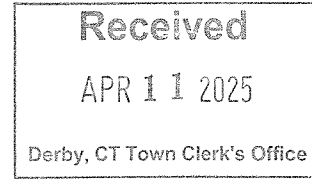


FEBRUARY 4, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Gildea: Called to order at 6:35 p.m.



OPENING CEREMONIES

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gildea: Karla Malerba; Rebecca O'Hara; Ken Marcucio; Dan Foley; Erica Nuzzo; Jim Gildea.

Mr. Gildea: We have six members out of nine. We have a quorum. Laura Harris, absent. Melissa Mongillo, absent. Kim Tovar, absent.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion that the Derby Board of Education delete item number seven. Motion made by Mr. Ken Marcucio and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.

Jim Gildea	Yes
Karla Malerba	Yes
Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ken Marcucio	Yes
Dan Foley	Yes
Erica Nuzzo	Yes
Laura Harris	Absent
Melissa Mongillo	Absent
Kim Tovar	Absent

Mr. Marcucio: Making motion.

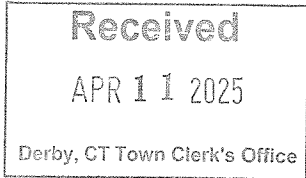
Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Motion carries.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Gildea: Anyone wish to speak before the Derby Board of Education this evening. Anyone who wishes to speak before the Derby Board of Ed. Anyone who wishes to speak before the Derby Board of Ed in person. Seeing no one.

Anyone remotely who wishes to speak before the Derby Board of Ed, going once. Any public portion remote, two. Public portion remote, three. Seeing none. We will close public portion.



STUDENT RECOGNITION

DHS MOCK TRIAL TEAM

Ms. Olson: So, we are able to share one of the things last month Derby High School participated in the very first ever Mock Trial Competition. It is an extension of a new course we started this year. It's a half year. It is a new social studies course called Government and Legal System. And today we have some student representatives. But also our teacher of the course, Mr. Spencer Butterworth. And also our Attorney coach who has also been supporting our students We are very lucky to be able to have them.

Further explaining about the Mock Trials.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you guys. Great job.

Dr. Conway: Great job.

ALL STATE FOOTBALL – JAYZAIR BARBERA

Ms. Moffat: Introducing Jayzair Barbera. Giving Jayzair a round of applause for a great job.

Mr. Gildea: Congratulations from the Board.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ms. Mitchell: Giving her updated report to the Board.

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPRECIATION, FEBRUARY 3 – 7 2025.

Dr. Conway: I would like to take a moment to recognize our school counselors. They do an incredible job at the schools supporting our kids. As they not only go through our grades but also preparing them about making decisions about post-secondary education. Three of them now providing our students with supports.

Ms. Olson: We put emphasis on our college and career counseling department. Talking about what a great job they do.

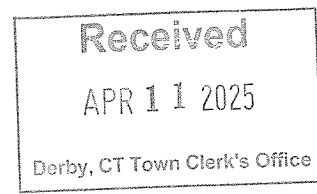
Ms. Caggiano: Talking about Ms. Siegel. Giving a shout out to all school counselors because we're so lucky so have amazing people support us and support us as adults too.

Ms. Quartiano: The school counselors play such a valuable role in our schools in the lives of our learners. So, we really appreciate them each and every day. This is their special week. So, we enjoy celebrating them.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you. We thank all the counselors in all that they do.

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN A UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT STUDY SKILLS SELF-EFFICACY SCALE FOR ADOLESCENTS (SSES-A)

Dr. Conway: Very special guest Dr. DiLuggo.



Motion the Board of Education approve participation of Derby High School Students in the SSPS University of Bridgeport Study. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Karla Malerba.

Jim Gildea	Yes
Karla Malerba	Yes
Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Ken Marcucio	Yes
Dan Foley	Yes
Erica Nuzzo	Yes
Laura Harris	Absent
Melissa Mongillo	Absent
Kim Tovar	Absent

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Malerba: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Discussion phase.

