr. Gildea: For the parents who are here, we are recording this. Anyone who wants to get a recording of tonight's events. Let us know, reach out to your building principal we can get you the recording so you can hear all the wonderful things about your kids if you want.

Mr. Cicarrini: I believe Miss. Fernandez is in there Dr. Conway. I saw her earlier, Brianna Fernandez and Stephanie. Third row, second in. All right. I am very proud to present Ms. Brianna Fernandez as the Bradley School SCASA student this year. Look at that smile. Brianna is a High Honors 5th grade student at Bradley School who continues to be a role model for her peers. Brianna is a three year member of the Bradley School Chorus and often participates in many school sponsored activities. When not in school, Brianna is actively engaged in many athletic sports. She enjoys participating in softball, soccer and basketball. She has also earned her black belt in taekwondo. So I had no choice but to give Brianna this award for fear of my life. It is an absolute honor to recognize Brianna for all her achievements in school and her community. We wish her well as she takes her talents to the Middle School.

And a fun fact, Brianna's brother Brooklyn, who is currently a 7th grade student at the Middle School was the Bradley School SCASA student in 2018/2019. Stephanie if you're there, you should certainly take a bow because you've done an absolutely amazing job raising two beautiful, wonderful children. So thank you. There she is. You can get me back at drop off tomorrow, Stephanie. So on behalf of Bradley School, we present to you Ms. Brianna Fernandez who I had the pleasure of embarrassing or rather recognizing in front of all the 5th graders at lunch today. So she wasn't sure who we were recognizing until we got to the taekwondo part. And then she kind of put her head down and oh, I can't believe he's doing this to me. Congratulations to Brianna, Congratulations Stephanie. Congratulations Brooklyn and the whole Fernandez family. It's been an honor working with you all these years. No more chocolate cake, Brianna.

Ms. Caggiano: Derby Middle School, we are going to honor two of our outstanding 8th graders. Hi Joseph Izquierdo. Joseph is currently an 8th grade student at DMS. He is highly involved in every single activity that we have. He constantly wants to be a part of things at DMS both inside and outside school. Joseph is an active member of Peer Student Club. He is also an active member of our student council. In addition to his charitable work on student council, he also plans his own fundraisers such as raffles for the animal shelter, they did some bracelets. They did the different raffles. I recently learned that Joseph on the side does groom dogs. He received an award from DMS for all of his fundraising efforts. He was our DMS rise up award winner this year, which is a new award for us. He is a member of the running club. He competes in both track and cross-country in our running club. Active member in our Valley community which is so important that he is giving back. Joseph volunteers his services as a grooming assistant on the weekend. Future goals is becoming a physician. When he's 14 years old, he aspires to become a volunteer at Griffin Hospital. We hope that all works out for him this summer. And congratulations, Joseph.

Next up for DMS we have Ms. Gianna Akter. Gianna is also a current 8th grade student at DMS. Gianna is heavily involved in all our activities. Gianna has an innate love for education. She loves helping others within our school. She is the Vice President of our DMS Peer Tutoring Club. Helping to Tutor Students who are currently struggling or need additional support. Gianna is an active member of our student council and participates in the charitable projects. In addition to her work and academics, Gianna is a valued member of the DMS art club. Water color, colored pencils, chalk, pen, charcoal acrylic and oil. As a member of the DMS band, Gianna plays saxophone and flute. Multiple instrument musician. Outside of school, she volunteered for camp counsel to young children at her local church. She loves reptiles. And aspires to be a herbatologist in

the future. Gianna is very busy as is Joseph and they are great representatives of what Derby Middle School has to offer to our community. Congratulations to both of you.

Ms. Olson: So it gives me great pleasure to introduce everyone to Bryce Cotter. Bryce is a member of the 13-year club having completed his entire education in the Derby Public School System. He's an Irving Alum, and an accomplished two sport athlete his entire high school career. He's equally committed in the classroom as well as on the baseball and football field. Maintaining a 92 average as a student during this pandemic. Bryce is model resilient as he continues to strive for greater success. Two-year commitment Advanced Manufacturing Program through Housatonic Community College has provided him an opportunity to earn dual credit. He's established himself as a highly capable novice manufacturer with a promising future should he choose to further explore that career path. We actually call him the Dean of the Program lovingly. He will bring a humanitarian spirit to the next level as he is a frequent volunteer within the community. Past recipient of the Good Citizenship Award from Derby Public Schools. Bryce regularly volunteers with the Farmers to Family Program and with the local Derby Pop Warner Program. Bryce is currently weighing his post-secondary options with a short list, Albertus Magnus, University of New Haven and Post University. We are thrilled to be able to recognize Bryce for this award. Thank you very much. Congratulations, Bryce.

