PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Chairperson, P. Johnston, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Present: Rachel Chaleski, Gladys Cooper, Patrick Johnston, Frederick Karrat, Amy Spallino, Joseph Britton, David Metrena, Ralph Pietrafesa
Absent: Kate Conetta, Emanuela Palmares, Richard Jannelli
Also Present: Dr. Pascarella, Joe Martino, Kelly Truchsess, Kim Thompson, Kevin Walston, Kara Casimiro

RECOGNITIONS

CABE Student Leadership Awards
Broadview Middle School: Maria Stratton & Sahil Patel
Rogers Park Middle School: Caitlin Lee & Ishan Patel
Westside Middle School Academy: Choie Gutmann & Jeffrey Peterson
Danbury High School: Alisha Nagarsheth & Lucas Amaral
Alternative Center: Isabella Bernal & Justin Escobedo

The CABE Student Leadership Awards Program recognizes two students from each school who exhibit leadership skills based on the criteria under “Encourage Them!”. Each Principal spoke about their students and why they were chosen for the award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
• Dr. Kristy Zaleta - Painting the Park. Dr. Zaleta thanked the Board members who helped out. There were 175 volunteers made up of teachers, former teachers, administrators, parents, Civil Air Patrol, Board members, and ½ of the RPMS staff came out to paint the park. Thanked Praxair that gave the initial monetary amount to buy supplies. Sherwin Williams who provided the top-notch paint. Over 120 gallons of paint was used. 100 gallons on the walls, 20 gallons for the trim. Not completely done yet. 700 hours of work completed in six hours. Started at 7 am. By 10 am there was a coat of paint on all the walls. Number of parents that came out in full force to help was touching. Generosity of businesses in the town was incredible. Lorenzo’s, Nicos, Soho Pizza, Bagelman, Texas Roadhouse, Mothership Bakery, JK’s and Chick-Fil-A donated food. ShopRite and PriceRite donated gift cards, water and breakfast. Custodians and cafeteria staff donated water. Even staff who couldn’t attend donated money to help. Dr. Zaleta invited Board to come see how great the school looks now.

• Melinda Scott - Ms. Scott spoke of the things that have made her sad this year. She began with stating that the country has been left broken hearted yet again with the two latest shootings. One with a very close connection to one of our Danbury families. Students have asked her “what do we do WHEN it happens”. Not if, when. It breaks her heart and she doesn’t have an answer for them. Also didn’t have the right answers for their SBAC and Star testing questions. Kids are asking “my video stopped playing, what do I do?” and “my screen went blank, what do I do?” She spends three weeks on the test prep unit in strategies for the test but then when the test doesn’t work, it worries the students and they get upset. It worries her too because they are looking at her test scores. Her former students (college aged) want to go back to Staldey Rough to visit and it saddens her that there are protocols in place that don’t allow that to happen anymore. She understands why but it makes her sad. Lastly, the Board and Dr. Pascarella put together a team to work very hard on the budget and yet again, it didn’t get passed by the City Council. Things in the classroom are really hard right now and she is worried that they are only going to get worse.

CONSENT CALENDAR
MOTION - R. Chaleski moved, seconded by D. Metrena that the Board of Education approves the items on the Consent Calendar, Exhibits 19-64 through 19-70, as recommended:
MINUTES
4/22/19 Community Relations Committee
4/24/19 Board Workshop
4/24/19 Policy Committee
4/24/19 Board Meeting
4/30/19 Superintendent Evaluation Committee
5/1/19 AdHoc Subcommittee Meeting
5/1/19 Policy Committee Meeting

