

**AUGUST 18, 2025 ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Tovar: Called meeting to order. It is 5:38 on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Tovar: Erica Nuzzo, Melissa Mongillo and Kimberly Tovar in attendance today.

Ken Marcucio, Absent.

**Also Present:**

**Dr. Matthew Conway, Superintendent of Schools**

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Ms. Tovar: Is there anybody from the public that wishes to speak. Second call, anybody from the public. Third, anybody from the public that wishes to speak. We will close public portion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion that the Athletic Committee approve the minutes from the June 16, 2025 meeting. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Mongillo and a second by Ms. Erica Nuzzo.**

<b>Kim Tovar</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melissa Mongillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ken Marcucio</b>	<b>Absent</b>

Ms. Mongillo: Making motion.

Ms. Nuzzo: Second.

Ms. Tovar: Motion carries.

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## **CLARIFICATION OF WORDING ON THE SELECTION OF CAPTAINS IN THE ATHLETIC HANDBOOK**

Ms. Tovar: I'm going to have Ms. Moffat introduce this to us.

Ms. Moffat: Good evening, everyone. Today was the official first day of practice for all the sports. So, we are right back in it. I'm just looking for some clarification on captains, eligibility of captains. There is wording in the Derby High School Athletic Handbook. And it states under eligibility selection and standard for captains, number three eligibility. The position of a captain is available to seniors with two years of play, exceptional juniors may be considered to have two years of play as well. My question is does it have to be two years of play here in Derby or can it be two years of play, if they happen to have done a sport in a different town, has moved here as a junior their senior year. Are they still eligible. It doesn't say one way or the other. I feel like it's punishing the child for their parents' deciding to move it doesn't make them eligible. So, that's just my opinion. I just wanted clarification as you the Committee see it.

Ms. Tovar: Myself, personally, I feel like if we, you and coaches and all that have a report with where they are coming from or can contact and get a background on how they performed, what their characteristics like on the team were, then I am 100 percent in approval of allowing that general two years of play. If you know, we don't receive the feedback then I wouldn't be okay with it.

Ms. Moffat: It came up in an instance where a student athlete moved in as a junior, played the sport here as a junior and is now as a senior and we're just looking to see if they are eligible to be a captain.

Ms. Tovar: Understood.

Ms. Mongillo: When you said play, does that mean they actually, is it a qualification for that or is it just they were on the roster. Or did they have to start. Is there any qualification on that?

Ms. Moffat: There is nothing listed in the policy around whether they were a starter or just a team member.

Ms. Mongillo: What does play mean. It just means they were on the roster.

Ms. Moffat: I would take it as on the roster and on the team.

Ms. Mongillo: I would agree with Kim.

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Ms. Nuzzo: Same.

Ms. Mongillo: Do we need a motion to change that.

Ms. Moffat: Doc, what do you think?

Dr. Conway: For clarity moving forward, I think if we have a recommendation to clarify the language that its two years of play whether in district or not. If there's, so, maybe it should be, they played in Derby already. So, you know their character. Because I was told if somebody was at a previous school, even if it's out of State might be difficult especially if it's the same people that might have coached her or him, at that time, when they're no longer coaching. So, if we're going to say two years of play one of them has to be in Derby that would clarify everybody if that makes sense. That way, we can observe their individual, get to know their character, to king's point and two years of play, one of which must be in Derby.

**Motion: The Athletic Committee recommends that the Athletic Handbook - Selection of Captains reads. Any captains chosen must have played two years of such sport, One of which needs to be played in Derby to be considered for Captain. Exceptional juniors may be considered with two years of play, one of which must be in Derby. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Ms. Melissa Mongillo.**

<b>Kim Tovar</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melissa Mongillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ken Marcucio</b>	<b>Absent</b>

Ms. Moffat: So, right now it says, the position of captain is available to seniors with two years of play, one of which must have been in Derby or must be in Derby and then, exceptional juniors may be considered.

Ms. Tovar: That works for me.

Dr. Conway: Use the same language for the juniors, Jen. Exceptional seniors may be considered with two years of play, one of which must have been in Derby.

Ms. Moffat: Okay. I'll have Lorenzo update it on the website.

### **CHEER CONFLICT FOR OCTOBER 11, 2025, FOOTBALL GAME**

Ms. Moffat: There's one more.

Ms. Tovar: Moff, you introduce that as well.

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Ms. Moffat: It's a Saturday morning game against Kennedy. It just so happens to be the same game that the cheerleaders went to pop warner competition last year. Seven of the 15 members of the team are dems for the teams. Both of our coaches are both head coaches as well for pop warner. So, what they're asking is to again be able to take the team to that competition. Both coaches with the dems and our coaches and the other eight members will also go and volunteer like they did last year.

Ms. Tovar: I approve and support.

Ms. Moffat: Thank you very much. One second, Ms. Olson has a question.

Ms. Olson: I just wanted to remind everyone about tomorrow's back to school barbecue. Thank you. We hope to see you.

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion that the Athletic Committee adjourn its meeting. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kimberly Tovar and a second by Ms. Erica Nuzzo.**

<b>Kimberly Tovar</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melissa Mongillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ken Marcucio</b>	<b>Absent</b>

Ms. Tovar: Adjourned the meeting at 5:45.

Ms. Nuzzo: Second.

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