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Dr. Matthew Conway, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

June 2026 Report

Academics

- CAPSS Federal & State Committee Meeting – May 26
- CACTPS/CACAPS Joint Meeting – May 29
- National Honor Society Induction Ceremony – June 3
- Meeting with Director of Teaching and Learning – June 4
- CAPSS Board of Directors Meeting – June 5
- Administrative Council Meeting – June 10
- Completed Teacher Apprenticeship Program Survey – June 11
- Roundtable Discussion with U.S. Secretary of Education – June 12
- Superintendent Network Planning Committee Meeting – June 15
- Attended Reading Implementation Council Meeting – June 16
- Meeting with Director of Teacher and Learning – June 25
- Held Derby Administrative Leadership Retreat – June 29, 30

Human Capital

- School Climate District Meeting – June 1
- UCONN Interview – June 2
- Meeting with Special Education Supervisors – June 3
- Principals Meeting – June 9
- Negotiations and Personnel Committee Special Meeting – June 9
- Certified Staff Interviews – June 22
- Meeting with Athletic Director – June 24
- Held End of Year Principal Meeting– June 25

Operations

- Mayor's Meeting – June 1
- Shared Services Meeting – June 1
- MFAC Special Meeting – June 1
- Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 2

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- Meeting with Food Services Staff – June 3
- Review New Haven Bus Opt In – June 3
- Shared Services Meeting at City Hall – June 4
- School/Community Relations and Policy Committee Meeting – June 11
- Shared Services Meeting at City Hall – June 17
- Meeting with Derby Public Schools and CCAT – June 23
- Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen Special Meeting – June 22
- MFAC Meeting – June 24

Culture/Climate

- Rotary Interact Club Pizza Party – June 1National Principals Appreciation Day – Luncheon - May 1
- Parent Meeting/Student Matter – June 1
- School Climate District Meeting – June 1
- Senior Class Night – June 4
- DHS Students Visit Superintendent's Office – June 10
- Attended LRU Moving Up Ceremony – June 11
- Attended Derby High School Graduation – June 15
- Attended Athletic Department Picnic – June 16
- Bradley School Kindergarten Graduation – June 17
- Irving School Kindergarten Graduation – June 17
- Attended Bradley School Grade 5 Completion – June 18
- Attended Irving School Grade 5 Completion – June 18
- Attended Derby Middle School Grade 8 Moving Up – June 18
- Attended Time Capsule Opening at Bradley School – June 24

For Information on School Events:

Little Raiders University: https://www.derbypride.org/our-schools/little-raiders-university

Bradley School: https://www.derbypride.org/our-schools/bradley-school#h.fc3zn7up45xr

Irving School: **https://www.derbypride.org/our-schools/irving-school#h.3sgf6fd5kmc7**

Derby Middle School: https://www.derbypride.org/our-schools/derby-middle-school#h.z4nyo2f9doub

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Facilities & Capital Projects Update

Board of Education Report

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Major Capital Projects

1. Derby Middle School – Chiller Replacement

Contractor: Blizzard Mechanical
Project Cost: $299,000
Estimated Completion: July 20, 2026

The DMS chiller replacement project continues to progress on schedule. The new chiller was delivered on July 6. Installation milestones completed to date include:

- Chilled water piping installation completed
- Line-voltage electrical wiring in progress
- Building Automation System (BAS) control wiring began July 9

This project remains on schedule for completion prior to the start of the 2026–2027 school year.

2. LRU Classroom Expansion

Funding Source: Smart Start Grant
Estimated Cost: $50,000
Contractors: In-House Staff, Laydon Construction, AB Contracting
Estimated Completion: July 31, 2026

Construction of the new LRU classroom (Room 126 at Derby High School) continues on schedule.

Completed work includes:

- Ceiling installation
- Wall framing
- Flooring installation

Upcoming work includes:

- Plumbing fixture installation (pending material delivery)

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- HVAC installation beginning July 20
- Electrical installation beginning July 27

The classroom location was selected due to its proximity to the outdoor Pre-K playground, existing LRU classrooms, and available plumbing infrastructure.

All Smart Start Grant funding has been fully encumbered.

3. Derby High School – PTAC Installation

Estimated Cost: $7,000
Estimated Completion: July 30

Installation of new PTAC units is scheduled for Rooms G07, G08, G10, and G11.