Motion passed at 7:39 pm

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE – Spotlight Your School
Ellsworth Avenue School
• Principal Marnie Durkin introduced her staff in attendance.
• Exciting time with Teacher Appreciation Week.
• National Walk to School event with 173 students in attendance and 25 adults.
• Students wore sunglasses at school because their future’s so bright.
• Students wore hats to school for “hats off to teachers”.
• Students got to dress up as what they want to be when they grow up.
• Students also sent notes to their teachers/staff with really touching words.
• Artwork was displayed by the Ellsworth students.
• Ms. Durkin had the Board members participate in a game called Kahoot. This game highlighted fun facts about the school.
• The school mascot is a soaring eagle. This is also the symbol use to refer when speaking about students who go above and beyond. Each month they celebrate their soaring eagles.
• Students practice reading fluency with their book buddies which are academic role models. Older students help younger students navigate social and academic situations.
• Ellsworth was built in 2009. It replaced Roberts Avenue School.
• Ms. Durkin invited the Board to stop by and see one of their concerts. The school received VH1 Save the Music grant which provides over 40 students with a musical instrument for free.
• There are 502 students enrolled. Four classes of each grade level from K-5.
• 501 laptops for students purchased with Title I money. Received this funding based on free and reduced lunch recipients, 90% of students. Ellsworth has the largest percent of ELL students in the district.
• School of Distinction two times.
• 47 staff members. The greatest asset is the staff in the building who make it a priority to impact students in a positive way.
• Many classroom volunteers from WCSU and ARC (Association of Religious Communities).
• Ms. Durkin’s daughter is currently a student at Delaware State University which has a large African American enrollment. Dr. Pascarella gave Ms. Durkin the opportunity to go to the university and do recruiting for the school district. She has had meetings and interviews with students at the university and is building a relationship to recruit future teachers to Danbury Public Schools. There has been a great amount of interest.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Strategic Direction (Vision, Mission, Portrait of a Graduate) 2019-2024

MOTION: R. Chaleski moved, seconded by J. Britton that the Board of Education approve the Strategic Direction (Vision, Mission, Portrait of a Graduate) 2019-2024

R. Chaleski stated that she is so proud and excited of this work. She has been engaged with the process and knows the time and effort that went into it. K. Walston going out in the community with the whole team was very impressive. She wanted to point out that there are five Guiding Principles and six Themes and to consider that. R. Chaleski asked for clarification for labeling the Board of Education piece in the Coherence chart. K. Walston stated that the District Goals are not to be confused with the Board of Education Goals. The goals of the
Board of Education would be what's wrapped around the other goals. All-encompassing for everything and how we focus our energies.

Motion passed at 7:59 pm

B. New Policies

MOTION: R. Chaleski moved, seconded by R. Pietrafesa that the Board of Education accept for 1st reading the following policies:

P0521: Mission, Goals, Objectives: Nondiscrimination
P4118.11/4218.11 Personnel, Certified/Non-Certified: Nondiscrimination
P4212.42: Personnel, Non-Certified: Drug & Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
P4112.52/4212.52: Personnel, Certified/Non-Certified: Security Check/ Fingerprinting

Motion passed at 8:00 pm

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

City Council Budget Meeting, May 7th
- Dr. Pascarella stated that the budget was reduced to the Mayor's recommended budget. $2.2 million was the allocation and $500,000 for the development which equals $2.7 million. Several members on the City Council requested an amendment to the budget to acquire $1 million more. It was spoken about for a while but it was against fund balances, which is a reserve to meet the unfulfilled needs of Danbury. In the end, it was voted down. The district is also working with Mayor Boughton as they are concerned about excess cost in special area. $100,000 came out of our budget for the sprinkler break at DHS. Discussion of reductions are to be held at next week's Finance Committee meeting.
- F. Karrat asked why the deductible for the sprinkler issue at DHS fall on the City's responsibility? J. Martino stated that it's the way the relationship has been set up over time. The district holds the insurance liability and policies. If it was an uncovered issue that would go to the City. Most cities are set up like this. It's not legislated, it's just the way it has been set up. J. Martino stated that the deductible will go up to $250,000 per claim next year.
- J. Martino stated that we have not made a claim on this policy in seven years. We typically don't access the policy. Our rates are low because we are in a municipal pool.
- J. Martino is looking into purchasing a secondary insurance.
- P. Johnston spoke about rolling over accumulated funds. J. Martino stated that we aren't allowed to carry funds over year to year.
- J. Martino has made a request to the City to see if they can help with the deductible. It wouldn't be a huge issue if this was the only problem, but we are having many more budget issues this year.

Legislation & Funding Update
Dr. Pascarella and team will be going to Hartford and try to get money for the district. $5.4 if you take the Matrix money and appropriations money. June 7th is the approval date in Hartford unless they go into an extended session. Dr. Pascarella encouraged the Board to work with him on where funds need to be cut.

