

## **FEBRUARY 19, 2026 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Marcucio: Called to order at 6:30.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Pledge of Allegiance

### **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Tovar: Ken Marcucio; Dan Foley; Kim Tovar; Rebecca O'Hara; Holly Orazietti; Jim Gildea; Karla Malerba; Melissa Mongillo and Erica Nuzzo. All in attendance. We do have a quorum to proceed.

### **Also Present:**

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

### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Marcucio: No additions/deletions to the agenda

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Marcucio: Anybody from the public who would like to speak?

Ms. Silkoff: Parents of a 2021 and 2025 graduate. Ask for policy changes to be made as my daughter was bullied. I begged administrator to do something but never addressed. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Marcucio: Anybody else from the public who would like to speak. Anybody else from the public who would like to speak. Seeing no one else, continue with the meeting.

### **COLLEGE BOARD ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCHOLAR RECOGNITION**

Dr. Conway: Ask Ms. Olson.

Ms. Olson: Derby High School has received recognition and being placed on the advanced placement college board honor roll. Recognition received was on the '24/'25 school year. Our advanced courses sponsored by the college board is the curriculum. It is a national curriculum. Derby High School has increased the number of AP classes from five AP classes to 12 AP classes. We've increased enrollment. We removed barriers. A student who feels they are capable and looking to challenge themselves can apply for an AP class. Each teacher goes to a summer institute to get trained.

College credit, gold recognition for that in number of students who earned a three or higher. College optimization, the highest level of that distinction. Students who have

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taken five or more AP classes during high school. We were really proud of that recognition for the AP Program. I wanted to recognize our students. We're really proud of our AP students with honors. Highest recognition with AP scholar. So, those were the students of distinction. Give a final congratulations to our teachers, our school counselors, especially to our students but also through the Board of Education to help funding through that for their training. Congratulations to our students. Thank you.

Mr. Marcucio: On behalf of the Board, congratulate those students and the administrators. We're very proud of you. Thank you.

### **AII-STATE FOOTBALL – ALAN GATISON**

Ms. Moffat: Introducing Alan Gatison.

### **ALL STATE CROSS COUNTRY – JOEL CAPELLE**

Coach: Introducing Joel Capelle.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Marcucio: Student representative is not here tonight.

### **STAFF RECOGNITION**

### **NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2026**

Ms. Caggiano: Introducing and recognizing staff.

Ms. Olson: Introducing and recognizing staff.

Mr. Marcucio: Congratulations to all.

### **NATIONAL SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER DAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

Dr. Conway: Introducing and recognizing to all school security officers.

Mr. Marcucio: Congratulations to all our officers.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Melissa Mongillo and Sal Giannotti

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion that the Board of Education waive Executive Session this evening.  
Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

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<b>Karla Malerba</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Gildea: We only have one hire. Should we do executive session.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

#### **APPOINTMENT LIST OF NEW HIRES**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve the Appointment of New Hires as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Ms. Melissa Mongillo.**

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Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Ms. Mongillo: Second.

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Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries. Congratulations.

Dr. Cicarrini: Introducing the new paraeducator, Angela Alvord in our Academic Learning Center at Bradley School.

Dr. Conway: Ms. Moffat.

Ms. Moffat: Welcoming and introducing Coach Stone Belzo our new membership of our coaching staff.

## **REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve the request for a leave of absence from April 15<sup>th</sup> of 2026 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Jim Gildea.**

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<b>Karla Malerba</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Gildea: Second.

Dr. Conway: You have the request in the packet. We have a current intern that's been with us since the beginning of the year from Sacred Heart. She was able to fill in during those weeks. The first week of that is vacation but she'll be able to fill in. And before that period of time, she'll be in the classroom working with those same students.

Mr. Marcucio: Anybody have any questions.

Dr. Conway: That's up to this Board.

Mr. Marcucio: Question about insurance.

Dr. Conway: The insurance is up to you guys.

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Ms. Mongillo: For the amount of time, it's not worth it.

Ms. Tovar: I agree.

Dr. Conway: That's only six weeks. Start time is not 100 percent but we put in April 15<sup>th</sup>. Amend thee motion.

**Motion that the Board of Education amend my initial motion and would like to recommend that the Board of Education approve the request for leave of absence from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to also include this individual to keep their insurance at their expense and keep their contribution as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Jim Gildea.**

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Ms. Tovar: Amending initial motion.

