

**APPROVED**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, September 22, 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

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

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| 1. Call to Order        | Mrs. Tara B. Ochman, Chair,<br>at 7:31 p.m. (0:00) |
| 2. Chairperson's Report | Mrs. Ochman<br>at 7:32 p.m. (0:01)                 |
| 3. Public Comment       | Mrs. Ochman<br>at 7:35 p.m. (0:04)                 |

Public comments can be made live via Zoom during meetings

1. Catherine McGettigan at 20 Betmarlea Road, Norwalk
2. Mary Jo Miller at 52 Relihan Road
3. Lindsay Cruickshank at 70 Taylor Avenue, Norwalk
4. Jon Dunn at 175 Raymond Street
5. Tori-Ann Rongoe at 57 Camp Avenue
6. Jesse Cersosimo at 16 Overlook Avenue Beacon, NY
7. Elizabeth Drew at 14 Dubois Street
8. Katy Gale at Stamford CT
9. Alicia Mehlberg at 24 Christie Hill Road
10. Kathy Hardy at 139 Old Kings Highway North
11. Kelly Soisson at 7 Fawn Hill Road, Beacon Falls NY
12. Lisa May Peterson at Norwalk CT
13. Kevin Yardy at 1 Wilson Ridge Road
14. Lenny Blumenthal at 17 Fairview Road
15. Hillary Graham at Trumbull CT
16. Sarah Sproch at 22 McAllister Rd, Norwalk
17. Joslyn Delancey DEA President
18. E. Whitney Evans at 52 Dubois Street
19. Jessic Xu at 20 Fitch Avenue

- 20. Andrew Seman at 5 Old Parish Road
- 21. Eric Roemer at 49 Birch Road
- 22. Sarah True at 16 Locust Hill Road
- 23. Karin Cummins at 19 Point O'Woods South
- 24. Joshua Pike at 18 Park Lane
- 25. Katherine Grambling at 11 Blueberry Lane
- 26. Dawn McIntire at 25 Driftway Lane
- 27. Louise Waylett-Brown at 102 Colony Road
- 28. Carolina McGoey at 28 Kensett Lane
- 29. Rob Mountain at 15 Pasture Lane
- 30. Natalie Volz at Phillips Lane

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Alan Addley  
at 9:00 p.m. (1:29)

5. Approval of Minutes

Board of Education  
at 9:01 p.m. (1:30)

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. MARONEY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> 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)**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. BURKE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> 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)**

6. Board Committee Reports

Mrs. Ochman  
at 9:03 p.m. (1:32)

**PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

7. Presentations/Discussions:

**MOTION TO ADD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM 7 (F) ON FORMATION OF COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. MARONEY**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> MS. McCAMMON**

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

**RESULT - MOTION APPROVED (7-2-0)**

**MOTION TO ADD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM REGARDING THE FORMATION OF CURRICULUM/EDUCATION DELIVERY COMMITTEE:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. MARONEY**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> MR. BROWN**

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

**RESULT - MOTION FAILS (5-4-0) REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS VOTE**

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| a. Report on School Psychologists' Roles and Responsibilities                                       | Mrs. Shirley Klein<br>at 9:07 p.m. (1:36) |
| b. Update of Strategic Planning Committee   | Dr. Addley<br>at 9:43 p.m. (2:11)         |
| c. Update on Reopening of School  | Dr. Addley<br>at 10:03 p.m. (2:32)        |
| d. Discussion on August 2020-2021 Financial Report and Possible Action on Proposed Budget Transfers | Mr. Richard Rudl<br>at 11:19 p.m. (3:48)  |

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET TRANSFERS AS DETAILED IN THE MEMORANDUM DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. BURKE**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> 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)**

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| e. Further Discussion and Possible Action on Board Master Agenda for August 2020-February 2021 | Dr. Addley<br>at 11:27 p.m. (3:56) |
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**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BOARD MASTER AGENDA FOR AUGUST 2020-FEBRUARY 2021:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. MARONEY**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> MR. DINEEN**

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

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

f. Discussion and Possible Action on  
Formation of Communications Committee

Mr. Maroney  
at 11:28 p.m. (3:56)

**MOTION TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES REGARDING POSSIBLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TO CONSTRUCT A FORMAL PROPOSAL:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. BURKE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> 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. Per Public Request: discussion and possible action on requiring the school administration to return full in person 5 days/week as soon as possible, but not later than September 29, 2020 and to require the any change to that plan of education require approval to the Board of Education

Mrs. Ochman  
at 11:43 p.m. (4:12)

**MOTION TO REQUIRE THE SCHOOL return full in person 5 days/week as soon as possible, but not later than September 29, 2020 and to require that any change to that plan of education require approval by the Board of Education:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MS. OCHMAN**

**2<sup>ND</sup> MR. SINI**

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

**RESULT - MOTION FAILS (1-8-0)**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM ON SUPPORTING THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO RETURN TO FULL FIVE DAYS IN PERSON LEARNING ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MS. McCAMMON**

**2<sup>ND</sup> MR. MARONEY**

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

**RESULT - MOTION FAILS (4-5-0)**

**MOTION TO ADD TO MS. McCAMMON MOTION THE PHRASE “ANY CHANGE MADE MUST BE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION”:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. BROWN**

**2<sup>ND</sup>**

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

**RESULT - MOTION FAILS (NO SECOND)**

**MOTION TO AMEND ITEM 8(A) TO BOARD OF EDUCATION FULLY ENDORSES THE DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION CURRENT PLAN TO RETURN TO IN PERSON LEARNING ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. SINI**

**2<sup>ND</sup> MR. MARONEY**

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

**RESULT - MOTION FAILS (4-5-0)**

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

Ms. Marjorie Cion  
at 12:00 a.m. (4:29)

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL ITEMS AS DETAILED IN THE PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. BURKE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> 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)**

**9. Public Comment**

Mrs. Ochman, Chair  
at 12:00 a.m. (4:29)

1. Dawn McIntire at 25 Driftway Lane
2. Louise Waylett-Brown at 102 Colony Road
3. Bruce Mitchell from New Canaan
4. Taylor Carter at 385 Middlesex Road
5. Laura Pesce-Gray at 131 Holmes Avenue
6. Caroline Hoette at Tokeneke School

10. Adjournment

Mrs. Ochman, Chair,  
at 12:13 a.m. (4:42)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**1<sup>st</sup> MR. MARONEY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> 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)**

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 a.m. (4:42)

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Ritchie,  
Secretary