

DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, February 25, 2015 – 7:00 PM
Administrative Center, 63 Beaver Brook Road

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson, Eileen Alberts, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Eileen Alberts, Gladys Cooper, Michael Ferguson, Annrose Fluskey-Lattin, Richard Hawley, David Metrena, Kathleen Molinaro, Ralph Pietrafesa, Robert Taborsak, Phyllis Tranzillo

Absent: Richard Jannelli

Also present: Dr. Sal Pascarella, Dr. William Glass, Joseph Martino, Kim Thompson,

RECOGNITIONS

Chairperson Alberts introduced Mayor Boughton who presented Danbury Education Foundation Classroom Excellence Grants. Each recipient spoke briefly about their grant.

The Recipients were:

In the \$1,500 Category:

1. Backyard Biodiversity Program
Rogers Park Middle School
Bernardo de Castro, Danie Heitor and Barbara Myers-Letson

Project: The purpose is to understand how ecology works, and the students plant and harvest in a garden.

2. Strengthening our Students Math Base
King Street Campus
Carole D'Alessandro

Project: The purpose is for SRBU students to focus on mathematics. The grant will allow 30 students to participate, and allow the purchase of two iPad minis.

3. From Egg to Chick
Shelter Rock School
Elizabeth DiResto

Project: The grant will allow the purchase of 4 incubators and eggs for 106 kindergarten students to participate.

4. WI-Q Clu: The Inquiry Documentary 2015
Westside Middle School Academy
Jen Powers

Project: Students working with the Dorothy Day House to create inquiry based projects to bring back into the community.

5. Building Community Through Writing
Stadley Rough & Hayestown Avenue schools
Jamie Pandolfi & Meghan Viola

Project: The goal is to help students build an understanding and connection with the Danbury community in which they live.

In the \$5,000 Category:

Accessible Theater
Park Avenue School
Dave Krafick & Roseanne Koveleski

Project: To allow students to attend the theatre, which is a long standing tradition at the school.

Supplemental Grant:
DHS Hockey Booster & Blueliner Clubs
Danbury High School
Joan Stoeckle

Project: To support the DHS Hockey team.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION - K. Molinaro moved, seconded R. Pietrafesa, that the Board of Education approves the items on the Consent Calendar, Exhibits 15-35 through 15-38:

A. MINUTES

2/11/15 Sites & Facilities and 2020 Task Force
2/11/15 Policy Committee
2/11/15 Board Meeting

B. PERSONNEL REPORT

Accept Leave of Absence:	Farah Lopez-Borges
Accept Resignations:	Andrea Bang, Joseph Varga
Accept Retirements:	Cathleen Sullivan, 41 years Linda Triebe, 29 years

New Hires February 6-19, 2015:

Name	Location	Non-Certified Subject
Meghan McGuinness	BVMS	Tutor
Richell Soto	Ellsworth	CRC Enrichment Assoc.
Shivani Soni	Park	CRC Enrichment Assoc.
Pinky Goyal	South St.	.5 Biling. Para
Mei Carla Springael	DHS	Clinical Ass't - CAN Program
Susanne Boughton		SUB Para
Eileen Dickson		SUB Nurse
Nancy Hattar		SUB Teacher
Daniel Breschard		SUB Teacher

Motion carried at 7:03 pm

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE - NONE

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

DHS representative Grace Gillotti stated the Wiz is being presented March 26, 27, and 28th and all are invited. Private school registration will be held on March 4th. DHS will be hosting an Early College presentation for incoming freshman on March 16th. March 30th is the Freshman Forum, and it will be held in the auditorium. The DHS chess team won the championship. The boys basketball team qualified for the FCIAC Tournament, and the first game is this Saturday vs. Westhill.

PRESENTATION

K. Thompson presented the Danbury Public Schools organizational charts. She explained the charts were created collaboratively with DSAA and NEA Danbury. She presented each aspect of the organizational chart, focusing on the hierarchy of positions that fall beneath the Curriculum Coordinators. Those positions include Department Heads, Content Leads, and Coaches.

P. Tranzillo asked for clarification of the Department Head position. Ms. Thompson explained those positions were .4 teaching and .6 release, with a newly negotiated stipend. The stipend is primarily for the responsibility of observations and evaluations.

R. Pietrafesa asked for a copy of the power point to be provided.

R. Taborsak asked if there are coaches that work in multiple schools, and if so how does the evaluation work and do they know who their evaluator is. Ms. Thompson explained in situation such as that the Administrators work together to fairly distribute the workload, and that the coaches know who will be evaluating them.

R. Hawley asked for feedback about the organizational chart from the Administrators in the audience. They reported that the chart is difficult to use; however, they are in constant communication with one another, and they divide the evaluations fairly and make it work.

E. Alberts thanked Ms. Thompson for her presentation.

ACTION ITEMS

A. January 2015 Operating Results Analysis (General Fund)

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by R. Hawley that the Board of Education accept the January 2015 Operating Results Analysis (General Fund)

Motion carried at 7:45 pm

B. January 2015 Operating Results Analysis (Grants/Projects)

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by D. Metrena that the Board of Education accept the January 2015 Operating Results Analysis (Grants/Projects)

R. Hawley asked if new grants are being sought, and how the Grant Writer is doing. J. Martino explained that most grants are in the procurement stage.

Motion carried at 7:47 pm

C. Hayestown Avenue School Roof Replacement

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by R. Taborsak that the Danbury Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept the Educational Specifications and complete Grant Application ED049 for State approval for the roof replacement at Hayestown Avenue School

Motion carried at 7:48 pm

D. King Street Primary School Roof Replacement

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by M. Ferguson that the Danbury Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept the Educational Specifications and complete Grant Application ED049 for State approval for the roof replacement at King Street Primary School

Motion carried at 7:49 pm

E. King Street Intermediate Roof Replacement

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by G. Cooper that the Danbury Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept the Educational Specifications and complete Grant Application ED049 for State approval for the roof replacement at King Street Intermediate School.

Motion carried at 7:49 pm

F. South Street School Roof Replacement

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by P. Tranzillo that the Danbury Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept the Educational Specifications and complete Grant Application ED049 for State approval for the roof replacement at South Street School.

Motion carried at 7:49 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: G. Cooper moved, seconded by R. Taborsak, that the Board of Education Convene if Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters regarding safety and personnel. The motion passed at 7:50 p.m.

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Absent: Richard Jannelli

Also present: Dr. Sal Pascarella, Dr. William Glass, Joseph Martino, Kim Thompson, Deb Petersen, Mayor Mark Boughton

PUBLIC SESSION

R. Pietrafesa moved, seconded by R. Taborsak, that the Board of Education return to Public Session. The motion passed at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Metrena moved, seconded by K. Molinaro, that the Board of Education adjourn the February 25, 2015 Board of Education Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Michael Ferguson, Secretary

(meeting was videotaped)