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Darien, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

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

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

1. Call to Order..... Mrs. Tara B. Ochman 7:30 p.m.
2. Chairperson's Report..... Mrs. Ochman 7:35 p.m.
3. Public Comment\*..... Mrs. Ochman
4. Superintendent's Report..... Dr. Dan Brenner 7:45 p.m.
5. Approval of Minutes..... Board of Education
6. Board Committee Reports..... Mrs. Ochman
7. Presentations/Discussions:
  - a. Update on Standardized.....Dr. Susie Da Silva/  
Testing Schedule – Smarter Mr. Marc Marin  
Balance Assessment (SBAC)  
and CMT Science – Elementary  
and Middle School; and  
High School Schedule for  
SAT and CAPT Tests

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- 7. Presentations/Discussions (cont.)
  - b. Update on Kindergarten..... Dr. Da Silva  
Enrollment for 2018-2019
  - c. Discussion and Approval..... Mrs. Ochman/  
of Proposed 2018-2019 Dr. Brenner  
Budget
- 8. Action Items
  - a. Personnel Items..... Ms. Marjorie Cion
    - i. Appointments
    - ii. Resignations/Retirements
- 9. Public Comment\*..... Mrs. Ochman
- 10. Adjournment..... Mrs. Ochman

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**APPROVED**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

	Burke	Dineen	Hagerty-Ross	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent									

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

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

**AUDIENCE:** Approximately 20

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Call to Order                     | Mrs. Tara B. Ochman, Chair,<br>at 7:30pm (0:00) |
| 2. Chairperson's Report              | Mrs. Ochman, Chair, at 7:31pm<br>(0:01)         |
| 3. Public Comment                    | Mrs. Ochman, Chair, at 7:31pm<br>(0:01)         |
| 4. Superintendent's Report           | Dr. Dan Brenner at 7:31pm<br>(0:01)             |
| 5. Approval of Minutes (attachments) | Board of Education at 7:32pm<br>(0:02)          |

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017:**

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

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

	Burke	Dineen	Hagerty-Ross	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Yes	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain				X					

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018:**

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

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

	Burke	Dineen	Hagerty-Ross	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain									

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

6. Board Committee Reports

Mrs. Ochman at 7:33pm (0:03)

**PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

7. Presentations/Discussions:

a. Presentation of Proposed New Courses for Darien High School for the 2018-2019 School Year (attachments)

Mrs. Ellen Dunn/Mr. Francis Janosco at 7:33pm (0:03)

b. Discussion and Possible Acceptance of Contemplated Gift from the Tokeneke PTO (attachment)

Dr. Brenner/ Ms. Mary Michelson at 8:31pm (1:01)

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE GIFT FROM THE TOKENEKE PTO:**

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

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

	Burke	Dineen	Hagerty-Ross	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain									

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

c. Follow up Discussion on January 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Questions on 2018-2019 Proposed Board of Education Budget

Dr. Brenner at 8:39pm (1:09)

d. Presentation of Board Master Agenda for February - August 2018 (attachment)

Dr. Brenner at 9:57pm (2:27)

9. Public Comment

Mrs. Ochman at 10:04pm (2:34)

10. Adjournment

Mrs. Ochman at 10:05pm  
(2:34)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

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

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

	Burke	Dineen	Hagerty- Ross	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain									

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm (2:35)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathrine Stein,  
Secretary

**APPROVED**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

**PLACE:**  
**DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING ROOM**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

	Burke	Dineen	Hagerty-Ross	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Present	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Absent									

\* Mr. Maroney arrived at 7:20 p.m.

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

**AUDIENCE:** Approximately 20

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| 1. Call to Order  | Mrs. Tara B. Ochman, Chair,<br>at 7:02 p.m. (0:00) |
| 2. Public Comment<br>Mr. Jack Davis 197 Hoyt street   | Mrs. Ochman, Chair,<br>7:02 p.m. (0:00)            |
| 3. Further Discussion on 2018-19<br>Budget Items and Follow up<br>on Questions from the Board<br>of Education | Dr. Dan Brenner,<br>at 7:05 p.m. (0:04)            |
| 4. Public Comment   | Mrs. Ochman at 7:41 p.m. (0:39)                    |
| 5. Adjournment  | Mrs. Ochman at 7:41 p.m. (0:39)                    |

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

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

**2<sup>ND</sup>** Ms. Hagerty-Ross

	Burke	Dineen	Hagerty-Ross	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent									

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. (0:40)

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Kathrine Stein,  
 Secretary

## Darien Public Schools - Administrative Offices

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**To:** Dan Brenner, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools  
**From:** Susie Da Silva, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, K-12  
**Re:** Update on Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2018-2019 School Year

The chart below shows current kindergarten enrollment figures for the 2018-2019 school year. These figures are based off of school registrations as of February 9, 2018. The 2018-2019 budgeted sections for each school were determined as a result of the M&M study, historical data, as well as the class size guidelines identified below.

These figures are currently inline with our section projections, however, you will notice that Hindley is trending higher and Royle is trending slightly lower than last year at this time. As you know, kindergarten enrollment can vary and as a result we will continue to monitor enrollment closely and keep the Board of Education updated as we move toward spring.

I look forward to answering any questions at the Board of Education meeting on February 13th.

Kindergarten Registration

School	<u>Registrations as of 2/10/17</u>	<u>Registrations of 2/9/18</u>	<u>Budgeted Numbers</u>	<u>Budgeted Sections 2018-2019</u>	<u>Class Size Range</u>
Hindley	50	70	75	4	18 <span style="color: red;">19-21 (Optimal)</span> 22
Holmes	55	57	74	4	
Ox Ridge	51	51	65	3	
Royle	55	42	66	3	
Tokeneke	54	57	75	4	
ELP	86	92			

**PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT**

**February 13, 2018**

Item	Name	Action	Replacing/Location/Position	Effective Date		Tenure Area	Certification Class/Step
				From	To		
<b>Appointments</b>							
1	Allison Weissert	Appointment	J Flinn/Holmes/Elementary Teacher	2/12/2018	6/30/2018	Teacher	Elementary Teacher MA Step 3
2	Aaron Superfin	Appointment	ME Fazio/DHS/Special Education Teacher	1/2/2018	6/30/2018	Teacher	Special Education K - 12 BA Step 4
3	Reginald Gantt	Appointment	P. Lombardo/Board Offices/Copy Center Paraprofessional	1/22/2018	6/30/2018	NA	
4	Michele Roofthoof	Appointment	L Vitti/Holmes/Paraprofessional	1/23/2018	6/30/2018	NA	
<b>Resignations and Retirements (Informational)</b>							
5	Jaclyn Flinn	Resignation	Holmes/Elementary Teacher		1/26/2018		
6	Paul Lombardo	Resignation	Board Offices/Copy Center Paraprofessional		1/18/2018		
7	Michelle Mitchell	Resignation	MMS/Reading Interventionist		1/26/2018		
7	Renee Geithner-Marron	Resignation	DHS/Special Education and Science		2/15/2018		