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REVISED
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Darien Public Schools'
Administrative Offices
Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Adjourn to Executive Session (2nd Floor Conference Room) for the purpose of discussion regarding personnel and negotiations pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 1-200(6) (A) and (B)
3. Reconvene in public session.
4. Adjournment.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 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.....
- Appointment of Superintendent
of Schools | Mrs. Tara Ochman | |
| 3. Public Comment*..... | Mrs. Tara Ochman | |

*Public Comments are limited to three minutes per individual and are designed to allow community members to inform the Darien Board of Education of their opinions and/or concerns. Where appropriate, community members are also encouraged to reach out to the school administration during regular school hours. There should be no expectation for dialogue on such public comments to take place at a regular public meeting, given that by law the Board may only discuss matters that are set forth on its agenda.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019**

- 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. Curricula Update: Social..... Dr. Susie Da Silva/
Studies K-12 Ms. Cory Gillette/
Mr. Keith Keeler
 - b. Further Discussion and..... Dr. Susie Da Silva/
Possible Action on State Mrs. Ellen Dunn
Required 2023 Changes to
Graduation Requirements
 - c. First Reading and Discussion... Dr. Elliott Landon
on Proposed 2020-21 School
Calendar
 - d. Discussion and Possible..... Dr. Elliott Landon/
Acceptance of Contemplated Mr. Chris Manfredonia
Gift from the Blue Wave Booster
Club
 - e. Discussion and Possible..... Dr. Elliott Landon/
Acceptance of Contemplated Mr. Chris Manfredonia
Gift from the Darien Soccer
Association and the
Darien Athletic Foundation
 - f. Legislative Matter per CABE's.. Mrs. Tara Ochman
4/11/2019 Request
- 8. Action Items
 - a. Personnel Items..... Ms. Marjorie Cion
 - i. Appointments
 - ii. Resignations/Retirements
 - iii. Non-Renewal of Certified
Staff working under One-
Year Contracts and Long
Term Substitutes

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019**

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

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**APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, March 26, 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, Ms. Klein, Ms. Cion and Mr. Feeney

AUDIENCE: Approximately 20

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1. Call to Order | Mrs. Tara B. Ochman, Chair,
at 7:36 p.m. (0:00) |
| 2. Chairperson's Report | Mrs. Ochman, Chair,
at 7:36 p.m. (0:00) |
| 3. Public Comment | Mrs. Ochman, Chair,
at 7:36 p.m. (0:00) |
| 4. Superintendent's Report | Dr. Elliott Landon
at 7:36 p.m. (0:00) |
| 5. Approval of Minutes | Board of Education
at 7:37 p.m. (0:01) |

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019:

1st Mr. Dineen

2ND Ms. Ritchie

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

RESULT - MOTION PASSED (7-0-2)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019:

1st Ms. Ritchie

2ND Mr. Brown

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

RESULT - MOTION PASSED (7-0-2)

6. Board Committee Reports

Mrs. Ochman, Chair,
at 7:38 p.m. (0:02)

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

7. Presentations/Discussions:

a. Update on Implementation
of 1:1 Initiative with iPads at
Darien High School

Dr. Susie Da Silva/
Mr. Adam Schoenbart
at 7:39 p.m. (0:03)

b. Tentative Recommendation
for Establishing 2019 Darien
High School Graduation Date

Dr. Elliott Landon
at 8:12 p.m. (0:36)

c. Discussion and Possible
Action on Proposed Change
of Darien High School
Professional Learning
Communities from May 10 to
May 17, 2019

Dr. Susie Da Silva/
Mrs. Ellen Dunn
at 8:19 p.m. (0:43)

MOTION TO CHANGE THE DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES FROM MAY 10 TO MAY 17, 2019 AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY:

1st Ms. McNamara
2ND 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 (9-0-0)

d. Presentation, Discussion and
Possible Action on Proposed
Middlesex Middle School
Field Trips

Dr. Elliott Landon/
Ms. Shelley Somers
at 8:23 p.m. (0:47)

e. Discussion and Possible
Action on Elementary Parent
Conference Days for 2019-20
School Year

Dr. Susie Da Silva
at 9:15 p.m. (1:39)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ELEMENTARY PARENT CONFERENCE DAYS FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR:

1st Mr. Burke
2ND Mr. Dineen

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

RESULT - MOTION PASSED (9-0-0)

f. Proposed Adjustment to and Possible Action on Approved 2019-2020 Board of Education Budget

Dr. Elliott Landon/
 Mr. Michael Feeney
 at 9:20 p.m. (1:44)

MOTION TO ISSUE A MEMO TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE TO MODIFY THE APPROVED 2019-20 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET TO AN INCREASE OF 2.03% WITH A DECREASE OF \$568,694.00:

1st Mr. Maroney
2ND 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 (9-0-0)

g. Discussion on Approved 2019-2025 Board of Education Capital Plan (6 year) and Possible Action

Dr. Elliott Landon/
 Mr. Michael Feeney
 at 9:23 p.m. (1:47)

h. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Capital Project – Storage Facility at Darien High School

