

Board of Education
Darien, Connecticut

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLACE:
DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS'
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
7:00 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, APRIL 25, 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.....
-Special Presentation | Dr. Dan Brenner | 7:45 p.m. |
| 5. Approval of Minutes..... | Board of Education | |

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6. Board Committee Reports..... Mr. Harman

7. Presentations/Discussions:

- a. Update on Middlesex..... Dr. Brenner/ 8:00 p.m.
Program Proposal and
Highlights of 2016-2017
School Year Dr. Susie Da Silva/
Ms. Shelley Somers
- b. Update on High School..... Dr. Brenner/
Lab and Team Taught Dr. Da Silva/
Pilot Courses Mrs. Ellen Dunn
- c. Update on Fitch Academy... Dr. Brenner
- d. Further Discussion and.... Dr. Brenner
Action on Establishing
2017 Darien High School
Graduation Date
- e. Update on Kindergarten,..... Dr. Da Silva
Elementary, Middle School
and High School Enrollment for
2017-2018
- f. Discussion on Elementary... Dr. Da Silva
Parent Conference Days
for 2017-18 School Year

8. Action Items

- a. Personnel Items..... Ms. Cion 9:30 p.m.
 - i. Appointments
 - ii. Resignations/Retirements
 - iii. Leave of Absence
 - iv. Non-Renewal of Certified
Staff Working Under
One-Year Contracts and
Long Term Substitutes

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- 9. Public Comment..... Mr. Harman
- 10. Adjournment..... Mr. Harman

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APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, March 15, 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	7:38		x	x	x
Absent						x			

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

AUDIENCE: *Approximately 20*

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|---|---|
| 1. Call to Order | Mr. Harman, Chair, at 7:33 p.m.
(0:00) |
| 2. Chairperson's Report | Mr. Harman at 7:33 (0:00) |
| 3. Public Comment
Ms. Millyn Gaaserud, Driftway Lane | Mr. Harman at 7:33 (0:00) |
| 4. Superintendent's Report | Dr. Brenner at 7:35 (0:02) |
| 5. Approval of Minutes (Attachment) | Board of Education at 7:37 (0:04) |

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2017:

1st Ms. Hagerty-Ross

2nd Ms. Stein

	<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									

RESULT -MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0)

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| 6. Board Committee Reports | Mr. Harman at 7:37 (0:04) |
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PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

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| 7. Presentations | |
| a. K -5 Math Curricula Update, K - 12 Math
Differentiation Update (Attachment) | Dr. Da Silva at 7:37 (0:04) |

b. Update on Kindergarten Enrollment for 2017-2018 (Attachment)

Dr. Da Silva at 8:27 (0:54)

c. Follow up Discussion on Student Attendance Just Prior to the February Break 2017 and Possible Action on Revised 2017-2018 School Calendar (Attachments)

Dr. Da Silva at 8:29 (0:56)

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR AS PROPOSED FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR:

1st Mr. Burke

2nd Ms. Stein

	<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 (7-0-1)

d. 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 (Attachments)

Ms. Cion at 8:40 (1:07)

MOTION TO REPEAL POLICY 5140 CONTINUITY OF ATTENDANCE: POSTPONED

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

ACTION ITEMS

8a. Personnel Items
 i. Appointments
 ii. Resignations/Retirements
 iii. Leave of Absence (Attachment)

Ms. Cion at 9:23 (1:50)

MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS AS LISTED IN THE MEMO DATED MARCH 15, 2017:

1st Ms. Hagerty-Ross

2ND 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
No									
Abstain									

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

9. Public Comment
 Ms. Stacey Tie, Clocks Lane
 Ms. Sarah Goertel, Brushy Hill Road

Mr. Harman at 9:25 (1:52)

10. Adjournment

Mr. Harman at 9:28 (1:55)

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1st Ms. Zuro

2ND 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
No									
Abstain									

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m. (1:55)

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Schneider Zuro
Secretary

REVISED

**2016-2017 DARIEN SCHOOL CALENDAR (Approved May 26, 2015)
(Amended by the Board of Education on February 9, 2016)
(Amended by the Board of Education on April 26, 2016)**

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

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

25-26 New Staff Orientation
29-30 Professional Development
31 Teacher Work Day

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

1 Students Return
5 Labor Day
23 Professional Learning Communities – High School

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

3 Rosh Hashanah
12 Yom Kippur
28 Professional Learning Communities – High School

November (19)					
		1	2	3	4
7	8*	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18^	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30			

8 Professional Development
18 Professional Learning Communities – High School
23 Early Dismissal
24 & 25 Thanksgiving Recess

