

Town Clerk

DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013- 7:00 P.M.  
Administrative Center, 63 Beaver Brook Road

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Our mission is to develop in all children the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values which will enable them to live a productive and self-fulfilling life and engage in responsible citizenship in a global society.*

**A G E N D A**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Eileen Alberts, Shirley Chilian, Gladys Cooper, Gary Falkenthal, Annrose Fluskey-Lattin, Richard Hawley, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro, Sandy Steichen, Robert Taborsak, Phyllis Tranzillo

**IV. RECOGNITIONS**

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*The Board welcomes Public Participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 3 minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and programs that concern them. The Board will not permit any expression of personal complaints or defamatory comments about Board of Education personnel and students, or against any person connected with the Danbury Public School System.*

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**EXHIBIT**

**MOTION** - that the Board of Education approve the items on the Consent Calendar, as recommended:

**A. MINUTES**

Board Meeting, 9/11/13 ..... 13-172(pg.4)

**B. PERSONNEL REPORT** ..... 13-173(pg.14)

Accept Resignations: Phil Cioppa, Mark Forlenzo, Joshua Giannone,  
Karen Mannion, Maria Ribeiro-Garcia,  
Gary Treadwell, Steve Varga (ELP only)

Accept Retirements: Jeanne Onorato, 23 years  
Veronica Gerhardt, 29 years

New Hires (9/5/13-9/19/13):

| <u>Name</u>         | <u>Location</u> | <u>CERTIFIED</u><br><u>Subject</u>     |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Margaret Montinieri | BVMS            | Grade 8 Reading                        |
|                     |                 | <u>Non-Certified</u><br><u>Subject</u> |
| Rence Childs        | RPMS            | Math Interventionist                   |
| Sophia Diaz         | MRP             | Tutor                                  |
| Jocilane Raigosa    | SHR             | Parent Liaison                         |
| Scarlet Rodriguez   | BVMS            | Custodian                              |
| Mary Tahan          | Hayes           | Literacy Interventionist               |

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| Lisa Tagliavento          | Hayes    | Literacy Interventionist   |
| Monitha Na                | RPMS     | CRC Enrichment Assoc.      |
| Charmeena McCarley        | KSP      | CRC Enrichment Assoc.      |
| Valeria Fable             | Morris   | Tutor                      |
| Bridget Kline             | DHS      | L/T Sub                    |
| Julie Stafford            | KSI      | Tutor                      |
| Gregory Jacobellis        | KSP      | Safety Advocate            |
| Keith Byrd                | Adult Ed | AdultEd Supervisor Evening |
| Kathleen Quinn            | BVMS     | Student Climate Specialist |
| Julie Mesaric             | Hayes    | CRC Enrichment Assoc.      |
| Marielle Bischoff-Wurstle | ELLS     | CRC Enrichment Assoc.      |
| Bianca Cenatiempo         | ELLS     | CRC Enrichment Assoc.      |
| Kaitlyn McCabe            | Various  | CRC Enrichment Assoc.      |
| Kathryn Ryan              | DHS      | Color Guard Instr.         |
| Alishia Esposito          | KSI      | CRC Enrichment Assoc.      |
| David Evans               | DECEC    | Safety Advocate            |
| Peter Vavasour            | AIS      | Safety Advocate            |
| Michelle Broad            |          | CRC Enrichment Assoc.      |
| Rafat Fahim               |          | SUB CRC Enrichment Assoc.  |
| Aline Falcao              |          | ESL Interpreter            |
| June Hartel               |          | Literacy Cadre Substitute  |
| Amy Davis                 |          | Literacy Cadre Substitute  |
| Mary Lou Bakach           |          | Adult ED Teach ABE         |
| Lauren Korres             |          | Literacy Cadre Substitute  |
| Rita Garrett              |          | Literacy Cadre Substitute  |
| Simona Fraser             |          | Math Cadre Substitute      |
| Jenniffer Acosta          |          | ESL Interpreter            |
| Wendy Surovy              |          | Sub Teach                  |
| John MacKenzie            |          | Sub Teach                  |

**VII. EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE**

**VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

- DHS: Nick Goetz, President; Inajmah James, Vice President;  
Kathryn Shannon, Secretary; Danielle Biele, Treasurer  
ACE: Ashley Donahue, Madeline Battista, Samantha Webb