Current progress:

1. Electrical rough-in underway
2. PTAC equipment delivery expected July 15
3. Unit installation scheduled to begin July 21

4. Derby Middle School – Elevator Repairs

Contractor: KONE Elevator
Estimated Completion: July 21

KONE Elevator is scheduled to replace all five elevator hoist cables on July 16–17 following the elevator repair plan developed after the recent entrapment incident.

This work is covered under the district's existing service agreement at no additional cost.

Building Maintenance

Irving School

Paper Towel Dispenser Replacement

- Installation of new paper towel dispensers is underway throughout the building.

Grease Trap Maintenance

- PAL's Grease completed scheduled grease trap servicing on July 2.

District-Wide Summer Operations

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Fire & Life Safety Inspections

Annual inspections are currently underway throughout the district.

Fire Extinguisher Inspections

- DHS & DMS – July 9
- Bradley & Irving – July 10

Fire Alarm System Inspections

- DHS – August 3
- Bradley – August 4
- DMS – August 5
- Irving – August 6

Kitchen Hood Suppression Systems

- July 27–28

Fire Marshal Inspections

- DHS – July 20 (8:00 AM)
- DMS – July 20 (12:00 PM)
- Bradley & Irving – Dates pending

Completion of all inspections is expected by **August 7**.

Summer Floor Refinishing Program

Estimated Completion: August 17

Summer floor maintenance continues across all district facilities.

Current progress includes:

Derby High School

- 11 classrooms stripped and waxed

Derby Middle School

- B-Wing underway
- Eight classrooms stripped
- Wax application in progress

Bradley School

- Upper hallway project started
- Five classrooms completed

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Irving School

- Second-floor classrooms emptied
- Five classrooms stripped and prepared for waxing

Project Summary

Project	Status
DMS Chiller Replacement	On Schedule
LRU Classroom Expansion	On Schedule
DHS PTAC Installation	On Schedule
DMS Elevator Repairs	Scheduled
Irving Paper Towel Replacement	In Progress
Fire & Life Safety Inspections	In Progress
Summer Floor Care	In Progress

Overall Update

Facilities summer operations continue to progress on schedule. Major HVAC improvements, classroom expansion, preventive maintenance, and district-wide life safety inspections remain on track for completion before the opening of the 2026–2027 school year. All projects are proceeding within their planned timelines, with the DMS Chiller Replacement and LRU Classroom Expansion remaining the department's highest priorities.

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JUNE 2, 2026 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Marcucio: Called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gildea: Ken Marcucio, here; Dan Foley, here; Kim Tovar, absent; Rebecca O'Hara, absent; Holly Orazietti, here; Jim Gildea, here; Erica Nuzzo, here; Melissa Mongillo, excused; Karla Malerba, absent.

Let the record reflect we have five members, Mr. Chair and we have a quorum.

Also Present:

Dr. Matthew Conway, Superintendent of Schools.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Marcucio: Any additions or deletions to the agenda. Any additions or deletions to the agenda. Okay.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Marcucio: Anybody from the public who would like to speak. Anybody from the public who would like to speak. Anybody from the public who would like to speak. Anybody on zoom who would like to speak. Anybody on zoom who would like to speak. Seeing no one. Move on.

BIRTHDAYS

Erica Nuzzo

Ray Coplin

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion that the Committee of the Whole remove Executive Session from the agenda. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Holly Orazietti.

Ken Marcucio	**Yes**
Dan Foley	**Yes**
Kim Tovar	**Absent**
Rebecca O'Hara	**Absent**

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Holly Orazietti	**Yes**
Jim Gildea	**Yes**
Erica Nuzzo	**Yes**
Melissa Mongillo	**Excused**
Karla Malerba	**Absent**

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Orazietti: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

APPOINTMENT LIST OF NEW HIRES

Motion that the Committee of the Whole approve the appointment list for new hires as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Holly Orazietti.

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

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Orazietti: Second.

Dr. Conway: Yes, you have the list in front of you. Just if we could for Mr. Foley will do all appointments with the exception of Instructional Support Leader, Kelly Ann Roman.

Motion that the Committee of the Whole amend the appointment list with the exception of the Instruction Support Leader, Kelly Ann Roman. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Holly Orazietti.

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

Mr. Gildea: Make a motion to amend the appointment list.

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Ms. Orazietti: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

Dr. Conway: You have the list in front of you. Mr. Foley will do all of the appointments with the exception of Instructional Support Leader, Kelly Ann Roman. We'll have a separate vote on that.

Motion that the Committee of the Whole Amend my motion to approve the appointment list with the exception of Instructional Support Leader, Kelly Ann Roman. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Holly Orazietti.