Enrollment Update
- 207 new students have enrolled since October 2018. Some of those students are receiving services that were not anticipated, thus not included in the previous budget.
- J. Martino reviewed enrollment handout and highlighted concerns.
- Ellsworth was built for 370 students, but they have 502 students.
- Ellsworth, Great Plain, Hayestown, Mill Ridge Primary, Park Avenue elementary schools had largest enrollment growth.
• Rogers Park is at 1002 students.
• High school numbers decreased since October 2018.
• 899 kindergarteners enrolled as of October 2018, now at 939 kindergartners.
• 698 12th graders compared to 729 from last school year.
• 10/1/17 enrollment numbers compared to 10/1/18:
  o 140 elementary
  o 30 middle school
  o -11 high school
  o 159 total
• Concerned with the amount of families moving into Danbury. We don’t have enough room.

Danbury Day in Hartford, May 9th, 11:00-1:00
Postcards were given to Board members on three key items to discuss with Legislatures in Hartford:
• Support the Governor’s H.B.07150 which will provide Danbury with $2.4 million in the Alliance/ECS Grant.
• Support reclassifying the Danbury Public Schools as a Distressed District in order to reduce the teacher pension cost to the municipality. The fact that we are an Alliance District and receiving funds should qualify us.
• Support the Excess Cost Rate for Special Education at 2.5x rather than 4.5x the District average. on the three notes mentioned at last Board meeting. asked for 7.7 million, got 2.2 million. cards also went to PTO members and sent to schools.

Mental Health Meeting, May 30th
• K. Truchess stated that she has been working with representatives from the City as well as Danbury Hospital. They are excited to partner with the district.
• Danbury Hospital has agreed to contact the district beyond school hours (if crisis happens at night or weekend).
• Hospital will also provide more detail upon discharge so district can better assist student.
• May 30th meeting will be at Danbury Hospital to go over Community Care Model.
• Goal of the team is to have representatives from the community, Danbury Hospital and local agencies that work with youth at risk to come up with a Care Model Team on how we can prevent youth from needing crisis intervention.
• Will be a monthly or bimonthly meeting to brainstorm.
• Currently use this model in working with homeless population in Danbury with great success.
• This has not been replicated with youth and will train DPS staff on how to get this off the ground.
• The doctor in charge is a nationally known researcher and mental health expert.

Teacher of the Year Reception, May 2nd. Ellen Meyer, State Semi-Finalist
Ellen Meyer recognized in the fall but had a special recognition night on May 2, 2019 in Uncasville.

INFORMATION
Celebration of Danbury Arts (CoDA) Festival, May 11th, 11:00-4:00, at DHS

BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
Memorial Day Parade, May 27th

BOARD REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS
• A. Spallino stated that she went to the Laramie Project at the Black Box Theater on Friday night. Could see the student’s faces and expressions because they were so close. Really well done and it was a wonderful experience.
• F. Karrat stated that two policy meetings were held. He thanked the committee members for their hard work in reviewing the policies and giving feedback. As a result of the hard work, adopted policies presented tonight for first reading. More policies will be on the next agenda. F. Karrat asked to set up another date to meet. A Policy Committee meeting was decided for May 15th at 5:30 pm.
• F. Karrat thanked all who attended the City Budget meeting in support of the Board. Also thanked teachers, students and parents who spoke on behalf of the district and the budget.
• R. Chaleski asked how current the enrollment numbers are. J. Martino stated numbers were pulled on May 1, 2019.
• R. Chaleski asked why Westside Middle School numbers are at 631 and not at 650 where they should be. J. Martino stated that when students leave in the middle of the year, they do not fill those seats. Next school year there will be 700 students.
• R. Chaleski asked why there are 11 less students at DHS since October. J. Martino stated that includes ACE as well. Possible early graduates or students who go into Adult Ed.
• R. Chaleski asked if there was an update for the Abbey Woods bus stop? J. Martino stated that the bus company has looked into it as well at BBAC. Driving in there will impact five bus stops at least. BBAC has exhausted what they can do. J. Martino has personally made four trips up there to see what can be done. The walk is not far but it is a steep hill. R. Chaleski stated the concern from parents is that cars bottleneck at the entrance as well as some grandparents walking children down the hill creates an issue when it's not nice weather. J. Martino stated it was .3 of a mile going the whole loop and that is within walking guidelines.
• Dr. Pascarella stated that the Board will have to keep in mind with larger class sizes when we can't add buses. People may have to walk further when trying to figure out what lines can be reduced.
• A. Spallino thanked those who attended the AdHoc meeting on May 1st. Professional development for the Board was discussed at the meeting. July/September timeline on Board self-assessment. Will have the self-evaluation sent out some time in June. Board retreat will be on September 7th. A. Spallino reminded the Board that there will be a few new Board members next year. Next AdHoc meeting is set for June 5th at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.
• G. Cooper thanked members who participated in the Superintendent Evaluation Committee meeting. Next meeting will be on May 28th at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