Dr. DiLuggo: Giving her presentation to the Board on the Research Study.

Dr. Morello: Giving her presentation to the Board on the Research Study.

Mr. Gildea: She'll be happy to come back in.

Dr. Conway: In the future if we want one just for Derby.

Mr. Gildea: Motion carries. Thank you very much. Good luck.

Dr. Conway: Just another indicator the DiLuggo's are still very much a part of Derby.

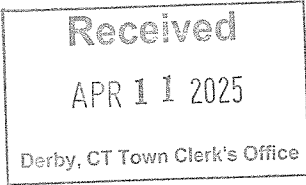
Mr. Gildea: Thank you so much.

INTERACT CLUB PEACE POLE PROJECT DELETED THIS ONE ITEM NUMBER SEVEN.

Mr. Gildea: We deleted item number seven.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.



APPOINTMENT LIST OF NEW HIRES

Motion that the Board of Education to approve the Appointment List of New Hires. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Ken Marcucio and a second by Ms. Karla Malerba.

Jim Gildea	Yes
Karla Malerba	Yes
Rebecca O’Hara	Yes
Ken Marcucio	Yes
Dan Foley	Yes
Erica Nuzzo	Yes
Laura Harris	Absent
Melissa Mongillo	Absent
Kim Tovar	Absent

Mr. Marcucio: Making motion.

Ms. Malerba: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Motion carries.

Ms. McCoart: Irving School Learning Center Paraeducator. Introducing and welcoming Ani Espineli. A new resident of Derby.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM REPORT

Ms. Conway: Updating the Board on, month of January all about Gingerbread men and Gingerbread stories. And at the end of the month we had family come in and build Gingerbreads with their child.

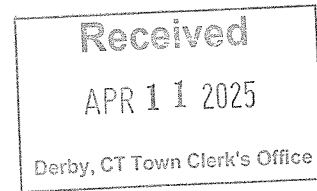
Mr. Gildea: Looking good for next year.

Ms. Conway: Very good.

BRADLEY SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Giardini: Updating the Board on some of the Professional Development that we have been working with. One of them was an ACES Workshop on advancing principal leadership. Created leading at the speed of trust workshop. And finally, like to highlight an SCSU grant that we will be a part of.

Dr. Conway: We talked about our high-leverage goals. One goal is increasing parent engagement.



Mr. Gildea: Thank you.

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Ms. Abakumova: Updating the Board on Academics working on assessments with our Learning Center Staff to plan for IEP.

Ms. McCoart: Updating the Board on Human Capital. I've been working with the Bradley Team on implementing a co-teaching model for some of the students. We were able to put together some training for our paraeducators. That was through a grant that we applied for professional development for our paraeducators. Started preparing for our annual autism walk. And for Culture and Climate, the Best Buddies we put into place for our elementary levels.

IRVING SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Russo: Updating the Board on January busy month. Academics, highlighting our germ busters presentation. We partner with Griffin Hospital. Coming up in March talks about grades, sports and nutrition. Human Capital I want to highlight support team meetings happening on Friday morning that meets with kids outside of the classroom to support them in any need that they have. In Operations, just to highlight something that is making progress at Irving is our professional learning days. Talking about his upcoming meetings with staff. In Culture and Climate, we had our winter concert last Thursday night. Our new music teacher put on a really wonderful program. It really was a wonderful night. PTO is up and going.

DERBY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

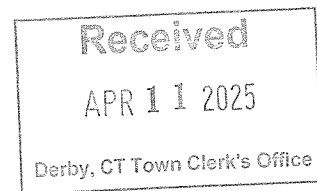
Ms. Olson: Updating the Board on highlighting the experiences and opportunities that we've enjoyed seeing our students in. From our Academic standpoint, you heard about our Mock Trial tonight. Our SAT program has been launched. Derby High School was recently recognized the College Board for the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award. A new course that we started last year. We have 11 active AP classes.