Dr. Elliott Landon
 at 9:41 p.m. (2:05)

MOTION TO COMMIT THE PROPOSED STORAGE FACILITY PROJECT AT DHS TO THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE FOR A STUDY:

1st Ms. McCammon
2ND 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 (9-0-0)

i. Approach to Future Legislative Proposals Affecting Schools and Possible Action at Darien High School

Dr. Elliott Landon
 at 9:56 p.m. (2:20)

8. Action Items:

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

Ms. Marjorie Cion
at 10:24 p.m. (2:48)

MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ITEMS AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMO DATED MARCH 26, 2019:

1st Mr. Burke

2nd Mr. Maroney

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

RESULT -MOTION PASSED (8-1-0)

10. Public Comment

Mrs. Ochman, Chair,
at 10:24 p.m. (2:48)

Julie Best, 38 Red Rose Circle
Catherine Piorkowski, 152 Old Kings Highway North

11. Adjournment

Mrs. Ochman, Chair,
at 10:27 p.m. (2:51)

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1st Ms. McCammon

2nd 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 10:27 p.m. (2:51)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathrine Stein,
Secretary

Darien Public Schools - Administrative Offices

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Tel: 203-656-7414 Email: sdasilva@darienps.org

Memo

April 2019

To: Elliott Landon, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

From: Susie Da Silva, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, K-12
Cory Gillette, K-5 Program Director for Literacy and Social Studies
Keith Keeler, 6-12 Social Studies Department Chairperson

Re: K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Update

This has been a busy and exciting year for the K-12 Social Studies program in the Darien Public Schools. Much work has been done within our discipline to ensure that the students' Social Studies experience is meaningful, applicable, and engaging. We look to share the work that has been done and our plans for the future. Attached you will find our Social Studies presentation scheduled for April 23, 2019. In this presentation, we intend on updating the Board of Education and the public on the following:

- The K-12 Social Studies Overview: *In this overview, we will give you a sense of what the CT Social Studies Frameworks are, what core beliefs they are founded upon, and how this impacts our curricula. We will specifically highlight the frameworks basis in the inquiry arc and its focus on preparing students for their future academics, careers, and civic engagement. This overview will also provide an introduction to the units and courses students encounter from Kindergarten to Grade 12.*
- *We will highlight two examples of our K-12 alignment. The first example traces a Compelling Question K-12 and the second example follows the progression of content across the grades. In both examples, we explain the connections and the growing complexities of the skills required of the learners.*
- *We will also provide updates on the curriculum work we have been doing K-5 and 6-12. This will include descriptions of where we are in the process of aligning our units, the professional development we have provided, and the learning progressions that we have created to support the creation of an aligned K-12 Curriculum.*
- *We conclude with the areas of continued work and study. This includes upcoming professional development opportunities in K-5 around best practices in inquiry across social studies and science units, and plans to increase the teacher to teacher collaboration and calibration K-8. In grades 6-12 we discuss upcoming professional development around best practices in inquiry and differentiation and the continued collaboration and calibration*

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5-12. Lastly, we will share the continued work on developing and evaluating our scope and sequence and alignment of our classes.

Below are useful links to the CT Social Studies frameworks document from the state. Additionally there are links to our K-5 and 6-12 Social Studies Parent Resource Site. Lastly, there is a link to our slideshow for the 23rd of April.

[CT SS Frameworks](#)

[K-5 SS Parent Resource Site](#)

[6-12 SS Parent Resource Site](#)

[Slideshow](#)

We look forward to meeting with you and updating you on the important and interesting work we are doing in our discipline.

Sincerely,

Susie Da Silva, Cory Gillette, and Keith Keeler

DHS Graduation Requirements Class of 2020 through 2022

Discipline	Courses	Credits
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English 9 ● English 10 ● American Literature ● Senior Literature ● English Senior Capstone 	4
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Western Civilizations ● World Studies ● American History ● Law and Government 	3.5
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Biology ● Chemistry/Earth Science 	2
Mathematics		3
Fine Art/Practical Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Art ● Music ● Drama ● Humanities ● Technology ● Media 	1
Health/PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (4 years) 	1
Electives		7.5
Total credits required		22

DHS Graduation Requirements Class of 2023 and Beyond

Domain	Courses	Credits
Humanities	English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 9 • English 10 • American Literature • Senior Literature • English Senior Capstone 	4
	Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Civilizations • World Studies • American History • Law and Government 	3.5
	Fine Art/Practical Art <i>(Art, Music, Drama, Technology Education, Media)</i>	1
	Humanities Elective <i>(English, Social Studies, Art, Music, Drama, World Languages, Tech Ed, Media, Independent study)</i>	.5
STEM	Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry • Junior elective 	3
	Mathematics	3
	Stem Electives <i>(Science, Tech Ed, Business, Economics, Mathematics, Music Tech, Media, Digital Photo, Graphic Design, Computer Science, Independent Study)</i>	3
World Language		1
Health/Safety		1
Physical Education/Wellness		1
Mastery Based Diploma Assessment		1
Electives		3
Total credits required		25