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

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Orazietti: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

Motion that the Committee of the Whole approve the Instructional Support Leader, Kelly Ann Roman as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Holly Orazietti.

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

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Orazietti: Second.

Mr. Foley: I have to recuse myself because of a conflict of interest.

Dr. Conway: Start with Principal Russo from Irving School.

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Mr. Russo: Introducing and welcoming our English Language, multi-language learner Teacher for Irving and Bradley School, Jessica Ryan.

Dr. Conway: Asking Principal Olson to join us at the podium.

Ms. Olson: Welcoming and introducing our new girls' soccer coach, Kristin Silvestri.

Dr. Conway: Asking Principal Caggiano to join us.

Ms. Caggiano: Welcoming and introducing Instructional Support Leaders, Kelly Anroman and Ms. Alexandra Drezek.

Ms. Olson: Introducing and welcoming assistant football coach Brady Foster.

Dr. Conway: Asking Principal Olson to join us.

Ms. Olson: Turning this over to Mr. Michael Giordano. But I do want to say this is a position that we very much highly anticipated as an opportunity to grow the special education services and supports for our students. And this is a new transition program that will be supporting our Derby High School students' post-high school.

Mr. Giordano: Welcoming and introducing our new transition coordinator, Kamie Merithew.

Ms. Olson: Introducing and welcoming Maria Bowers who will be joining our transition program.

Mr. Russo: Introducing and welcoming resource teacher for grades 3, 4 and 5, Ms. Haley Grammatico.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AWARDS 2026 (CAPPS)

Dr. Conway: Tonight we'd like to recognize CAPPS. Ask Principal Olson and Principal Caggiano to join us at the podium.

Ms. Caggiano: For Derby Middle School were Rosaley Rodriguez and Aydin Basuljevic.

Ms. Olson: For Derby High School we had Donella Delija and Christian Castellini.

CONNECTICUT MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOLAR-LEADER AWARD 2026

Ms. Caggiano: For Derby Middle School are Alexander Ropicki and Emmett Vitko.

2026 DMS/DHS UNIFIED SPORTS TEAMMATES OF THE YEAR

Ms. Olson: This year representing Derby High School we have Luke Camara and Gerardo Brito.

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Ms. Caggiano: And for Derby Middle School this year were Ms. Kendra Joseph and Ms. Sorayha Montero-Sill. They are reading their essays.

2026 CIAC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS

Ms. Olson: We are proud to recognize Brooklyn Fernandez and Souzveen Mekael.

ALL STATE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Ms. Olson: Ms. Landolfi is helping us introduce Shea Gray.

Ms. Landolfi: Congratulations Shea on an amazing historic year.

CASEY O'BRIEN NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION CHAPTER SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Ms. Olson: This award goes to Horatio Glover.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ms. Olson: All our seniors are all trickling out and we have a senior sunset tonight. And so, I know Laz in a moment will be sharing her report. But all of our seniors are gathering right now down on the field as a final activity and celebration together before they kick off the end of the school year.

Mr. Marcucio: Lazarae, before you give your report, on behalf of the Board, I'd like to say how you did a great job this year. All of your reports were tremendous, please accept this on behalf of the Board.

Ms. Delvalle: Thank you. So, starting off we had two job shadowing opportunities where one was a Judicial Branch job shadowing at the Derby Superior Courthouse. The second one was at Griffin Hospital. We then had academic awards night, students were recognized with their academic achievements, honor society members and giving scholarship awards to the seniors. We had our national society service project program. Starting tomorrow, will meet with their advisories and start the election officer process. And finally, seniors are experiencing their final days at DHS.

Mr. Marcucio: I just like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the recipients in honoring you throughout the Derby School System. We appreciate you very much and we especially appreciate everything that you've done for us.

Ms. Delvalle: Thank you.

Mr. Marcucio: Thank you.

STAFF RECOGNITION

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Dr. Conway: I'd like to ask our admin team to come up to the podium to help recognize our amazing paraeducators of the year.

2027 PARAEDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Dr. Ciccarini: Welcome to the podium, Stacey Tuhey is the 2027 Paraeducator of the Year.

2027 BRADLEY SCHOOL AND DISTRICT PARAEDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Ciccarini: The Bradley School Paraeducator of the Year is Stacey Tuhey.

2027 IRVING SCHOOL PARAEDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Russo: The Irving School 2027 Para of the Year, I'm happy to introduce Maria Lombardi.