G. Cooper moved, seconded by F. Karrat that the Board of Education adjourns its Meeting of May 8, 2019 and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Gladys Cooper, Secretary

(Meeting was videotaped)
DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2019

Present: Rachel Chaleski, Frederick Karrat, Emanuela Palmares, Amy Spallino

Absent: David Metrena

Also Present: Gladys Cooper, Richard Janelli, Patrick Johnston, Dr. Sal Pascarella, 
Kevin Walston, Joe Martino, Kelly Truchsess, Dr. Kara Casimiro

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. and turned it over to the Cabinet Members to update the board on the below required policies to be implemented. The committee reviewed and discussed the following policies as recommended:

Policies returning for review:
2. P6172.4(a): Instruction: Parent & Family Engagement Policy for Title 1 Students

New Policy:
3. Equity Policy

R. Chaleski moved, seconded by E. Palmares, to present Policies # 1 and # 2 to the full board at the next regular board meeting. A second version of Policy # 3: Equity Policy acquired from CABE was distributed to members and will be reviewed at the next Policy Committee meeting to be determined at the following regular board meeting.

R. Chaleski moved, seconded by E. Palmares, to adjourn the May 15 Policy Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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Rachel Chaleski
Present: G. Cooper, R. Jannelli, F. Karrat, R. Pietrafesa
Absent: D. Metrena
Also Present: J. Britton, R. Chaleski, P. Johnston, E. Palmares, A. Spallino,
S. Pascarella, K. Walston, J. Martino, K. Thompson, K. Truchsess, K. Casimiro

Mr. Jannelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and turned the discussion over to Dr. Sal and Joe Martino. They reviewed the current budget and possible suggestions for reductions (see attached). Also, they presented the different versions of both the Governor’s proposed budget and the Appropriations Committee budget.

The final State budget approval will not be until June 5th.

Ms. Cooper moved, seconded Mr. Karrat, to adjourn the May 15th Finance Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Gladys Cooper, Secretary
Present: Joseph Britton, Rachel Chaleski, Gladys Cooper, Fred Karrat, Ralph Pietrefesa
Also Present: Richard Jannelli, Patrick Johnston, Emanuela Palmares, Amy Spallino,
Dr. Sal Pascarella, Kevin Walston, Joe Martino, Kelly Truchsress,
Dr. Kara Casimiro, Glenn Yeakel

The Chair of the Sites & Facilities Committee, R. Pietrefesa, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and turned it over to G. Yeakel (Friar and Associates) who updated the board on a Capacity Study at King Street Primary, Mill Ridge Primary, Great Plain and the Family and Community Engagement Center on Osborne Street.

Site plans with existing and proposed new area square footage, as well as renovation and new addition costs, were distributed. Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the committee was to request that Friar and Associates evaluate and advise on the option to renovate King Street Primary as a middle school.

The meeting was turned to J. Martino to update the board on school security. Discussion followed on the security budget item reduction, implementation of various security measures, and safety advocate positions. The committee requested a cost proposal on ways to increase the number of safety advocate positions, as well as to obtain security officer certification for all safety advocates.