Our next recipient is Destiny Lewis. We are very proud to recognize Destiny tonight. She is also a career student with Derby Public Schools. A Bradley Alum. She is a personification of hard work. Ambitious and an opportunistic. Destiny has excelled academically while taking advantage of supplementary programs to add rigor to her already demanding workload. Earning Honor Roll recognition even with advanced placement and honor level courses. Destiny has secured her place in both the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She maintains a 3.9 GPA throughout her entire senior year. Thanks in part to her exceptional work ethic in the dual credit courses offered through Post University High School Program. Equally impressive is Destiny's dedication to Community Service and school improvement. She's made an impact on her involvement with the Human Relations Club and the DHS Student Council. Destiny is humble in her Levi approach. Her commitment to the Track and Field Team, working at My Sister's Place and volunteering at the Little Raiders University before the Pandemic. Destiny is a well-rounded representative of the vision of what we expect from our graduates at DHS, a scholar, athlete and a leader, make her a great choice for this special recognition. So congratulations, Destiny.

Dr. Conway: Our next recognition is for the South Central Area Superintendents Association Memorial Scholarship Award. This award and scholarship is given on behalf of two former Superintendents who have passed. The first is in memory Dr. Elida Begina, who was the Superintendent of Hamden Public Schools for more than a decade. She was best known for developing a partnership with neighboring communities and opened one of the First Magnet School in the Country. In addition, she provided leadership in a number of school construction projects, most notably her tireless efforts to build a new Hamden Middle School.

The second is in memory of Martin DeFelice, Jr. Marty DeFelice was a Superintendent in East Haven. And throughout the course of his 40 years in education, Marty served to students of his community in many capacities. He grew up in East Haven, participated in sports, coached, and then began his career as teacher and then administrator. He was an assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and Superintendent. His contributions, his leadership and his examples to thousands of students and their families are deeply missed.

This scholarship is given to five students throughout the South Central Area of Connecticut. And it's for students who one, intend to major in education and work in K-12 public education on graduation from college. A student who has demonstrated involvement in the education field, tutoring, peer advising, student teaching club, et cetera, students who have demonstrated high academic GPA of at least 3.0 and a student of high moral character. I've had the privilege of sitting on this Committee to review the many, many applications over the past now, eight years. It's one of the most difficult tasks. Every single one of these

applicants could be one of the next scholarship recipient. It's extremely competitive. So it gives me great honor to turn this back over to Ms. Olson to present to you this year's scholarship.

Ms. Olson: We are thrilled to be able to announce our very own Isabelle Chevarella has been selected for the recipient of the SCASA Memorial Scholarship Award. So Izzy, let's give a quick cheer for Izzy. I think we have seen Izzy so many times in front of us. Her resume reads so beautifully. Academic, leadership, community service. She really is a tremendous student leader. Help the liaison and help the student voice at the school. We are very proud of her. She will be attending Central Connecticut State University in the Fall with a major in history education. But congratulations Izzy, we're very proud of you.

Mr. Gildea: So on behalf of the Derby Board of Education for all of our award winners this evening, we just want to congratulate you. Certainly you are the best and the brightest the school system has to offer. Tonight here this evening, seeing the wonderful students who are here, seeing the smiling faces, the parents, the families, it's certainly an exciting time. So again, on behalf of the Board of Education, we like to congratulate you for your accomplishments. We like your family, we congratulate you and we are proud of you. Thank you.

## VI. Birthdays-Rebecca and Matthew!



Mr. Gildea: We want to wish Rebecca a Happy Birthday.

Matt Cunningham. Is it Matt Cunningham's birthday? Matt are you on. Rebecca definitely has cake.

## VII. Executive Session

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment list of new hires, a resignation, and an Interim Grants Manager position, and the Superintendent of Schools is invited to attend. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto 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. Netto: Making motion at 7:47 p.m.

Ms. Cannata: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Back in at 8:10.

## VIII. Speech Language Pathologist, Irving School

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education appoint Kaitlyn Zennis to the position of Speech and Language Pathologist at Irving School, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mrs. Laura Harris.