2027 DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL PARAEDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Ms. Caggiano: The Derby Middle School Paraeducator of the Year, Scott Carroll.

2027 DERBY HIGH SCHOOL PARAEDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Ms. Olson: And from Derby High School is Alesandra Fischetti.

2027 LITTLE RAIDER UNIVERSITY PARAEDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Ms. Conway: The LRU Paraeducator is Tricia Tierney.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' DAY MAY 1, 2026

Dr. Conway: So, for the Board, I just want to, some of the other celebrations that took place this month, I just want to quickly mention them for the record. We had School Principal's Day on May 1, 2026.

SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY MAY 1, 2026

School Lunch Hero Day on May 1, 2026.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK, MAY 4 THROUGH MAY 8 2026

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4th through May 8th, 2026.

SCHOOL NURSE DAY MAY 6, 2026

School Nurse Day May 6, 2026.

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST DAY MAY 18, 2026

Speech Pathologist Day May 18, 2026.

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Dr. Conway: And each of these include within the buildings and District-wide, celebrations on those different days for the staff to include many different activities that are planned out as well as breakfast and lunches and so forth. And our PTA in each school gets involved as well with these activities in helping recognize our amazing staff.

CAS 2026 DISTINGUISHED FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD

Dr. Conway: Asking Ms. Olson to join us to introduce our CAS 2026 Distinguished Friend of Education Award.

Ms. Olson: Introducing and welcoming the CAS 2026 Distinguished Friend of Education Award, Mr. John Saccu. Gives me great pleasure to recognize Mr. John Saccu in presenting him this Distinguished Friend of Education Award.

I do have a certificate prepared for the Connecticut Association of Schools Certificate of Recognition that certifies that in recognition of voluntary contributions made to education in Connecticut over an extended period by a person or organization not primarily associated with education, the 2026 Distinguished Friend of Education award presented to John Saccu.

And I do just want to read for a few moments some of the things that I got to share with the committee. So, John is our nomination and it is was with great enthusiasm that we recommended him as part of the Derby Youth Bureau. John is an invaluable partner to Derby High School. He consistently demonstrates commitment to the well-being, growth and success of our students. If there's a need, John steps in without hesitation to help us fill it. He plays a critical role in supporting our school programming centered on early awareness, open communication, and community-based prevention. You could see it in his work directly with students, especially in our health classes and topics covered like vaping, addiction and mental health. He always provides to them is making sure they make healthy choices. He's provided parenting program specifically around the dangers of substance abuse and mental health challenges. We've seen his involvement with the Juvenile Review Board with our students that maybe have difficulties in school or within the community. He serves as a liaison with the school and also with the judicial system. He conducts home visits for us to conduct residency issues to support attendance issues.

And really helps us maintain an environment that's really positive for our students. He has also helped us in strengthening our staff capacity in support of training for evidence for programs such as signs of suicide, questions for suicide prevention programs. And he's really helped our ability to identify support and response to students in crises. He's also been instrumental in bringing high quality programming. You might have remembered Rachel's challenge. We've also had Scott Driscoll for internet safety, interactive theater and also very recently, a sobriety awareness program.

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And lastly, when I say a sponsorship, when I say there's a need, we can call on John. This year we had a record number of people apply for the HOBY Youth Leadership Program. And we wanted very much to be able to send every student with a $400 tuition. We budgeted only for three spots. And we ended up having seven students apply. And John very generously found grant funding that he was able to offer to help every one of our students who wanted to attend be able to participate. And for our career fair and college fair this is the guy who helped us put it all together. So, for all of those reasons, him continually supporting Derby High School and students in our community, it gives us great pleasure to be able to nominate John Saccu for the 2026 Distinguished Friend of Education.

Mr. Saccu: Just briefly, this is quite a surprise. Quite an honor. First, I want to congratulate all of our students and wonderful parents and our new staff appointees. I'll be looking forward to working with them. Most of this is an honor to serve in my community in such a meaningful way. And to be back at the high school where I graduated from every single day working with students. As well be at the high school where I played football for the Derby Red Raiders, 1969 overall State Champions. Thank you so much.

2027 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Dr. Conway: Ask our admin team back up to the podium to recognize our amazing teachers of the year.

2027 DERBY HIGH SCHOOL AND DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Olson: And representing Derby High School's 2027 Teacher of the Year, Kristin Silvestri.

2027 BRADLEY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Dr. Ciccarini: Gives me great pleasure to introduce Ms. Meagan Torelli as Bradley School Teacher of the Year.