G. Cooper moved, seconded by F. Karrat, to adjourn the May 15 Sites and Facilities Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Rachel Chaleski
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Chairperson, P. Johnston, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Present: Rachel Chaleski, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper (7:56 pm), Patrick Johnston, Emanuela Palmares, Amy Spallino, Richard Jannelli, Joseph Britton, Ralph Pietrafesa
Absent: Frederick Karrat, David Metrena
Also Present: Dr. Pascarella, Joe Martino, Kelly Truchsess, Kim Thompson, Kevin Walston, Kara Casimiro

RECOGNITIONS
WCSA Student Leadership Awards
- Broadview Middle School: Jessica DePalma & Sean Donovan
- Rogers Park Middle School: Elvia Fajardo & Higor DaSilva
- Westside Middle School Academy: Sydney Vicente & Sharva Karthikeyan
- Danbury High School: Alisha Nagarsheth & Lucas Arraral
- Alternative Center: Xinia Cruz & Justin Escobedo

Dr. Pascarella stated that WCSA students were recognized at a celebration. Student’s received this award for their leadership, positive influence in their schools and for making a difference. Each Principal spoke about their students and why they were chosen for the award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Vianny Espinal - Spoke about school uniforms. As a mom of three kids, a uniform would be beneficial. Every year there are free tax days in Connecticut. Even with those days, she spends over $200 on clothing. Buying clothes for her children is very expensive. She had to quit her job due to a family illness and her family only has her husband’s income to rely on. Mrs. Espinal has to buy clothes twice a year (spring/summer, winter/fall) for her school aged children. If there was a uniform, they only have to have purchase two sets. There would be no issues with matching clothes, deciding what outfit to wear or having “cool” clothes.

CONSENT CALENDAR
MOTION - R. Chaleski moved, seconded by R. Pietrafesa that the Board of Education approves the items on the Consent Calendar, Exhibits 19-76 through 19-80.

MINUTES
5/8/19 Policy Committee Meeting
5/8/19 Board Meeting
5/15/19 Policy Committee Meeting
5/15/19 Finance Committee
5/15/19 Sites & Facilities Committee

K. Conetta requested an amendment to the 5/15/19 Finance Committee minutes. She was not in attendance as reflected in the minutes.
Motion passed at 7:20 pm
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
DHS Executive Board of Governors: Gabrielle D'Ostilio

- Junior prom took on the theme of “Starry Night” on April 26th at the Portuguese Cultural Center. Senior prom is this Friday, May 24th at the Amber Room, and will take on the unique theme of “Ice Ball.”
- Graduation is set for Wednesday, June 19th at 5pm. The last day for Seniors is June 11th, and the Senior trip to Six Flags, New Jersey takes place on June 12th. The rest of the school year will be utilized for graduation rehearsals.
- Yearbooks were distributed. Students of all grade levels received their books during Flex period.
- International Night took place at DHS on Friday, May 17th. There were songs performed in other languages, traditional dances from people of many ethnic backgrounds, and much more.
- The Celebration of Danbury Arts, or CoDA, took place on May 11th with performances, artwork, food, and fun for people of all ages.
- The National Honor Society Spring Induction Ceremony for new members will take place on May 23rd at 7pm. The Juniors being inducted were selected for their outstanding achievement in academics and community service.
- 50 new members were inducted into Mu Alpha Theta, the Danbury High School Math Honor Society, on May 21st. The ceremony took place in the new Black Box Theater.
- The Little Hatters preschool “Class of 2032” had their graduation on May 22nd.
- The Danbury Girls Track & Field Team were named the 2019 FCIAC champions.
- Grace Lange and Micah Chen were honored as scholar athletes in Southington on May 5th. Grace will attend Boston University, while Micah will attend Cornell.
- The boy’s lacrosse team finished their season with a 10-6 win over Bethel.
- Danbury’s Derrick Rivers received a Ruden Report “Player of the Week” reward on May 9th.
- The boys’ volleyball team will compete in the FCIAC semifinals on May 22nd, 7 pm at Staples.

ACTION ITEMS

A. April 2019 – Operating Results Analysis (General Fund/Grants/Projects)

MOTION: R. Chaleski moved, seconded by J. Britton that the Board of Education accept the April 2019 Operating Results Analysis (General Fund/Grant/Projects).

J. Martino stated that he has been in contact with the City regarding the DPS budget issues this year. He feels they will be ok, but it has been more challenging than he would like.