Mr. Gildea: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

## **2026 -2027 DERBY HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES**

Ms. Olson: We are here on our annual roll out of new program of studies. We are really excited about the format and showcasing all that Derby High School has to offer our students. A program of studies is a tool that will be used for students to select their classes. We've done a lot of work across all departments to look at our course offerings that our students have elected over the years. There are two links in the Boards packet. One is a 58-page program of studies. But I thought it would be easiest for you to look at

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the executive summary that is a snapshot of some of the changes and highlights that I wanted to bring to your attention.

We've expanded our partnership with Housatonic Community College for our manufacturing program, but also looking at UCONN as a much longer partner. Going over courses offered in the past.

**Motion that the Board of Education approve the 2026/2027 Derby High School Program of Studies. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

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<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Ms. Olson: Further updating the Board on the new program of studies.

Dr. Conway: The Derby Historical Society has a book written by Joseph Dizenzo about the City.

Ms. Olson: Wonderful. Thank you very much. We wanted to get our kids out in the community to get kids excited about the community itself. Connecting kids with community government, local government here and see how the kids themselves would take part. What a great opportunity where we had young people who are serving on boards and commissions.

Dr. Conway: The admins gave me that book for my birthday. So, thank you to the admins.

Ms. Olson: There's not a shortage of resources. We'll be building that out in the coming weeks and months. But we're really excited about helping to build the

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excitement with our students about our ties to the community. The last thing that we heard is that there is a teacher shortage in America. Working to expand our subcourse work to teaching and education. UCONN survey course helping kids as a teaching career and opportunity. And the last one is special education. One year course. Taught by one of our teachers, former administrators who have experience in special education to see our kids see that as a career path as well. Let our students compete across the State. So, lots of great things. Great opportunity for our kids. Very excited about that. Thank you.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

**All administrator's were present and if the members of the Board had any questions on their reports, they were there to respond.**

### **LITTLE RAIDER'S UNIVERSITY**

Mr. Gildea: So, do we have all of our spots or is it still a lottery.

Ms. Conway: It's still a lottery. So, what we do is right now, registration is closed for typical students. It opens up again in March. And then in March, everybody fills out the applications. Anybody who had filled out the application for '25/'26, I still have their registration. So, they're first on the list for next year. And then it starts up again the following year.

Mr. Gildea: If you didn't get in the previous year, you're on the top of the list.

Ms. Conway: Correct.

Mr. Gildea: How many applicants do we have. How many spots?

Ms. Conway: So, it's kind of hard to answer only because a good many of the applicants that had applied for this year, already found something else. So, they found that they went to a full-day daycare or a home daycare or they've moved or whatever. So, what I do is, in June, I call if they're still interested in LRU and then start up from there.

Mr. Gildea: Okay. How many applications?

Ms. Conway: So, right now in my draw is probably 15. But we just had two openings for this year for students that had left. And I called five parents before we got two. So, that's kind of how it works. This year we have 60. We actually have 62 because we have two students that come part time.

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Next year we're opening up an additional classroom so we'll have an opportunity to have between 15 and 18 additional students.

Mr. Gildea: How many additional students?

Ms. Conway: 15 to 18.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you. Are there people or students who checked in or they get priorities or receive an IEP.

Ms. Conway: Yes, if they receive an IEP we have to accommodate their services.

Mr. Gildea: So, those youngsters, they're in.

Ms. Conway: Correct.

Mr. Gildea: Got it. Thank you.

Ms. Conway: If there's not a full-time slot available, then we'll give them like their speech, their behavior, their developmental delays. So, they might get two hours a day or three hours a day as opposed to six hours a day. Correct, they're not guaranteed a full-time spot, yes.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you.

## **DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT**

Mr. Gildea: I was very interested with the Best Buddies.

Ms. Caggiano: That's been going on for a couple of years. They come down and do a bunch of things. So, they'll cook a meal. It depends on what they're cooking that week. So, whether that's brownies or Quesadillas or pizza bagels. But they come down here in the kitchen and they're with their buddies and they cook a snack and they work in the kitchen with their aprons and gloves and figure out how to do that.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you.

## **BRADLEY SCHOOL REPORT**

Mr. Gildea: I was intrigued in the operations. It says lunch recess began. 20-minute recess. If you can, the overview on that and what caused the change.

Dr. Ciccarini: We did change, we originally had a 30-minute recess followed by a 20-minute lunch. The problem that we're running into is that we are having a coverage issue. So, there were several occasions where I had to ask teachers to cover the 30-minute recess, that didn't allow them to have the 30-minute lunch that they're entitled to by law. So, it was brought to my attention the concern. So, what I've done was I moved

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to a 20-minute traditional recess. It's mostly an issue for indoor recess because we don't have enough coverage for all the classrooms. Outdoor is a little easier to manage.