2027 IRVING SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Russo: Happy to introduce as Irving School 2027 Teacher of the Year is Cathie Marrandino.

2027 DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Caggiano: Celebrating Angelo Ciambriello as Derby Middle School Teacher of the Year.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Conway: You have my report with a very active busy month both with recognitions that you saw tonight, but also our statewide testing from SAT to SBAC testing. We'll anxiously await the results of those assessments. But over the next couple weeks more exciting events going on as we come to the end of the year.

DERBY HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Olson: You've heard a lot about the things going on at the high school. The only thing I want to highlight is what Laz mentioned around the job shadowing some opportunities that our students have been taking. So, this year we made a commitment to be able to start getting our kids out into the community to start getting experience and exposure to career pathways beyond just a career fair. And so recently we've had students go to Griffin Hospital to be able to start working with many departments around the hospital. So, they'll see the different pathways of careers. It's not just nursing. It's not just patient care. But there's a lot different career pathways within healthcare but they got to get a chance to be able to see. But also partnering with the Derby Court System. So, we have some service advocates working with our students and judicial marshals. We also have, through the court officers, an upcoming trip mid or second week of June. So, we're very excited about that. It's a launch that is getting bigger. Next year our goal is to get every junior out into the community for at least one visit. And then at least continue to finding larger internship for our students.

BRADLEY SCHOOL

Dr. Ciccarini: Good evening, everyone. We've had an exciting past month. Congratulations to Stacey Tuhey, paraeducator of the year and Meagan Torelli, teacher of the year. I would like to highlight. Dr. Conway kind of eluded to it earlier, in fact, I want to give a big shout out to Tracy Landolfi who is our building test coordinator. She did an outstanding job just organizing schedules, arranging makeup, we've got everything done in a timely manner. And the early return of the score online is positive especially at grade levels. So, we're very proud of not only the work that she did but I want to give credit to the students who really tried their best on the assessments this year and past years who struggled sometimes with student motivation, but every student took it seriously, took their time and really put great effort in.

And finally, I just want to acknowledge, you've heard me talk about our literacy nights. We've had another outstanding literacy night recently. So, we've been appearing with Margie with the CPLM kind of tour where we've been meeting virtually with other school districts who are on a different point on their literacy night. And time and time again, Bradley School was complimented on the literacy night they put together and just the crowds we attract and different activities that our teachers come up with for families and students. I want to commend that team again and the entire school community who really support the literacy nights whether they're there to help prepare or they're in

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person to help assist during the evening of. We have members from the State, Central Office, Board of Ed and other members of the community that attend our meetings as well and are very proud of what we've done this year. I look forward to next year.

DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Caggiano: I'll let Ms. Quartiano go first. She is going to talk about one of our recent trips.

Ms. Quartiano: On May 22, I had the pleasure of bringing 77 of our band and choir students on the Chills and Thrills field trip. If you don't know what that is, you're missing out. First we stop at Edison Middle School in Meriden, Connecticut, I thought there was an audience, but there was not. So, our band and choir students go up on stage and they sing first and then they view a competition. If you had not had an opportunity to listen to our band and choir, you are missing out. They are then scored by a panel. There are a total of three categories. So, it's good, excellent and superior. I am slightly biased, I think they should be superior. However, the judges did score them and they did score in the excellent range which is still very, very, good. I want to know what the other guys started playing because again, I think they sound wonderful. I was incredibly proud of them because they sounded great. And then as we headed to the bus we went to Lake Compounce for the day and we had a fantastic time.

But again, they were very excited. They did very, very well.

Ms. Caggiano: Mr. Carroll did go on the field trip with the kids. He went on the roller coaster. I get New York. She get Lake Compounce.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

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No report given.

IRVING SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Russo: All right. So, early in the month of April, I had the pleasure of like attending the Alliance Districts for the year. It was a pretty engaging afternoon discussing math and different ways on how to teach math. It was a really good day to listen to some other industry professionals. But also spent time with my colleagues. Add something to make our chart tool better, bringing that information back to especially the math coach. And it fits right into what Irving is doing with our reset and restack for next year.