Motion passed at 7:22 pm

B. New Policies

MOTION: R. Chaleski moved, seconded by R. Pietrafesa that the Board of Education accept for 2nd reading and adoption the following policies, as contained in the agenda

0521: Mission, Goals, Objectives: Nondiscrimination
4118.11/4218.11 Personnel, Certified/Non-Certified: Nondiscrimination
4212.42: Personnel, Non-Certified: Drug & Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
4112.52/4212.52: Personnel, Certified/Non-Certified: Security Check/Fingerprinting
3542.22: Business/Non-Instructional Operations: Food Service
Personnel-Code of Conduct

R. Jannelli abstained.

Motion passed at 7:24 pm
MOTION: R. Chaleski moved, seconded by A. Spallino that the Board of Education accept for 1st reading the following policies, as contained in the agenda:

3542.43 Business/Non-instructional Operations: Food Service Charging Policy
6172: Instruction: Alternative Education Programs
6171: Instruction: Special Education
6164.11: Instruction: Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol
6172.4: Instruction: Parent & Family Engagement Policy for Title 1 Students
6161.3: Instruction: Comparability of Services
6164.12: Instruction: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
5145.14: Students: On-Campus Recruitment
5125.11: Students: Health/Medical Records
5145.511: Students: Exploitation; Sexual Harassment

R. Jannelli abstained.
Motion passed at 7:24 pm

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Danbury Day, May 9th
Dr. Pascarella felt the event was a great gathering and successful. They recognized Schools of Distinction, spoke about laws, DECO and Mayor Boughton spoke.

CoDA Festival, May 11th
• Dr. Pascarella and several Board members were in attendance. Dr. Pascarella stated it was probably the best he has seen. The event was able to be set up the evening before. Some years ago, CoDA started because the arts weren’t really prominent and known as much as athletics were. This year the new Black Box Theater was used.
• R. Pietrafesa stated that he was at the event selling ice cream. It was amazing to see all the teachers and student volunteers were there and passionate about their arts. The Modern Rock Band program was surprisingly wonderful. They sounded like the radio was playing. Kudos to those who put in so much time to make it happen. There was such a sense of pride for the district.
• E. Palmares stated that the event was much more like a family friendly event and there was a lot of room to move around. The DHS culinary program was selling food. E. Palmares gave the suggestion to market it as a family friendly event next year. One could easily spend the whole day there with music, activities and food. The level of the art program at DHS has year after year increased. Some of the work she saw from the Seniors was incredible.
• Dr. Pascarella stated that Ms. Rachelle Wade is going to frame some of the art from the event and display it at BBAC.
• A. Spallino stated that the caliber of work was just incredible. There was so much of it and the fact that they put it all up in one night was amazing. The Band students also showcased the new band uniform and they were really cool and futuristic.

DSABC Annual Scholarship & Awards Breakfast, May 16
• Dr. Pascarella stated that the Danbury Schools and Business Collaboration will now be called Danbury Students and Business Connection.
• The breakfast was well attended, and they recognized a number of members. One has mentored for 25 years.
• K. Conetta stated that a former student who is now an author returned to speak about his experience of having a mentor. The mentor program really made a difference and changed his focus.
• There are 176 mentors in the program.

DISCUSSION

Budget & Legislative Updates
• J. Martino stated that the Finance Committee met last week. A rough outline of cuts to go through were placed in the Board packets.
• Some new initiatives will be dialed back. Math Coaches, Art, Music and PE.
• Enrollment numbers that are coming out of the schools are very large.
• Mill Ridge Primary, King Street Intermediate and Park Ave numbers are very high.
• The bill regarding styrofoam trays is half dead, half alive.
• Hasn’t heard any more on the bill regarding school safety.
• No movement on bill regarding graduation requirements.
• J. Martino is looking into transportation. Dr. Pascarella’s worries are that class sizes are going to be higher than usual.
• J. Martino feels that we should have an answer from Legislation on the budget by June 1, 2019.
• E. Palmares spoke about the styrofoam tray bill. She believes that the bill went through for the restaurant industry, but schools were exempt.
• J. Martino stated that the district will pursue the exploration of biodegradable trays for cost and waste efficiency.
• The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation’s highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. WSMSA, DHS and AIS are not eligible. Remaining schools will have the program.