So, what we ended up doing and it actually worked out was we've gone to a 20-minute recess followed by a 30-minute lunch, 30 minutes is a lot for kids. They get restless after about ten or 15, so I went ahead and purchased games next door, UNO, Chess, Checkers. So, kids know the rule, you have to finish eating first. Once they're done eating, they can grab a game from the cart. So now during the last 15-minutes of lunch, you'll see the kids playing Checkers, Chess, UNO and Connect Four, which is actually quite nice. It's good to practice skills, cooperation. So, they're actually getting about 30 to 35 minutes of recess a day, but on paper, it's 20 and 30.

Mr. Gildea: I thought it was a teacher issue. I recognized it.

## **IRVING SCHOOL REPORT**

Mr. Russo: I didn't have any coverage issues. We have more people working there. It's a little different. We have more coverage options.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you.

Mr. Marcucio: Anybody else have anything additional.

Ms. Tovar: Thank you.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Ms. O'Hara: Nothing new to report, meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. next scheduled meeting.

### **NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Ms. Mongillo: We have not met.

### **SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND POLICY**

Mr. Foley: Yes, we've had a meeting. Updating the Board on the community. We condensed all the policies.

### **PLANT AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Ms. Malerba: Moving forward meeting no longer required.

### **ACADEMIC AND CURRICULUM**

Ms. Oraziatti: No meeting.

### **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

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Ms. Tovar: We have not met. We are planning to reschedule our meeting. Everybody was on vacation on the 16<sup>th</sup>. I do plan to reschedule that.

## **STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gildea: We did have a meeting. We talked about uniforms and we made some recommendations. It was a lengthy discussion.

Ms. Tovar: I did purchase one of the fleece zip ups for Gabe. It looks really good. Good job City Stitchers.

Mr. Gildea: There was a discussion on hoodies. We choose not to do that.

Mr. Marcucio: Finance Committee, first Tuesday. And then committee of the whole after that.

We have to straighten out the committees. The Committee of the Whole meeting is not supposed to be.

Dr. Conway: It's been here since I've been here.

Mr. Marcucio: Finance Committee is 6 o'clock.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Conway: You have my report. Updating the Board on his report.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **FACILITIES REPORT**

Mr. Hoffman: Updating the Board on his report. We had quite a few heating issues at Irving. We had to replace a circulator in the classrooms. Big part of the report is our winter snow removal operations. January 1<sup>st</sup> to February the 11<sup>th</sup> we are \$44,547 in labor and materials for snow removal.

We have a total of 73 1/2 hours of double time for maintenance. 289 custodial hours double time. Maintenance is 74 and some change an hour. Custodians are \$54.50. We've had more double time since January in the last two years. The same thing with ice melt. We use more ice melt now than I have in the past three winters. We just got another shipment in. We keep getting hit with Sunday storms and holiday storms.

I'll have it for the next meeting what our budget is for overtime. But I will say we are close to

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**Dr. Rafferty was present for any questions that the Board had, which they had no questions on his report.**

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the January 5, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Board of Education Meeting and the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Ms. Karla Malerba.**

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<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Ms. Malerba: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve the financial report through the period of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Ms. Melissa Mongillo.**

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**Karla Malerba**                        **Yes**

**Erica Nuzzo**                            **Yes**

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Ms. Mongillo: Second.

Mr. Spang: Updating the Board on his report. As you've just heard from Jim the winter really has adversely impacted the budget. And just a little context from what I can see, when you built this budget, you built a tight budget to start with. Even the federal grants, most are spoken for with staff specifically with staff there are very few places to go. For example, you've seen the report, we just had a new grant applied for and approved by the State of Connecticut, the SEED grant. Thank you to the special ed folks and Rachel for helping me put it together. But it was already spoken for the \$177,000 had to put staff in there in September. So, even though we got a new grant, we can't use it to help with things like this.

But I can say also that all the plans you laid out in this budget are being carried out. Again, that doesn't leave too much room. Last month in your report you saw Robbie's estimate of June 30<sup>th</sup> with a little money left \$11,000 and some change. But just with some of the usual kinds of small things that have happened that's been witted away. For example, we didn't have a spare walkie talkie. And one of our walkie talkie's broke. So, we had to go out and replace that and have a couple of spares. So, when it happens again when a student is hospitalized, needed some educational services while they were hospitalized. Just the regular things that go on. Nothing large. But they quickly chewed away that \$11,000.