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. Netto: Making motion.

Ms. Harris: Second.

Ms. Misset: Welcoming Kaitlyn to Irving. We're very excited for having you part of our team.

Mr. Gildea: Kaitlyn, we welcome you here. Welcome aboard. Congratulations from the Board.

**IX. Softball Coach, Derby Middle School**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education appoint Tara Dering to the position of Derby Middle School Softball Coach, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto 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. Netto: Making Motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Welcome and thank you. Congratulations.

**X. Baseball Coach, Derby Middle School**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education appoint Jake DeVellis to the position of Baseball Coach for Derby Middle School, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto 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. Netto: Making motion.

Mr. Kurtyka: Second.

Mr. Gildea: We're very excited to have you. Good luck and congratulations.

**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. Janine Netto 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. Netto: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

**XII. Letter of Resignation**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education accept the letter of resignation of Lisa Spataro, Paraeducator at Irving School, with regret and best wishes. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto 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. Netto: Making motion.

Mr. Kurtyka: Second.

**XIII. Administrator's Reports**

Mr. Gildea: Administrator's Reports.

**a. Little Raiders University**

Mrs. Conway: Enrollment has stayed the same in Little Raiders. We have a new friend starting after vacation. Our theme this month were Dr. Seuss and Fairytales. The students made themselves from Jack and the Beanstalk.

Monthly experiments, science. LRU had a spirit week for Dr. Seuss birthday week. It was 100 percent participated. It was one of the funniest weeks that we all had. For St. Patrick's Day we had a green day. All the children wore green. An Elf entered the classroom while the students were at the playground. And when they came back, the classroom was all in up hills.

One of the young kids said, who is going to clean this up. It was actually the best response ever. We continue with Zoom, which is very successful. We had the librarian yesterday. Each month we have zoom activities with their birthdays. Continue playing it safe and doing what we can with communications.

Mr. Gildea: Enrollment.

Mrs. Conway: For LRU, no. They're loving the way things are going.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you.

## **b. Bradley School**

Mr. Cicarrini: Good evening everyone. Just focus on some middle of year adjustments. We've been using our flexible small groups reading and map support. Move some kids out and move some kids in based on how much progress they made. And Interventionists deliver to the neediest students that we have. We increased our small groups. Seeing more teachers working with small groups. Students still wearing their masks. We have a team that meets as needed based on referrals from the teachers. We meet as a team to discuss what the current interventions are to better support that student. We're very pleased where we are as far as middle of the year goes.

Our enrollment is right where it was last year. Our largest group this year is our kindergarten. It's a promising time. Kelly gets a call, one or two calls a week families to start registering their families.

Just making sure the students who require based on the services they need, make sure they get the help they need. So we know which students require the services. Make sure the students get what they need. Even though it's a small intervention team, we have a pretty good pulse in where individual students are performing and reading and in math and then we'll get the support that they need. Our math tutor schedules changes almost weekly. A lot of success was the intervention in the classroom and outside the classroom.

There's no reason to doubt that we won't continue to see gains like that.

Mrs. Netto: We've got to do something for the people not cleaning up after their animals. I don't know what the solution is.

Mr. Cicarrini: And the challenge is they walk their dogs before school or after school. We have lots of signage around.

Mrs. Netto: Have dog bags. We've got to do something. That fence is a huge issue.



Mr. Cicarrini: Softball field, baseball field. Weather is better, playgrounds, we tend to stick to blacktop, playground or side fields.

Mr. Gildea: City issue.

Mrs. Netto: We can do that.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Cicarrini: Thank you everyone, have a good night. We have a reading tutor who resigned. We have posted it. We will look and explore our options. It's an open position we are trying to fill at the moment.

### c. Irving School

Ms. Misset: We hold our regular committee meetings. Kids had a movie and a snack. Special movie treat. All month long, we really promote it. They know what they're working for. Taking some steps back to build some positive habits. We only had 11 students who didn't earn a monthly reward in March. Those students take part in activities and make their goal the next month.

That's been a positive change since January will continue. We used our middle of the year data to working on groups. Biweekly meetings with myself to provide High Level Strategy for the building. We had a pretty decent new kids over the past few months in the learning center. But just walking in the hall a staff member, it's awesome to see how much our kids are growing right now. Now saying, hi, Mrs. Misset in the hall. Stacey and the team do a really awesome job in seeing the kids grow. As for our remote learners we are reaching out to them. We are encouraging parents to sign back in for the last marking period and end of year events. Get them the best possible chance for returning to school in September.

