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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019**

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

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

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| 1. Call to Order.....  | Mrs. Tara Ochman                             | 7:30 p.m. |
| 2. Chairperson's Report.....   | Mrs. Tara Ochman                             |           |
| 3. Public Comment*.....  | Mrs. Tara Ochman                             |           |
| 4. Superintendent's Report.....  | Dr. Elliott Landon                           |           |
| 5. Approval of Minutes.....  | Board of Education                           |           |
| 6. Board Committee Reports.....  | Mrs. Tara Ochman                             |           |
| 7. Presentations/Discussions   |  |           |
| a. Proposal and Recommendation on High School Gate House   | Dr. Elliott Landon                           |           |
| b. Further Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Athletic Field Trips for 2019-2020 School Year | Dr. Elliott Landon/<br>Mr. Chris Manfredonia |           |

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7. Presentations/Discussions (cont.)

- c. Annual Progress Report on....  
2018-19 District Goals and  
Objectives Dr. Elliott Landon/  
Dr. Susie DaSilva/  
Mrs. Shirley Klein/  
Ms. Marjorie Cion/  
Mr. Michael Feeney
- d. Annual Report on Donations..... Dr. Elliott Landon/  
Mr. Michael Feeney
- e. Board Action on Proposed..... Mr. Michael Feeney  
Amendment to Section 125 Plan
- f. Discussion and Possible Action.... Mrs. Tara Ochman/  
on Darien High School Shed Mr. Dennis Maroney  
Bonding Authorization
- g. Discussion and Possible Action:... Dr. Elliott Landon  
Shall individual members of  
Darien Town Boards and  
Commissions be given special  
accommodations and privileges  
with regard to Informational  
Requests different than other  
residents of Darien, absent a  
Vote by their Public Agency?

8. Action Items

- a. Personnel Items..... Ms. Marjorie Cion
  - i. Appointments
  - ii. Resignations/Retirements
  - iii. Leaves of Absence
  - iv. Contract Agreement between  
the Darien Board of Education  
and the Darien School  
Maintenance Association
  - v. Contract Agreement between  
the Darien Board of Education  
and the Darien School  
Custodians Union

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- 9. Public Comment\*..... Mrs. Tara Ochman
- 10. Adjournment..... Mrs. Tara Ochman

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**APPROVED**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Present	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent									

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

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

**AUDIENCE:** Approximately 20

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| 1. Call to Order           | Mrs. Tara B. Ochman, Chair,<br>at 7:30 p.m. (0:00) |
| 2. Chairperson's Report    | Mrs. Tara Ochman, Chair,<br>at 7:30 p.m. (0:00)    |
| 3. Public Comment          | Mrs. Tara Ochman, Chair,<br>at 7:30 p.m. (0:00)    |
| 4. Superintendent's Report | Dr. Elliott Landon<br>at 7:31 p.m. (0:01)          |
| 5. Approval of Minutes     | Board of Education<br>at 7:31 p.m. (0:01)          |

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019:**

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

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

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Yes	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain									

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019:**

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

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

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Yes	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X

No									
Abstain									

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019:**

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

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

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Yes	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain									

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019:**

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

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

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Yes	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain									

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

6. Board Committee Reports

Mrs. Tara Ochman, Chair,  
at 7:32 p.m. (0:02)

**PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

7. Presentations/Discussions:

a. Update from Department  
Chairpersons on Priorities and  
Outcomes

Dr. Susie Da Silva  
at 7:33 p.m. (0:03)

\*Mr. Dineen arrived at 7:54 p.m.

b. Curricula Update: Health  
and Wellness PK-12

Dr. Susie Da Silva  
at 8:27 p.m. (0:57)

c. Update and Discussion  
on Extended School Year  
Program

Mrs. Shirley Klein/  
Mrs. Shira Schwartz  
at 9:17 p.m. (1:47)

d. Verbal Update on High School  
and Middle School Scheduling

Mrs. Ellen Dunn/  
Mrs. Shelley Somers  
at 9:31 p.m. (2:01)

e. Running Track Update

Ms. Jennifer Montanaro  
at 9:40 p.m. (2:10)

f. Further Discussion and  
Possible Action on Proposed  
2020-21 School Calendar