We have a few different people in a few different positions. So, the only other thing I would like to share tonight is that our current math interventionist will be moving into a new role at Irving School this year. And we call it the math and mind lab. The math and mid lab will act as unified arts. Essentially a fifth special so students will have one special per day. The math and mind lab will be a combination of some basic math facts,

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math games, math seeds. Taking these two things off of the teacher's plate is going to increase the math time. So, it's really a great way to reset and restack without adding anything to our overall budget and we have the perfect person in place to do it. She could not join us tonight due to childcare. I thought I would share that.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Giordano: From a special ed standpoint, I don't know if you guys got a chance to look at the pictures, but we went on a couple of trips the last probably month and a half. We went up to Hartford for the Best Buddies Walk, which was a nice event that was put together. We walked around the Yard Goat Stadium and raised a little bit of money for Best Buddies. Additionally, from the high school and the middle school standpoint, they ran a Mother's Day brunch which again pictures are attached. It was an awesome event. The mothers came in at the high school and the middle school, they had brunch with their students. Their students were actually serving them tea and coffee and things along those lines. So, it was really nice to kind of come see it full circle as we've been running the coffee cart between the middle school and the high school. So, two really, positive events for us. And with regards to the end of the school year here we're finishing up some ESY some school year stuff and finishing up some grant writing. Thank you.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mr. Hoffman: Quick update on DMS chiller project. We are looking for a start of July 6th. And it's going to take two to three weeks.

We had a fire panel issue over at the high school. Going to be replaced on the 20th.

At Bradley, we had an issue. DBW had hired construction coming in and prepared some curving. They came in with their dump truck and ripped open our wires. Internet, that was back May 8th.

Elevator issue here at the middle school. The cables come undone on the hoist. It got stuck in the pulley. Cable number five, it did get stuck. It has to be replaced. With our service contract, it won't cost anything. Down without an elevator until the end of July.

We did start the expansion of LRU this week.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Dr. Rafferty: Just a couple of highlights. I did brag that I was going to be in the Netherlands last month but I did not go. I had too much work here. But Derby was mentioned at the Education Stroke Conference and I put a little snip it up there. They're working on a new submission report to be featured in International Magazine. So, I'm really proud of that. That also opened up another opportunity. I was in communication

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with another organization about youth at the middle school. The reason this got my attention is, this organization, aside from helping schools develop educational materials and resources gives out two $50,000 scholarships. So, I said yes, we're interested. So, I'm in negotiations around that.

The other thing I wanted to mention is, we engaged in a couple of literacy partnerships. Obviously, Dr. Ciccarini mentioned earlier the ones we obviously have now. I also want to let you know that the reading resources we use we regularly partner with Monroe, Milford, Trumbull, North Haven and New Milford to share resources, materials, visit each other wherever possible so that our teachers, you know, and our district as well where people have access to nearby the training and resources. We've made a commitment to share with one another. And speaking of that, we've developed throughout this spring, I've worked with PDAC to develop more fishing and better ways for teachers to grow their capacity where we've developed their framework and work with them about ways for teachers to focus their learning as learners. We want our students to see our teachers as learners. We've been playing with new tools. And the resources to do two things, one to group our engagement for students. And secondly to have better plans for substances throughout. And if you scroll down a little bit. And Mr. Russo mentioned it earlier, but we are trying to promote the idea of reset and there's a very famous book. And Dr. Conway got to meet the author. It might not be updated. So, that is one of the things we're focusing in on as a way to reset ourselves. To take what we do and be better at it.

We did a parent survey. We just reconvened as a district climate on Monday. I put that out to the committee to how extensive we want to do the survey next year. We did one this winter with families. Thank you.

LITTLE RAIDERS UNIVERSITY

Ms. Conway: So, for LRU the biggest news, the fifth classroom, being opened, coming along and we're able to have a, no waiting. We no longer have a waiting list. And there's probably five that we have to do. That will give us 77. Super exciting.

ADJOURN

Motion that the Committee of the Whole adjourn its meeting. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Erica Nuzzo.

Ken Marcucio	**Yes**
Dan Foley	**Yes**
Kim Tovar	**Absent**
Rebecca O'Hara	**Absent**
Holly Orazietti	**Yes**
Jim Gildea	**Yes**

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Erica Nuzzo	**Yes**
Melissa Mongillo	**Excused**
Karla Malerba	**Absent**

Mr. Gildea: Motion.

Ms. Nuzzo: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries adjourned at 8:10.

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JUNE 25, 2026 SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Marcucio: Called to order at 6:32.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Pledge of allegiance

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gildea: Ken Marcucio; Dan Foley; Holly Orazietti; Jim Gildea; Erica Nuzzo; Melissa Mongillo; Rebecca O'Hara, excused. Kim Tovar, excused.