Facilities Update
• Dr. Pascarella stated that the district is exploring the possibility of creating a middle school on the King Street campus.
• Estimate was $50 to $60 million with a 64% reimbursement.
• Two story building with 700 to 750 student capacity. Would go where the current two baseball fields are located.
• The district would vacate the current WSMSA building and make it an additional elementary school. WSMSA would relocate to the new King Street Campus.
• This will be discussed at a Sites and Facilities meeting.
• Have explored all of our open space and this seems to be the only solution possible.
• A Sites and Facilities meeting was decided for June 12th at 5:30 pm. J. Martino will ask architect to join the meeting.

INFORMATION

Sodexo Food Service Agreement
• The district has a five-year agreement, and this is the standard contract extension agreement for the summer.
• E. Palmares asked when entire contract is up. J. Martino stated the following year.
• New bid for Sodexo will need to be done for 2021.
BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Memorial Day Parade
Ms. Debbie Warner will send an email with the information on where to meet and the time to the Board. Typical meeting area is behind the Kennedy Avenue apartments.

2019-2020 Board Meeting Dates
Included in Board packet for review.
E. Palmarees noted that the November 26th is very close to Thanksgiving.

BOARD REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS

- A. Spallino asked the Board if the Board Retreat could be held on September 7, 2019 from 12 to 4pm. Several members of the Board stated that is the same day as the Taste of Danbury. A. Spallino asked the Board to check their calendars to see if September 14, 2019 from 9am to 1pm will work.
- Superintendent Evaluation meeting has been changed from May 28th to June 4th at 6pm.
- A. Spallino will send Board members self-evaluation in June. Board was asked to complete evaluation so they can be ready for the retreat.
- G. Cooper is concerned with safety in the South Street School vicinity. There is no crossing guard present at 2:30 pm and she would like to know why. J. Martino stated that the crossing guards are covered by the City. It’s a dangerous area and she has witnessed two children almost get hit. J. Martino stated that the middle crosswalk is the problem and the City has done a study on that. He will follow up with the head of traffic for the City of Danbury. G. Cooper suggested a flashing light similar to the crosswalks at WCSU. Dr. Pascarella agreed and said the district should push for that. R. Chaleski asked to keep the Principal of South Street in mind before changing crosswalks or getting rid of walkways.
- G. Cooper stated that all Board members will be receiving a package from the Superintendent Evaluation Committee. Requested all to read it so they are prepared for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
G. Cooper moved, seconded by R. Pietrafesa that the Board of Education adjourns its Meeting of May 22, 2019 and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Gladys Cooper, Secretary

(Meeting was videotaped)
DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2019

Present: Gladys Cooper, Amy Spallino, Fred Karrat, Richard Jannelli
Also Present: Joseph Britton, Rachel Chaleski, Kate Conetta, Patrick Johnson, Emanuela Palmares (by phone)

The committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Motion made by F. Karrat to move into executive session, seconded by R. Jannelli, to discuss Superintendent evaluation. Motion passed.

Discussion ensued.

F. Karrat moved to re-enter public session; seconded by R. Jannelli. Motion passed.

F. Karrat moved, seconded by A. Spallino, to adjourn the June 4 Superintendent Evaluation Committee Meeting. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

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Kate Conetta
DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADHOC SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2019

Present: Rachel Chaleski, Frederick Karrat, Emanuela Palmares, Amy Spallino
Also Present: Gladys Cooper, Patrick Johnston

The Adhoc Sub-committee Chair, A. Spallino, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

E. Palmares provided several options in venues for the board retreat. Committee members agreed to reserve rooms at the Western Connecticut State University’s Westside Campus for the summer retreat on September 14 from 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The space was offered at no cost to the board and will contain requested tables, chairs, white board, etc. E. Palmares will work with the University’s food manager to provide refreshments. A. Spallino will work with CABE to finalize the agenda. It was suggested that board by-laws from the CABE audit be reviewed at the retreat. R. Chaleski will contact CABE to check status of by-laws.

A. Spallino contacted and confirmed past board members K. Molinaro, R. Hawley and F. Santos to participate in a board mentorship program. F. Karrat suggested an alumni directory.

F. Karrat moved, seconded by E. Palmares, to adjourn the June 5 Adhoc Sub-Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Rachel Chaleski