PROPOSED
2020-2021 Darien School District Calendar

July				
	1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

August (1)					
	3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26*	27*	28	
31					

September (20)					
	1	2	3	4	
7	8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25^	
28	29	30			

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

24, 25 New Staff Orientation
 26, 27 Professional Development
 28 Teacher Work Day
 31 Students Return

7 Labor Day
 25 Professional Learning Communities – High School
 28 Yom Kippur

23 Professional Learning Communities – High School

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

December (17)				
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11^
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

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

February (14)				
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12*
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

3 Professional Development
 20 Professional Learning Communities – High School
 25 Early Dismissal
 26-27 Thanksgiving Recess

11 Professional Learning Communities – High School
 23 Early Dismissal
 24-31 Holiday Recess

1 Holiday Recess (New Year's Day)
 15 Professional Development
 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

12 Professional Development
 15 Presidents' Day
 16-19 February Recess

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

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

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

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

12 Professional Learning Communities – High School

2 Good Friday
 5-9 Spring Recess
 23 Professional Learning Communities – High School

21 Professional Learning Communities – High School
 31 Memorial Day

15 School ends for students
 16 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, 2021 meeting.

Code: | Early Dismissal (11/25, 12/23, 6/15); * Staff Development Days; No School for Students; _ Teacher Work Day;
 ^ Professional Learning Communities for High School Only – (9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 12/11, 3/12, 4/23, 5/21)

DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Contemplated Gift Form (March 24, 2019)

Gift intended for:
(Check appropriate responses)

Hindley
 Ox Ridge

Royle

Tokeneke

Middlesex Middle School

Darien High School

District

Person(s) or Group Offering Gift(s)

Blue Wave Booster Club

Contact person-This may be a
gift giver or a building administrator

Name: Brian Stobbie
Address: 1 Saltbox Lane
Darien

Tele.: 203.918.6075

Fax. _____

e-mail BStobbie@yahoo.com

Description of proposed gift(s), including the form in which it (they) will be given (e.g. money, materials, services, etc.) and for what purpose(s). The description has to be sufficiently specific to allow administration to determine whether items 2, 3, or 4 of the guidelines specified in "Administration Regulation JG-Public Gifts to the Schools" apply.

- | | |
|---|------------|
| 1. DHS Cross Country: sign at oval | \$363.19 |
| 2. DHS Football- weight lifting plates: | \$784.00 |
| 3. DHS Girls Ice Hockey -team Jackets with logo: | \$3,213.00 |
| 4. DHS Girls Swimming- stretch cords and 20 medicine balls: | \$1,635.00 |

Total: \$5,995.19

Please answer the following questions.

Is the value of the gift(s) \$ 500.00 or more? Yes No

Note: If the proposed gift involves donated materials or services, please place an estimated dollar value on them.

If your answer to the previous question is Yes, please check one of the following categories of value for the proposed gift(s):

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 500-1,000 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5,000-10,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-2,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,000-15,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2,000-3,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 15,000-20,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3,000-4,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20,000+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4,000-5,000 | |

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Status: Date received by Superintendent _____

Notes on actions by Superintendent of Schools-

Actions, if any, by the Board of Education-

Final disposition of the gift offer-

DARIEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Contemplated Gift Form

Gift intended for:
(Check appropriate responses)

Hindley
 Holmes
 Ox Ridge

Royle

Tokeneke

Middlesex Middle School

Darien High School

District

Person(s) or Group Offering Gift(s)

[Darien Soccer Assoc, DAF](#)

Contact person-This may be a
gift giver or a building administrator
Name [John Gallagher](#)

Address [30 Talmadge Hill Rd](#)

Tele. [845 598 1016](#)

Fax. _____

e-mail johnpgallagher5@gmail.com

Description of proposed gift(s), including the form in which it (they) will be given (e.g. money, materials, services, etc.) and for what purpose(s). The description has to be sufficiently specific to allow administration to determine whether items 2, 3, or 4 of the guidelines specified in "Administration Regulation JG-Public Gifts to the Schools" apply.

The Darien Soccer Association would like to replace the Back Stop Netting at the MMS lower field (across from old Senior Center). The project would be funded by the DSA and a grant from the Darien Athletic Foundation. The DAF would oversee the construction done by Lou Gesualdi. Work would include removing existing poles and netting and erecting new ones on the East side of the field. The netting system is from Sportsfield Specialties. Cost for demo, disposal of old poles, footings, netting system and any repairs is \$29,000.

Please answer the following questions.

Is the value of the gift(s) \$ 500.00 or more? Yes No

Note: If the proposed gift involves donated materials or services, please place an estimated dollar value on them.

If your answer to the previous question is Yes, please check one of the following categories of value for the proposed gift(s):

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 500-1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5,000-10,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-2,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,000-15,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2,000-3,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 15,000-20,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3,000-4,000 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20,000+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4,000-5,000 | |

Do not write below this line

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Actions, if any, by the Board of Education-

Final disposition of the gift offer-