Dr. Elliott Landon  
at 10:05 p.m. (2:35)

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2020-21 SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Burke**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> Ms. Ritchie**

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	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)**

8. Action Items:

- a. Personnel Items
  - i. Appointments
  - ii. Resignations/Retirements

Ms. Marjorie Cion  
at 10:11 p.m. (2:41)

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL ITEMS AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMO DATED MAY 14, 2019:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Burke**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Maroney**

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	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)**

9. Public Comment

Mrs. Tara Ochman, Chair,  
at 10:12 p.m. (2:42)

10. Adjournment

Mrs. Tara Ochman, Chair,  
at 10:12 p.m. (2:42)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Burke**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Ritchie**

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	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 10:12 p.m. (2:42)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathrine Stein,  
Secretary

**APPROVED**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, June 4, 2019**

**PLACE:**  
**DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**4:30 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	McCammon	McNamara	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Stein
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent									

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Dr. Landon, Dr. Da Silva, Ms. Cion, Ms. Klein

**GUEST:**

Tom Mooney, Legal Counsel

**AUDIENCE:** Approximately 5

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| 1. Call to Order   | Mrs. Tara B. Ochman, Chair,<br>at 4:43 p.m. (0:00) |
| 2. Board of Education Retreat<br>- Board Operations and Member Performance | Mrs. Tara Ochman, Chair<br>at 4:43 p.m. (0:00)     |
| 3. Adjournment   | Mrs. Ochman, Chair,<br>at 8:06 p.m. (2:23)         |

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

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

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

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	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 8:06 p.m. (2:23)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathrine Stein,  
Secretary

## Darien Public Schools - Administrative Offices

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To: Members of the Board of Education  
From: Elliott Landon  
Subject: Controlled Access at Darien High School – Capital Project  
Date: June 25, 2019

On February 8, as a result of my review of the All Hazards School Security and Safety Plan, I presented to the Board a proposal to close access of the Darien High School campus to unmonitored visitors during the operational hours of the school. As I reported at the time, at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year I initiated discussions with the High School Administration, Darien Police Department and the Planning and Zoning Department regarding possible solutions. These discussions resulted in the exploration of vehicular access controls with a gate/guardhouse.

In the 2019/2020 Capital Plan, the Administration recommended a placeholder of \$150,000 for the creation of a guard house controlling vehicular access to the High School during hours when the student population was present. The location of the guard house was envisioned to be situated off High School Lane, closer to the parking lot and baseball field. This location would block off unrestricted access to the front of the building as well as the parking lot during school hours. It was envisioned that gate/guardhouse would be maintained by an existing campus monitor and the gate would only be in operation during school hours.

At that time, it was thought that Nutmeg Lane and Noroton Ave would continue to allow for open access.

Our first investigatory step was to perform a title search to determine whether access onto School Property could be limited to the public and develop conceptual plans on the feasibility.

Unfortunately, due to the timing of the budget development, conceptual plans for the proposed project had not been finalized and the Board agreed to change this project from a Priority 1 to a Priority 2, thereby allowing the Administration to perform further studies with the Darien Police Department and with Tighe & Bond. The intent was to finalize conceptual plans to maximize security for the DHS campus to enable the Board of Education to make this project a Priority 1 security project within the 2019-20 Capital Plan once again.

Our work has been extensive and we are now prepared to offer the Board a better security plan than originally envisioned, a plan that would control all public access to the DHS campus during school hours. That plan may be found by reviewing the following link: [DHS Gate House Concept Plans 06.19.2019](#)



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In terms of potential construction, design and permitting costs, approximate ranges may be found below:

Site Roadway Construction	\$370,000 to \$400,000
Architectural Elements	\$40,000 to \$50,000
Security System	\$200,000 to \$250,000
Design & Permitting	\$90,000 to \$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$700,000 to \$800,000</b>

Craig Yannes, PE, PTOE and Project Manager assigned to this project will be present at the Board of Education meeting of June 25 to discuss the project in greater detail and answer questions that may be forthcoming from the Board.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education agrees to make the Controlled Access Capital Project for Darien High School a Priority One Project in the 2019-20 Capital Plan.**

