

Board of Education  
Darien, Connecticut

**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PLACE:  
DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS'  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to order
2. Executive session for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged information
3. Adjourn to public session

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017**

**PLACE:  
DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS'  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
MEETING ROOM  
7:30 P.M.**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Call to Order.....           | Mr. Michael A. Harman | 7:30 p.m. |
| 2. Chairperson's Report.....    | Mr. Harman            | 7:35 p.m. |
| 3. Public Comment.....          | Mr. Harman            |           |
| 4. Superintendent's Report..... | Dr. Dan Brenner       | 7:45 p.m. |
| 5. Approval of Minutes.....     | Board of Education    |           |

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017**

- 6. Board Committee Reports..... Mr. Harman
  
- 7. Presentations/Discussions:
  - a. Update and Discussion... Mrs. Shirley Klein/  
on Extended School Year Mrs. Laura Straiton/  
Program Mrs. Shira Schwartz/  
Dr. Scott McCarthy
  
  - b. Continued Discussion..... Dr. Brenner/  
on Middlesex Program Ms. Shelley Somers  
Proposal and Highlights  
of 2016-17 School  
Year
  
  - c. Update and Discussion... Dr. Brenner/  
on High School Committee  
“Commitment”
  
  - d. First Reading and..... Dr. Brenner  
Discussion of  
Proposed 2018-19  
School Calendar
  
- 8. Action Items
  - a. Elementary Parent..... Dr. Susie Da Silva  
Conference Days for  
2017-18
  
  - b. Personnel Items..... Ms. Cion 9:30 p.m.
    - i. Appointments
    - ii. Resignations/Retirements
    - iii. Leave of Absence
  
- 9. Public Comment..... Mr. Harman
  
- 10. Adjournment..... Mr. Harman

**APPROVED**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, March 28, 2017**

**PLACE:**  
**DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Present	x	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

*Dr. Brenner, Dr. Da Silva, Ms. Klein, Ms. Cion, and Mr. Feeney.*

**AUDIENCE:** *Approximately 20*

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Call to Order                    | Mr. Harman, Chair, at 7:45 p.m. (0:00) |
| 2. Chairperson's Report             | Mr. Harman at 7:45 (0:00)              |
| 3. Public Comment                   | Mr. Harman at 7:47 (0:02)              |
| 4. Superintendent's Report          | Dr. Brenner at 7:47 (0:02)             |
| 5. Approval of Minutes (Attachment) | Board of Education at 7:50 (0:05)      |

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 15, 2017:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Dineen**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Burke**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Yes	x	x	x	X	x		x	x	
No									
Abstain						x			

**RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0-1)**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6. Board Committee Reports | Mr. Harman at 7:50 (0:05) |
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**PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 7. Presentations  |                             |
| a. Connecticut Social Studies Frameworks an Update (Attachment) | Dr. Da Silva at 7:50 (0:05) |

b. Presentation and Discussion on Darien High Second Semester Enrollment Distribution Report (Attachments)

Dr. Brenner, Ms.Dunn, and Mr. Sullivan at 8:45 (1:00)

c. Tentative recommendation for Establishing 2017 Darien High School Graduation Date (Attachment)

Dr. Brenner at 8:53 (1:08)

d. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Acceptance of Contemplated Gifts from Darien Youth Lacrosse (DYLAX) (Attachments)

Dr. Brenner and Mr. Manfredonia at 8:55 (1:10)

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTEMPLATED GIFTS FROM DARIEN YOUTH LACROSSE (DYLAX):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Stein**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dineen**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
No									
Abstain									

**RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0-0)**

e. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Acceptance of Contemplated Gifts from the Blue Wave Booster Club (Attachments)

Dr. Brenner and Mr. Manfredonia at 8:56 (1:11)

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTEMPLATED GIFT FROM BLUE WAVE BOOSTER CLUB:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Stein**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Ochman**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
No									
Abstain									

**RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0-0)**

f. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Acceptance of Contemplated Gifts from Boys Lacrosse Fundraiser (Attachments)

Dr. Brenner and Mr. Manfredonia at 8:58 (1:13)

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTEMPLATED GIFT FROM BOYS LACROSSE FUNDRAISER:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Ochman**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Burke**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Yes	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
No									
Abstain						x			

**RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0-1)**

g. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Middlesex Colebrook Field Trip (Attachment)

Dr. Da Silva and Ms. Somers at 9:14 (1:29)

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MIDDLESEX COLEBROOK FIELD TRIP:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Zuro**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Burke**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Yes	x	x	x	x	x		x	X	x
No									
Abstain						x			

**RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0-1)**

h. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Middlesex Boston Field Trip (Attachment)

Dr. Da Silva and Ms. Somers at 9:23 (1:38)

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MIDDLESEX BOSTON FIELD TRIP:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Dineen**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. McCammon**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Yes	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
No									
Abstain						x			

**RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0-1)**

i. Further Discussion and Action on Proposed Board of Education Policies: Repeal of Policy 5140: Continuity of Attendance; Revision of Policy 5130: Student Attendance and Truancy (Attachment)

Ms. Cion at 9:27 (1:42)

**MOTION TO REPEAL POLICY 5140 CONTINUITY OF ATTENDANCE:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Burke**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Ochman**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
No									
Abstain									

**RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0-0)**

**MOTION TO REVISE POLICY 5130: STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms. McCammon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Burke**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
No									
Abstain									

**RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0-0)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

8. Action Items

a. Personnel Items

Ms. Cion at 9:32 (1:47)

i. Appointments

ii. Resignations/Retirements  
(Attachment)

**MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS AS LISTED ON THE MEMO DATED MARCH 28, 2017:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Zuro**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Mr. Dineen**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
No									
Abstain									

**RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0-0)**

9. Public Comment

Mr. Harman at 9:34 (1:49)

10. Adjournment

Mr. Harman at 9:34 (1:49)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Ochman**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Mr. Burke**

	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Dineen</i>	<i>Hagerty-Ross</i>	<i>Harman</i>	<i>McCammon</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Ochman</i>	<i>Stein</i>	<i>Zuro</i>
Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
No									
Abstain									

**RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0-0)**

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m. (1:49)

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Schneider Zuro  
Secretary

# PROPOSED

## 2018-19 Darien School District Calendar

July				
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August (2)				
	1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27*	28*	29	30	31

23, 24 New Staff Orientation  
27, 28 Professional Development  
29 Teacher Work Day  
30 Students Return

September (17)				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21^
24	25	26	27	28

3 Labor Day  
10 Rosh Hashanah  
19 Yom Kippur  
21 Professional Learning Communities – High School

October (23)				
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26^
29	30	31		

26 Professional Learning Communities – High School

November (19)				
			1	2
5	6*	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16^
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

6 Professional Development  
16 Professional Learning Communities – High School  
21 Early Dismissal  
22 & 23 Thanksgiving Recess

December (15)				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14^
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

14 Professional Learning Communities – High School  
21 Early Dismissal  
24-31 Holiday Recess

January (21)				
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

1 Holiday Recess  
Professional Development  
21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February (14)				
				1^
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15*
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	

1 Professional Learning Communities – High School  
15 Professional Development  
18 Presidents' Day  
19 - 22 February Recess

March (21)				
				1
4	5	6	7	8^
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

8 Professional Learning Communities – High School

April (17)				
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26^
29	30			

26 Professional Learning Communities – High School  
15-19 Spring Recess  
19 Good Friday

May (22)				
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10^
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

10 Professional Learning Communities – High School  
27 Memorial Day

June (9)				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

13 School ends for students  
14 Teacher Work Day

**Note #1:** If schools are closed due to weather, additional days will be added to the end of the school year. Regarding High School graduation, by State law, after April 1<sup>st</sup>, Boards of Education are permitted to establish a graduation date. Therefore, the Board of Education will make that determination at its first regular April, 2019 meeting.

Code: \_ Early Dismissal (11/21, 12/21, 6/13); \* Staff Development Days; No School for Students; \_ Teacher Work Day; ^ Professional Learning Communities for High School Only – (9/21, 10/26, 11/16, 12/14, 2/1, 3/8, 4/26, 5/10 )

Elementary Parent Conference Days (to be determined)

## C.E.S. Regional Uniform School Calendar 2018-2019

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**Note:** State law requires that public schools operate 180 days for students.

**Key:**

**Bold = No School**

**Underline = Uniform Professional Development Days – no students**

**Parenthesis Indicate total number of available student days in month**

**Uniform School Calendar allows each district 5 flex days**

# 2017-18 Darien School District Calendar - Revised

## (Approved by the Board of Education on March 15, 2017)

July				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

August (1)				
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28*	29*	30	31	

24, 25 New Staff Orientation  
 28, 29 Professional Development  
 30 Teacher Work Day  
 31 Students Return

September (19)				
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22^
25	26	27	28	29

4 Labor Day  
 21 Rosh Hashanah  
 22 Professional Learning Communities – High School

October (22)				
	2	3	4	5
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27^
30	31			

27 Professional Learning Communities – High School

November (19)				
		1	2	3
6	7*	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17^
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

7 Professional Development  
 17 Professional Learning Communities – High School  
 22 Early Dismissal  
 23 & 24 Thanksgiving Recess

December (16)				
				1
4	5•	6•	7•	8•
11	12	13	14	15^
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

5-8 Elementary Parent Confs.  
 15 Professional Learning Communities – High School  
 22 Early Dismissal  
 25-29 Holiday Recess

January (20)				
1	2*	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

1 Holiday Recess  
 2 Professional Development  
 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February (14)				
			1	2^
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16*
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28		

2 Professional Learning Communities – High School  
 16 Professional Development  
 19 Presidents' Day  
 20 - 23 February Recess

March (21)				
		1	2	
5	6	7	8	9^
12	13	14	15	16
19	20•	21•	22•	23•
26	27	28	29	30

9 Professional Learning Communities – High School  
 20-23 Elementary Parent Confs.  
 30 Good Friday

April (16)				
	2	3	4	5
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20^
23	24	25	26	27
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9-13 Spring Recess  
 20 Professional Learning Communities – High School

May (22)				
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11^
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

11 Professional Learning Communities – High School  
 28 Memorial Day

June (10)				
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

14 School ends for students  
 15 Teacher Work Day

Note #1: If schools are closed due to weather, additional days will be added to the end of the school year. Regarding High School graduation, by State law, after April 1<sup>st</sup>, Boards of Education are permitted to establish a graduation date. Therefore, the Board of Education will make that determination at its first regular April, 2018 meeting.

Code: | Early Dismissal (11/22, 12/22, 6/14); • Early Dismissal for Elem. Schools Only (12/5, 12/6, 12/7, 12/8, 3/20, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23); \* Staff Development Days; No School for Students; \_ Teacher Work Day; ^ Professional Learning Communities for High School Only – (9/22, 10/27, 11/17, 12/15, 2/2, 3/9, 4/20, 5/11)

**PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT**

**May 9, 2017**

Item	Name	Action	Replacing/Location/Position	Effective Date		Tenure Area	Certification Class/Step
				From	To		
<b>Resignations/Retirements</b>							
1	Cynthia Rogers	Retirement	Holmes/Nurse		6/30/2017		
2	Gail Orlando	Retirement	Royle/Secretary		8/20/2017		
3	Joseph Testa	Resignation	DHS/ Campus Monitor		4/7/2017		