So, what you see on the report this month, there's no balance being predicted in the usual column at the top. What I've done is I've asterisked the columns estimates because it excludes what you just heard from Jim. I'm sorry that's not very good news but we put this report together early.

Mr. Gildea: Does it also exclude the encumbered money. Like we have a vacancy issue with nine paraeducators.

Mr. Spang: It does. You'll see on the report on the very first line that's one of the few ones that shows the vacancy you're talking about. It's less expected to be spent and budgeted. Thirteen million and some change. So, yes.

Mr. Gildea: Does that include the encumbered money.

Mr. Spang: The answer is yes. So, the real story though is the winter. You heard Jim talk about the problems with overtime and sanding salt. And an estimate of about

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\$40,000. And I think you would agree with me, no one saw this winter coming. We saw the record cold. The snow fall. No one predicted and we'll hear from the other communities the problems they're having. The challenge of it is and I'll have a better number for you next month is to predict what's going to happen with the heating cost and the severe cold we had. What makes it a little challenging to project is last year was not a normal year at all with the turbine system being out in the fall. You know that didn't come on until October of this year. It's working right now and it's doing what it's supposed to do. But when we look at last year, we really spent a lot of money on electricity. So, it's hard to compare.

Just a couple of quick numbers. Last year we spent \$740,000 on electricity. This year, we're budgeting \$450,000. So, that's a drop of 40 percent in the budget. Now with the chillers back up and on, we're doing better month to month. In December we were down ten percent but that's not 40 percent. And even our January cost was lower than December. It shows that it's kicked in but we still have a long way to go. So, I think the first projection I could make is this, if for the remaining five months, we spend what we did last year during those five months, would be about \$20,000 over budget. But we have to look a lot closer at that February, up to the middle of February, we haven't seen those electric bills yet. They'll be coming in. And there's just a lot of variables going into the formula to try and project it. It's tops on our list with things to look at, things that could be of financial concern and we're trying to get clarity.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

## **APPROVAL OF POLICIES**

### **BYLAW 9132 – STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Motion that the Board of Education make a recommendation to review the Bylaws 9132 – Standing Committees as a first read as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy Committee. This policy is going back to the School and Community Relations and Policy Committee. It was not voted on.**

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: We have to approve the first read.

Mr. Gildea: Yeah. We just got to get Erica's vote.

Ms. Tovar: Erica, are you for or against 19a.

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Ms. Nuzzo: I'm voting no. Sorry.

Mr. Marcucio: Why are you voting no on the first read?

Ms. Nuzzo: Because I like the Committees that we have currently.

Mr. Marcucio: But they're illegal to begin with.

Ms. Nuzzo: They're illegal.

Mr. Marcucio: They're illegal because we have too many.

Mr. Gildea: With all due respect, Mr. Chairman, the motion fails.

Mr. Marcucio: It would go back to policy.

Dr. Conway: It would go back to policy.

Mr. Gildea: You appointed these committees a month ago.

Mr. Marcucio: All right. No more committees.

Mr. Gildea: You can't do that either. The bylaws. Appointed six committees that's the policy. You appointed the committees a month ago.

Mr. Foley: Go back to the policy committee.

Ms. Tovar: We need to be following our by-laws until the policy has changed.

Mr. Marcucio: That's the problems.

Ms. Tovar: We can't just disband those committees because we still have to meet on the six.

Mr. Marcucio: No more discussion. We'll just send it back to the policy committee.

Ms. Tovar: If that makes sense.

Mr. Gildea: I don't think that it's good practice to have five Board of Education members on a subcommittee.

## **POLICY 5114 SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION DUE PROCESS**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve policy 5114 Suspension and Expulsion Due Process as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy Committee. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

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**Dan Foley                              Yes**

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<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Gildea: The only substantive changes is really only the suspension of a student.

Dr. Conway: Not necessarily. If it's going to be a manifestation at the hearing.

Ms. Tovar: Doesn't that take place already?

Dr. Conway: Yeah, it happens in the school.

