

APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, August 25, 2020

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Dr. Addley, Mr. Tranberg, Ms. Klein, Ms. Cion, Mr. Rudl, Mr. Lynch

AUDIENCE: Meeting held in Board of Education Offices and via Zoom

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| 1. Call to Order | Mrs. Tara B. Ochman, Chair,
at 7:31 p.m. (0:00) |
| 2. Chairperson’s Report | Mrs. Ochman
at 7:31 p.m. (0:00) |
| 3. Public Comment | Mrs. Ochman
at 7:35 p.m./8:01 p.m. (0:04) |

Meeting recess to assess technical difficulties

Public comments can be made live via Zoom during meetings

1. Joslyn Delancey DEA
2. Nancy Christie, Bedford NY (teacher)
3. Toni Ann Rungoe, 57 Camp Avenue
4. Dan Record, 50 Scenic Hill Rd, Trumbull CT (teacher)
5. Jesse Cersosimo Beacon, NY (teacher)

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| 4. Superintendent’s Report | Dr. Alan Addley
at 8:14 p.m. (0:17) |
| 5. Approval of Minutes | Board of Education
at 8:18 p.m. (0:21) |

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON JULY 28, 2020:

- 1st MR. BURKE**
2ND MR. MARONEY

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

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2020:

1st MR. DINEEN

2ND MR. BROWN

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	McCammon	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Sini	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 8:18 p.m. (0:21)

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

7. Presentations/Discussions:

a. Update from Ox Ridge Building Committee (including review and action on construction drawings)

Dr. Addley/S/L/A/M
at 8:19 p.m. (0:22)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLANS AND PROJECT MANUAL DATED AS OF 7/20/20 AND PROFESSIONAL COST ESTIMATE DATED AS OF 8/13/20 AS PROPOSED BY OX RIDGE BUILDING COMMITTEE AND S/L/A/M AND AUTHORIZE THE ARCHITECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER TO SUBMIT THESE DOCUMENTS TO THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, OFFICE OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS AND REVIEWS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO BID:

1st MR. DINEEN

2ND MR. BROWN

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

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

b. Update on School Reopening

Dr. Addley
at 9:09 p.m. (1:08)

c. Update on Enrollment for the 2020-21 School Year

Mr. Richard Rudl
at 10:10 p.m. (2:09)

d. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Revised Facilities Use Fee Schedule

Mr. Michael Lynch/
Mr. Rudl
at 10:16 p.m. (2:15)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED REVISED FACILITIES USE FEE SCHEDULE DATED AS OF 8/20/20:

1st MR. SINI
2ND MS. STEIN

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

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

e. Further Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2020-21 District Goals

Dr. Addley
at 10:18 p.m. (2:17)

MOTION TO EXPLORE THE ADDITION OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION AT BOARD OF EDUCATION AS A DISTRICT GOAL FOR 2020-21:

1st MS. OCHMAN
2ND MR. DINEEN

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

RESULT - MOTION PASSED (8-1-0)

MOTION TO ADD THE REVIEW OF MEDIA STRATEGY AND OUTREACH TO DISTRICT GOALS FOR 2020-21:

1st MS. MCCAMMON
2ND MR. SINI

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

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2020-21 DISTRICT GOALS:

1st MR. BURKE
2ND MR. DINEEN

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

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

f. Discussion and Possible Action on Acceptance of Contemplated Gift from Blue Wave Booster Club

Mr. Chris Manfredonia
at 10:28 p.m. (2:27)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTEMPLATED GIFT FROM BLUE WAVE BOOSTER CLUB TO DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL FOR WRESTLING MAT TOTALING \$8,675:

1st MS. STEIN

2ND MR. BURKE

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

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

- g. Discussion and Possible Action on Acceptance of Contemplated Gift from Darien High School Parents Association

Ms. Ellen Dunn
at 10:30 p.m. (2:29)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTEMPLATED GIFT FROM DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION TO DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL FOR OUTDOOR SEATING AND TABLE TOTALING \$10,000 As PRESENTED BY CLASS 2020:

1st MR. MARONEY

2ND MR. DINEEN

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

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

- h. Discussion and Possible Action on Acceptance of Contemplated Gift from Holmes PTO

Ms. Paula Bleakley
at 10:33 p.m. (2:32)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTEMPLATED GIFT FROM HOLMES PTO TO HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR FOUR FANS FOR GYMNASIUM, EIGHT PICNIC TABLES FOR OUTSIDE SEATING, WOOD BENCH TOTALING IN VALUE OF \$7,028.12:

1st MR. DINEEN

2ND MR. BROWN

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

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

- i. Discussion on FY2020 Year End Financial Report and FY21 Expenses Related to Reopening

Mr. Rudl
at 10:35 p.m. (2:34)

- j. Update on Broadcasting of Board of Education Meetings

Dr. Addley
at 10:48 p.m. (2:47)

- k. Further Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Board of Education

Dr. Addley
at 10:54 p.m. (2:53)

Subcommittee Meeting Dates

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATES PURSUANT TO MEMORANDUM DATED JULY 22, 2020 WITH AMENDED START TIME OF 8:30 A.M.:

1st Ms. McCAMMON

2ND MR. MARONEY

	Brown	Burke	Dineen	McCammon	Maroney	Ochman	Ritchie	Sini	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 10:56 p.m. (2:55)

MOTION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT TO INCLUDE JENNIFER D'AMICO FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR HINDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

1st MR. BROWN

2ND MR. BURKE

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

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL ITEMS AS DETAILED IN THE PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT AS AMENDED DATED AS OF AUGUST 25, 2020:

1st MR. DINEEN

2ND MR. MARONEY

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

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

b. Contract Agreement between the Darien Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union (Secretaries)

Ms. Cion
at 10:59 p.m. (2:58)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION (SECRETARIES):

1st MR. BURKE

2ND MS. STEIN

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

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

c. Appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer for Student Disciplinary Matters for the 2020-2021 School Year, as they arise

Dr. Addley
at 11:00 p.m. (2:59)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN M. SEDOR AS AN IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTERS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, AS THEY ARISE:

1st MS. STEIN

2ND MR. DINEEN

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

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

d. Discussion and Possible Action to Delegate to its Appointed Hearing Officer Responsibility for Hearing Expulsion Expungement Requests and for Hearing School Accommodations Appeals Including Transportation Appeals, as provided by Statute.

Dr. Addley
at 11:02 p.m. (3:01)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DELEGATION TO ITS APPOINTED HEARING OFFICER, STEPHEN M. SEDOR, RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEARING EXPULSION EXPUNGEMENT REQUESTS AND FOR HEARING SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS APPEALS INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION APPEALS, AS PROVIDED BY STATUTE:

1st MR. MARONEY

2ND MR. BROWN

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

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

9. Public Comment

Ms. Ochman, Chair
At 11:02 p.m. (3:01)

1. Greg Grambling, 11 Blueberry Lane
2. Joslyn Delancey, DEA
3. Meghan Moore, 85 Fitch Avenue
4. Jamie Zionic, 13 Chestnut Street

10. Adjournment

Mrs. Ochman, Chair,
at 11:14 p.m. (3:13)

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1st MR. BURKE

2ND MS. STEIN

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m. (3:13)

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Ritchie,
Secretary