Karla Malerba, on her way arrived at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. Marcucio: We have a quorum.

Also Present:

Dr. Matthew Conway, Superintendent of Schools.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Marcucio: Anybody from the public who would like to speak. Anybody from the public who would like to speak. Anybody from the public who would like to speak. Seeing no one. We'll move on.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion that the Board of Education move item FOOD SERVICES to right after APPOINTMENT OF NEW HIRES. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Holly Orazietti.

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

BIRTHDAYS

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Ken Marcucio and Karla Malerba

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Marcucio: We don't need one.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW HIRES

Motion that the Board of Education approve the appointment list of new hires as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Erica Nuzzo.

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

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Nuzzo: Second.

Dr. Conway: You have appointments in front of you. Seven are in person tonight to begin with new school year. When you see ESY, appointment begins July 1st.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries. Congratulations to all our new hires.

Dr. Conway: Ask Dr. Ciccarini to join us at the podium.

Dr. Ciccarini: Introducing and welcoming Kasper Borawski, Academic Learning Center as a teacher at Bradley School.

Introducing and welcoming Gina Buzi first grade teacher at Bradley School.

Introducing and welcoming Sarah Cintron new speech and language pathologist at Bradley School.

Introducing and welcoming Stephanie Fernandez as Executive Assistant at Bradley School Community.

Ms. Olson: Introducing and welcoming Sarah Jadach as a paraeducator at Derby High School teaching and learning.

Ms. Moffat: Introducing and Welcoming Tanner Soracin for wide receiver coach.

Introducing and welcoming Nick Andrade for coaching staff.

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Ms. Caggiano: Introducing and welcoming Haley Andrews as a new learning center paraeducator at Irving School.

Ms. Caggiano: Introducing and welcoming Daniel Moran. Daniel will be joining our Derby Public Schools in our custodial staff.

FOOD SERVICE

Motion that the Board of Education approve the Food Service agreement as recommended by the Negotiations and Personnel Committee. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Holly Orazietti.

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

Ms. Orazietti: Second.

Dr. Conway: This was brought before the Negotiations and Personnel meeting opportunity to keep Sal's expertise in the family. And looking forward to the coming year with services by the staff.

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Orazietti: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Melissa, did you want to say anything.

Ms. Mongillo: I don't have anything to add other than it's a huge savings for the district.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries. Thank you for everything you do for the staff and the administration.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AND CURRICULUM Ms. Orazietti: We have not met.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE No one is here. Ms. Mongillo: No, we have not met.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Mr. Marcucio: Rebecca is not here. We haven't met with that committee either.

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NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Ms. Mongillo: We met two weeks ago and discussed a contract that was put before you. And we are set to meet again on July 1st as well.

PLANT AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE Ms. Malerba: It was cancelled on the 21st of May. Cancelled in June as well. So, right now it's July 16th.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND POLICY COMMITTEE Mr. Foley: Yes, we met recently and adopted an updated policy from CABE on social networking. And we'll be discussing that I guess it's 16 on our calendar. And Doc will update everyone on it.

SHARED SERVICES COMMITTEE Mr. Gildea: We have a proposal this evening for the full Board with regards to shared HR position. And we are working with the City on potential models finance. But I think the big thing is the HR position.

STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE Mr. Gildea: We have not met**.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Conway: You have my report. June is always an exciting time. Events and Celebrations. We also begin gearing up for the '26, '27 school year. Closing out grants and ensuring that grants opened up. We've started completing them for the '26, '27 school year. Have a couple more to finish up. Summer school begins July 1st to July 24th. Continue to get ready for the '26, '27 school year.

We are continuing to fill the vacancies. Rely on contracted services but we continue to advertise weekly for paraeducators so that we can hire. Looks like our teaching positions across the district.

Mr. Marcucio : If we don't fill them what do we do with the money.

Dr. Conway: If we can't fill them and contract services can't provide them, money stays in the budget, we go to contracted services. Nine, some of those are filled by contracted services. But nine we fill ourselves.

Mr. Gildea: there was nine in the vacancy report.

Dr. Conway: And those nine are going to show positions that are currently filled by contracted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the May 5, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting and the May 23, 2026 Board of Education meeting. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Erica Nuzzo.

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Dan Foley	**Yes**
Kim Tovar	**Excused**
Holly Orazietti	**Yes**
Rebecca O'Hara	**Excused**
Jim Gildea	**Yes**
Erica Nuzzo	**Yes**
Melissa Mongillo	**Yes**
Karla Malerba	**Yes**

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Nuzzo: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion that the Board of Education approve the financial report for the period through May 31st, 2026 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Karla Malerba.