December (17)					
				1	2
5	6●	7●	8●	9●	
12	13	14	15	16^	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	

6-9 Elementary Parent Conferences
16 Professional Learning Communities – High School
23 Early Dismissal
26-30 Holiday Recess

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

2 Holiday Recess
3 Professional Development
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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

3 Professional Learning Communities – High School
16 Professional Development
17 - 21 February Recess
20 Presidents' Day

March (23)					
			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
15-17 Elementary Parent Conferences

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

10-14 Spring Recess
14 Good Friday
21 Professional Learning Communities – High School

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

12 Professional Learning Communities – High School
29 Memorial Day

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

13 School ends for students
14 Teacher Work Day
****16 Current Last Day for Students**
19 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 1st, Boards of Education are permitted to establish a graduation date. Therefore, the Board of Education will make that determination at its first regular April, 2017 meeting.

Code: _ Early Dismissal (11/23, 12/23, 6/16); ● Early Dismissal for Elementary Schools Only (12/6, 12/7, 12/8, 12/9, 3/15, 3/16, 3/17) * Staff Development Days – No School for Students; _ Teacher Work Day; No School for students; ^ Professional Learning Communities for High School Only – (9/23, 10/28, 11/18, 12/16, 2/3, 3/10, 4/21, 5/12)

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Memo

April 18, 2017

To: Dan Brenner, Ph.D., *Superintendent of Schools*
From: Susie Da Silva, Ed.D., *Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, K-12*
Re: K-12 Enrollment 2016-2017/Projected Enrollment: Kindergarten 2017-2018

Below you will find current enrollment figures for grades K-12 by school. In addition, I have included an update on the projected Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year.

I look forward to answering any questions at the Board of Education meeting on April 25, 2017.

K-12 Enrollment 2016-2017 as of 4-18-17

	ELP	KDG	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Hindley		20	21	23	21	22	23			
		21	22	23	19	22	22			
		20	22	22	20	22	21			
		22		23	19	22	22			
Total		83	65	91	79	88	88	250	244	494

	ELP	KDG	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Holmes		21	17	23	19	19	23			
		22	16	23	21	20	22			
		21	17	24	20	18	22			
		21	17	23	21	19				
Total		85	67	93	81	76	67	247	222	469

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	ELP	KDG	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Ox Ridge	11	18	19	17	22	19	17			
	9	19	17	17	22	20	19			
		18	19	16	21	19	19			
		18	18		21	20	18			
	20	73	73	50	86	78	73	235	218	453

	ELP	KDG	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Royle	10	22	20	21	21	19	22			
	10	22	19	20	20	19	21			
	9	21	20	20	21	20	22			
			20							
	29	65	79	61	62	58	65	235	184	419

	ELP	KDG	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Tokeneke	10	21	18	21	20	20	24			
	9	21	18	20	22	19	23			
	11	21	19	20	21	20	23			
			18	20	21	19				
	30	63	73	81	84	78	70	230	249	479

TOTAL 79 369 357 376 392 378 363 1197 1117 2314

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Middlesex					<u>GR 6</u>	<u>GR 7</u>	<u>GR 8</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
					355	405	366	600	526	1126

DHS				<u>GR 9</u>	<u>GR 10</u>	<u>GR 11</u>	<u>GR 12</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
				349	331	340	329	674	675	1349
TOTAL ENROLLMENT										4789

Projected Kindergarten Enrollment 2017-2018

School	Registrations as of 4/18/17	Registrations as of 3/1/17	Budgeted Sections 2017-2018	Class Size Guidelines Recommended Range		
Hindley	58	51	4	18 19-21 (Optimal) 22		
Holmes	71	62	4			
Ox Ridge	53	51	3			
Royle	62	56	3			
Tokeneke	67	58	3			
Totals	311	278				

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
30				

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

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PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT

April 25, 2017

Item	Name	Action	Replacing/Location/Position	Effective Date		Tenure Area	Certification Class/Step
				From	To		
Appointments							
1	Dayna Patashnik	Appointment	L. Martinez/Tokeneke/ELP Paraprofessional	4/3/2017	6/30/2017	NA	NA
2	John Davis	Appointment	J Testa/DHS/Campus Monitor	5/8/2017	6/30/2017	NA	NA
Resignations/Retirements							
5	Nicole Vega	Resignation	DHS/Spanish Teacher		4/7/2017		
6	David Miller	Retirement	DHS/Special Education Teacher		6/30/2017		
7	Carol Warner	Retirement	MMS/Art Teacher		6/30/2017		
8	Linda Philipcik	Retirement	Royle/ ELP teacher		6/30/2017		
9	Jessica Nigri	Retirement	Royle/Elementary Teacher		6/30/2017		