We are hoping to expand those offerings. The priority for summer school grades 1, 2, 3. Priority to offer to. After that we open it up to everyone else.

Yes, it's the socialization to for our younger kids. The learning that they're missing too.

### d. Derby Middle School

Mrs. Caggiano: I do want to thank Ms. Quartiano and Dr. Rafferty. I've had some surgery about five weeks ago. I've been struggling through that recovery. I appreciate both of them because it has allowed me the time when I need to be home to get better. They have it handled and it puts my mind at ease. Thank you to both of you publicly.

I'm working on it. At DMS, we had a lot of things going on. The biggest thing for us is the Junior National Honor Society. We had invited 27 students to apply for that. They had applied. We are going to be reviewing their applications. The kids are really excited about it. We're in the planning of who is looking to be in this organization and who is going to be in this event.

Commissioner's Network we continue to push forward with DMS. So they come in bi-weekly to do classroom visits. Really continues at DMS to build on our different layers. Really using a lot of Dr. Rafferty's HQI. Those have really been the big pushes for us. They want to do a building wide tournament. It's been a rough year for some of the kids. Just put a survey out to the students. See how much they like it. How much

to include. Kids are excited looking forward towards the end of the year. Trying to capture some of that excitement and celebrate our 8th graders as much as we can.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you. Keep healing.

#### e. Derby High School

Ms. Olson: I want to be able to highlight a couple of things that are happening at DHS, focusing on our academics. Later on tonight, we're going to get the opportunity to give the final review of our program of studies taking up our work and efforts right now in really building our program for next year. In terms of academic, we're at Core 4 right now. We are very excited that our new ELA is in. We have a professional development contract technical assessment working in with our teachers in study and planning. We also have our new illustrative math material. As far as science, we are partnering with our science team. We do have a new teacher this year. In the new program of studies, a new science related course, the Allied Health Program at Housatonic for next year.

Social Studies moving forward looking at our plan, new Statewide curriculum African/American studies. Next year we'll be piloting. We met as a team today to talk about what our implementation rollout will look like in the '20/'22 school year. It is a course that is offered for upper classman. We are very excited about that work today. As far as academic and recognition with students, we are really excited about the honor societies. All of our students are being selected for the appropriate Honor Society and will be honored at our award ceremony which is scheduled in May. Information has been sent out to families. Seniors and Juniors will be getting it first if they haven't received it already.

There's lots of different national organizations and looking at teams to help our students really explore our passion. Lastly, we have our Scholarship Committee who just met recently. We have a large amount of students who applied for a scholarship. We have this year 49 percent of students who applied and those scholarships will be announced at the Academic Award Night.

Enrollment, DHS has 346 students in comparison to last year. We're trending about 25 to 30 students higher. We look forward to having a large number of our 8th graders joining us as well.

#### f. Raise Academy

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Mr. Gildea: Raise Academy.

Okay. Great.

#### g. Athletic Report

Mr. Bradshaw: Run through the winter season is wrapped up. The Boys basketball was able to play almost a complete season. We ended the season five of six. Cheerleading went through summer and we able to be at the basketball games. Able to compete in virtual competitions. They placed second in both of those competitions. Indoor track, we had some outdoor metes during indoor track. That was one of the solutions to COVID. The kids were really excited about that. Mr. DiLuggo with some contacts he had with New Haven Coaches, he was able to get them one mete with Wilbur Cross. That was a plus. Middle School Basketball

developmental league within the school. One game in with Naugatuck Middle School, was very limited. Lucky to get that one game. Girls Basketball Team, low numbers due to COVID. They held regular developmental practices. Tried to keep it entertaining and athletic as possible.

Spring sports, this is our scrimmage week. This Saturday kicks off baseball and softball. Baseball, we were able to schedule a meet with them. Track starts on the 13th I believe, whatever Tuesday next week. It's still a full season, regular tournaments as long as everything keeps going safely. I think that's all I have for now.

Ms. Netto: Have we scheduled senior night to get them on the books immediately?

Mr. Bradshaw: We can do them sooner than later.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you. Pretty exciting.

#### **h. Special Education Supervisors Report**

Ms. McCoart: Good evening everyone. The kids in the Learning Center have come a long way. The students and staff consistency and cooperation and continue to make progress. Stay on the topic of enrollment. During the month of March, we did get quite a few new students enrolled.