**IX. PRESENTATION**

- A. Common Core – Mathematics

**X. ACTION ITEMS**

**XI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. High School GPA Update  
B. Technology Grant  
D. Safety Grant Update  
E. Redistricting Update  
F. CCM Policy Committee on Education

**XII. DISCUSSION**

- A. New Middle School Mill Ridge Exploratory Academy  
B. Administrative Hiring Information ..... 13-174(pg.16)

**XIII. INFORMATION**

- A. SDE Alliance District Year 2 Plan Amendment Approval ..... 13-175(pg.18)

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| B. | DHS Arrest Report Update                                     |               |
| C. | Common Core Standards Information for Parents                | 13-176(pg.19) |
| D. | DHS field trip to London, Normandy, Paris, April 11-24, 2014 | 13-177(pg.30) |
| E. | DHS field trip to China, April 11-21, 2014                   | 13-178(pg.33) |
| F. | Board Retreat Strategic Plan                                 |               |
| G. | CABE/CAPSS Conference, November 15-16, 2013                  | 13-179(pg.36) |

**XIV. BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- A. Board Self Evaluation
- B. Policy Committee Meeting to review hiring policy

**XV. BOARD REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS**

| <u>Committee Reports</u>      | <u>CHAIR</u>                        | <u>MEMBERS</u>                                    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Sites & Facilities/City Bldg. | K.Molinaro                          | E. Alberts, B.Taborsak                            |
| Community Relations           | P.Tranzillo                         | S.Chilian, R.Jannelli                             |
| Finance                       | Hawley/Jannelli                     | G.Cooper, G.Falkenthal, K.Molinaro                |
| Operations/Policy             | S.Chilian                           | E. Alberts, G.Cooper, G.Falkenthal, B.Taborsak    |
| Superintendent Evaluation     | E.Alberts                           | G.Cooper, R.Hawley, A. Fluskey-Lattin, B.Taborsak |
| <u>District Committees</u>    | <u>MEMBERS</u>                      |   |
| City-Wide PTO                 | K.Molinaro, P.Tranzillo             |   |
| DSABC                         | G. Falkenthal                       |   |
| Education Connection          | S.Chilian                           |   |
| Magnet School Trustees        | S.Steichen, B.Taborsak              |   |
| Oral Health Initiative        | E.Alberts                           |   |
| School Based Health           | E.Alberts, S.Steichen               |   |
| TDEC/Teacher Eval.            | S.Chilian, S.Steichen, B.Taborsak   |   |
| <u>Other Committees</u>       |                                     |   |
| Negotiations – Administrators | S.Chilian, G.Falkenthal, B.Taborsak |   |
| Negotiations - Non Teaching   | G. Cooper, R.Jannelli, P.Tranzillo  |   |
| Negotiations – Teachers       | G.Falkenthal, R.Hawley, P.Tranzillo |   |

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Teacher/Administrator Negotiations.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

| <u>FUTURE MEETINGS AND DATES TO REMEMBER</u> |  |
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| September 24                                 | AIS Magnet School Open House, Grades 3-5<br>Mill Ridge Primary Open House, Grades 1-3<br>Shelter Rock Open House, Grades K-1<br>Stadley Rough PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| September 25                                 | Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  |
| September 28                                 | DHS Homecoming, 1:30 p.m.  |
| October 1                                    | Mill Ridge Primary Open House, Grade K   |
| October 7                                    | City-Wide PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.   |
| October 9                                    | Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  |
| October 14                                   | Columbus Day – All Schools & Offices Closed  |
| October 15                                   | PD/Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal   |
| October 23                                   | Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  |
| November 4                                   | City-Wide PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.   |
| November 4,6,7,8                             | Elementary & Middle Parent/Teacher Conference, Early Dismissal   |
| November 5                                   | Professional Development – Schools Closed  |
| November 11                                  | Veterans' Day – All Schools & Offices Closed   |
| November 13                                  | Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  |
| November 26 (Tues.)                          | Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  |
| November 27,28,29                            | Thanksgiving Recess – All Schools & Offices Closed   |
| December 2                                   | City-Wide PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.   |
| December 17                                  | PD/Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal   |
| December 23-31                               | Holiday Recess – Schools Closed  |