Also talking about our US Presidential Scholars, Brianna Kling and Kevin McGuire. The High School Musical starts on March 7th and 8th, the musical at DHS. Tickets on sale next week. Took our students to Lincoln Tech. We have a career fair coming up May 1st.

Our kids went to LRU this month to read for Martin Luther King Day. They read books about kindness. You heard about Jayzair tonight, All State Football. We also had Joseph performed at the Southern Regional High School Music Festival. Also talked about the Derby Shelton Rotary Interact Club. Our PTO is coming up. We just started our CNA Program with Griffin Hospital.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Ms. Moffat: Updating the Board on Cheerleading returned to competition this year. Senior nights are coming up, wrestling, girls basketball, boys basketball and cheer. Come join us. Indoor track competed at the NBL Championships. We had six champions and two runner-ups. We hosted a Unified Basketball Tournament here on Friday. February we will be holding our wrestling tournament and football banquet at the AM Club.



DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Caggiano: Updating the Board on, the Martin Luther King Contest. Every student in Derby Middle School did submit an essay on Martin Luther King contest. Nice to see the Social Studies collaborate on that. Derby Middle School also held its winter band and chorus concert. Thank you Ms. Olson for letting us use the auditorium. Now talking about members of our National Junior Honor Society, they're doing their projects. Kids are working on what they're calling blessing bags. We have a Middle School dance this Friday. We are having a Middle School local DJ. On Valentine's Day, were doing something a little different called Galentine's Event. Talking a little bit about awards.

FEDERAL FUNDING FREEZE FOLLOW UP

Mr. Gildea: We were uncertain about the status of federal funding. Doc will give us an overview.

Dr. Conway: Sure, what could have. Title 1 funding, 589,964 we get each year. IDDA grant for all of our special education services 433,629 annually. A total of a million dollars in those two grants. The national school lunch program. We've only received verbal reports on this for the school lunch program and that's a million twenty four. I'll continue to send out the update I did.

There are Two Bills in a Ways and Means Proposal which will impact our lunch program at all Districts. CEP rate that would qualify to have school lunch for all your students. Second bill they're looking for an increase level of data for families if they continue to qualify. I'll keep everyone updated.

FY '26 BUDGET

Mr. Gildea: Not big changes since we met. Just informational tonight.

Mr. Trainor: Updating the Board on his finance report. Talking about Special Education students.

Mr. Gildea: Again, I think that's the big key. Finance Committee meeting we'll vote on February 20th.

OUT OF STATE TRIP – DHS TO THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Motion that the Board of Education approve the Out of State Indoor Track and field Championship Trip – DHS to the New England Regional Indoor Track and Field Championship in Boston, Mass. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Erica Nuzzo and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.

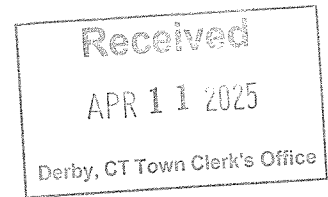
Jim Gildea

Karla Malerba

Rebecca O'Hara

Ken Marcucio

Dan Foley



Erica Nuzzo

Laura Harris **Absent**

Melissa Mongillo **Absent**

Kim Tovar **Absent**

Ms. Nuzzo: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Motion carries.

ADJOURN

Motion that the Derby Board of Education adjourn it's meeting. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Karla Malerba and a second by Ms. Rebecca O'Hara.

Jim Gildea **Yes**

Karla Malerba **Yes**

Rebecca O'Hara **Yes**

Ken Marcucio **Yes**

Dan Foley **Yes**

Erica Nuzzo **Yes**

Laura Harris **Absent**

Melissa Mongillo **Absent**

Kim Tovar **Absent**

Ms. Malerba: Making motion to adjourn. At 8:20.

Ms. O'Hara: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Motion carries.

Marianne Samokar

Recording Secretary