We had two new students enrolled in the autism program with significant needs. We're trying to work right now with professional development for teachers. IT with different instruction behavioral management. Moving forward with training our paras.

Mr. Nichols: Next school year our Best Buddies Chapter in Derby, starting at the Middle School and High School. It's really a great opportunity for all students involved things as simple as arts and crafts activities. It's really up to the district to kind of steer that ship as far as what they want the program to look like. On the 24th of this month, we're having a kick-off event on the program that is coming next year. I just wanted to give you that update. I hope you all can make it.

Ms. Caggiano: Mr. Gildea, you can also sign up in the main office.

Mr. Nichols: Promoting active enrollment of our students.

#### **i. Derby High School Program of Studies**

**Motion Passed:** Motion that the Board of Education approve the Derby High School Program of Studies for the 2020/2021/2022 school year as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto 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

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Mr. Gildea: We have deleted XIII.i.

### **Approval Program of Studies.**

Ms. Netto: Making motion. Motion that the Board of Education approve the Derby High School Program of Studies for the 2020/2021/2022 school year as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ms. O'Hara: Second.

Ms. Olson: Very few students at the level four of a language. With having only one Italian teacher and two Spanish teachers, one of whom teaches the upper level Spanish course, there really isn't the availability in the schedule to enroll. The classes would be combined. Our students were really working at college and honors level and receiving the appropriate credit. It was at the recommendation of the Spanish teacher.

Ms. Hyder: Were any courses eliminated.

Ms. Olson: No courses were eliminated. That one change in just the language. The social studies course, it will get reflected. We just received it this week from Dr. Conway. We'll be able to kind of draft the language and add it. We're going to offer it when we roll out the Program of Studies. This is intended to be a full year college course. So we actually have brought today what would that possibly have students not have access to taking that course.

### **XIV. Facilities Oversight Update**

Dr. Conway: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Matt Cunningham will take care of the Payden Field house for mechanical issues and that the Derby Schools under facilities, Matt Cunningham will be responsible for that. This suggestion will be taken to the City and Dr. Conway and Matt Cunningham will put this in writing.

And for the fieldhouse stairs, the school system will take care of them.

Mr. Gildea: Any questions.

### **XV. End of the Year Activities Update**

#### [End of Year Events](#)

Dr. Conway: End of year update. Run through each of the schools and what their plans are for end of the year. Some of the things are still in the works.

Elementary Schools: Nature's classroom. Osborndale Park, Elementary 4th and 5th graders. Activities are all coordinated by Nature's Classroom for the kids. They'll take a field trip to Osborndale Park for that day.

They'll scheduling their end of year activities, still meeting with their staff. End of year recognition events and both scheduled field days as well.

Rachel, if you can share Middle School.

Ms. Caggiano: We have our Committee, it's called the Fun Committee. Be an autism walk promoting for the kids. Separate from the school. Being held at North Haven Fairgrounds. Looking to have our National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony. We would like to have it as an in-person event. Want to make it

something special for the kids. Annual Academic Awards night. Maybe virtual again this year. Some combo of a virtual, possibly live, seeing how we can make that work. For Derby High School we're having a Class By. Ms. Olson gave it that name. We are going to come outside at the Middle School and graduating seniors walk around and see their middle school teachers.

Eighth grade promotion, we are tentatively looking at Wednesday June 16 for the night for that. We would like to try to do it in person. We need to limit tickets. Having planning some 8th grade of end of year celebrations. Maybe using Osborndale State Park, going hiking, fishing for the 8th graders and a whole school field day cookout tentatively June 11th utilizing the pavilion area. Just try and plan a fun culmination to what has been a little bit of an unusual year. Any questions.

Dr. Conway: Senior class night, Tuesday May 25th. Special dinner. Much like academic awards night. Video for part of the events and live for part of the events as well. All these events in a safe way. Senior final exams will be given week before the Junior through Freshman. Graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 14 at 6 p.m. at the field.

#### **XVI. Cyber Security Insurance Policy**

Mr. Gildea: Cyber Security Insurance Policy.

Dr. Conway: Going over cyber security insurance policy. We're included in that policy.

#### **XVII. Adjourn**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education adjourn its meeting. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto 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. Netto: Motion to adjourn.

Ms. Cannata: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Motion to adjourn at 9:09.

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Marianne Samokar, Recording Secretary