Mr. Gildea: No other questions. Thank you.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

## **POLICY 5118.2 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITES FOR MILITARY CHILDREN**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve Policy 5118.2 Educational Opportunities for Military Children as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy Committee. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Ms. Melissa Mongillo.**

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<b>Kim Tovar</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Rebecca O'Hara</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Holly Orazietti</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jim Gildea</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melissa Mongillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Karla Malerba</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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**Erica Nuzzo**                      **Yes**

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Ms. Mongillo: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

**POLICY 6159 – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEPS)**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve Policy 6159 – Individualized Education Program (IEPS) as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy Committee. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

**Ken Marcucio**                      **Yes**

**Dan Foley**                              **Yes**

**Kim Tovar**                              **Yes**

**Rebecca O’Hara**                      **Yes**

**Holly Orazietti**                      **Yes**

**Jim Gildea**                              **Yes**

**Melissa Mongillo**                      **Yes**

**Karla Malerba**                      **Yes**

**Erica Nuzzo**                              **Yes**

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

**POLICY 1312.3/6161.12 – LIBRARY MATERIALS REVIEW AND RECONSIDERATION**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve Policy 1312.3/6161.12 – Library Materials Review and Reconsideration as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy Committee. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

**Ken Marcucio**                      **Yes**

**Dan Foley**                              **Yes**



**Kim Tovar**                      **Yes**  
**Rebecca O’Hara**                **Yes**  
**Holly Orazietti**                **Yes**  
**Jim Gildea**                      **Yes**  
**Melissa Mongillo**              **Yes**  
**Karla Malerba**                 **Yes**  
**Erica Nuzzo**                    **Yes**

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

**POLICY 1312.4/6161.13 – LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

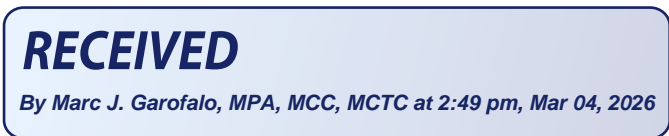
**Motion that the Board of Education approve Policy 1312.4/6161.13 – Library Collection Development and Maintenance as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy Committee. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

**Ken Marcucio**                    **Yes**  
**Dan Foley**                        **Yes**  
**Kim Tovar**                        **Yes**  
**Rebecca O’Hara**                **Yes**  
**Holly Orazietti**                **Yes**  
**Jim Gildea**                      **Yes**  
**Melissa Mongillo**              **Yes**  
**Karla Malerba**                 **Yes**  
**Erica Nuzzo**                    **Yes**

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.



**POLICY 1312.5/6161.14 – LIBRARY DISPLAY AND PROGRAM**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve Policy 1312.5/6161.14 – Library Display and Program as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy Committee. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

<b>Ken Marcucio</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Dan Foley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Kim Tovar</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Rebecca O’Hara</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Holly Orazietti</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jim Gildea</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melissa Mongillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Karla Malerba</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

**POLICY 6171 – SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve Policy 6171 – Special Education as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy Committee. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

<b>Ken Marcucio</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Dan Foley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Kim Tovar</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Rebecca O’Hara</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Holly Orazietti</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jim Gildea</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melissa Mongillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Karla Malerba</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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**Erica Nuzzo**                      **Yes**

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

**POLICY 3171.1 – NON – LAPSING EDUCATION FUND**

**Motion that the Board of Education approve Policy 3171.1 – Non-Lapsing Education Fund as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy Committee. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

**Ken Marcucio**                      **Yes**

**Dan Foley**                              **Yes**

**Kim Tovar**                              **Yes**

**Rebecca O’Hara**                      **Yes**

**Holly Orazietti**                      **Yes**

**Jim Gildea**                              **Yes**

**Melissa Mongillo**                      **Yes**

**Karla Malerba**                      **Yes**

**Erica Nuzzo**                              **Yes**

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Gildea: We don’t ask them for permission for the money.

Dr. Conway: That is correct.

Mr. Gildea: Because the statute no longer requires you to do that.

Dr. Conway: The statute no longer requires you to do that. Yes. So, what we could is bring this back to Policy and come back for approval. I’ll reach out to CABA as well.

Mr. Marcucio: Withdraw the motion.

Dr. Conway: if we can make that motion.

**Motion that the Board of Education withdraw Policy 3171.1 – Non-Lapsing Education Fund as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy**



**Committee. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

<b>Ken Marcucio</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Dan Foley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Kim Tovar</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Rebecca O'Hara</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Holly Orazietti</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jim Gildea</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melissa Mongillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Karla Malerba</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**ADJOURN**

**Motion that the Board of Education adjourn its meeting. Passed with a motion made by Ms. Kim Tovar and a second by Mr. Dan Foley.**

<b>Ken Marcucio</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Dan Foley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Kim Tovar</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Rebecca O'Hara</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Holly Orazietti</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jim Gildea</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melissa Mongillo</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Karla Malerba</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Erica Nuzzo</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Ms. Tovar: Making motion.

Mr. Foley: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Adjourned at 8:38.

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Marianne Samokar, Recording Secretary