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

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Malerba: Second.

Dr. Conway: Still in good shape coming into end of year. Brian has now taken over financial services. He'll be at our future meetings. May 31st, $12, 000 to the good with the 160,000 added in which will get spent down by the end of the year.

And if only the original budget approves by the school year starting, which the State Department of Ed looked at the MBR.

Mr. Gildea: Does that mean the 350,000

Dr. Conway: I'm going to use that exact language with the State Department of Ed to try and get an answer.

Mr. Gildea: So, the 160,000 does not count.

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Dr. Conway: Yeah. Anything that I can find in terms of language with the MBR and with the State Department, the original budget passes, not mid-year.

Mr. Marcucio: Will Brian come to our meetings?

Dr. Conway: He will definitely be at future meetings.

Mr. Marcucio: What's the agreement now with salary.

Dr. Conway: Nothing's changed in salary at this point. We're going to monitor the hours and then come to an agreement with the City.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries. How much were we paying John.

Dr. Conway: About $545 a day. He submitted his last report. He was working five days a week.

Mr. Marcucio: Okay.

CHILLER UPDATE

Dr. Conway: Everything is on schedule for chiller update.

Mr. Marcucio: How are they going to dismantle that.

Dr. Conway: They're going to install an additional hundred-ton chiller in addition to the hundred-ton chiller we already have. The demolition of the existing chiller.

NON-AFFILIATED PREMIUM COST SHARE

Motion that the Board of Education approve the proposed premium cost share for non-affiliated staff as recommended by the Negotiations and Personnel Committee. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Karla Malerba.

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

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Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Malerba: Second.

Dr. Conway: This is so that the non-affiliated staff that we're at 13 percent make a jump to 17 percent in the first year. Make it a little bit more financially equitable for the non-affiliated staff. If we left it at the 17, it would have more than used up more than the entire three percent raise that they receive for the year as well. So, they'll eventually get to the 17 over the three years. But there will also be where all the City contracts are.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE CHANGE FORM FOR CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

Motion that the Board of Education approve the authorized signature change form for child nutrition program. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Erica Nuzzo.

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

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Nuzzo: Second.

Dr. Conway: Anytime there's a change with the secretary of the Board we have to change this document it comes before the Board for the new Secretary signature. Kim Tovar is in preparation for tonight, will be the signature on this form moving forward.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

SHARED SERVICES RESOLUTION – HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Motion the Board of Education approve the resolution between the City of Derby and Board of Education regarding share services for the position of human resources. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Erica Nuzzo.

Ken Marcucio	**Yes**
Dan Foley	**Yes**
Kim Tovar	**Excused**
Holly Orazietti	**Yes**
Rebecca O'Hara	**Excused**
Jim Gildea	**Yes**
Erica Nuzzo	**Yes**

Melissa Mongillo Yes
Karla Malerba Yes

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Nuzzo: Second.

Mr. Gildea: Updating the Board on his input. Feel free to say this, I recognize everybody has a different opinion, thinks different, but you know the cost of education and the cost of running a City just continues to try to save money both here and with the finance department and other areas perhaps down the road. I thought we would start with HR to see how it works. Again, it's an opportunity for the City to save money. But the thought is we would at least try this obviously if it didn't work out we have money in the budget we may be able to go back to our own position.

Mr. Foley: May I have speaking time.

Mr. Marcucio: You certainly may.

Mr. Foley: The last thing we went with the City on health insurance. And the public school system namely the teachers were short-changed. They were paying 23 percent and the City employees were paying 17 percent. That was the last time we helped out the City and I feel that we become a stepchild for the City. Where we have a change of administration we may be finding ourselves deeper in the whole. I am totally against it. Why change if you're not having any problems. If you really want to save money you should have went in with he City of Ansonia but members of the City were against it and the Board members. So, I would vote against it.

Mr. Gildea: I get it. I respect your viewpoint.

Mr. Foley: Why even opt in why we're talking about opting out.

Mr. Gildea: Dan, I understand your position. And I respect yours.

Mr. Foley: And I respect yours.

Mr. Gildea: Thank you, Dan.

Mr. Marcucio: There's always a problem with money. The Town does not have the money. I understand where you're coming from too, Dan. But we've got the opt out option.

Mr. Foley: Doctor, what cities or towns have a combined human resource director.

Dr. Conway: We didn't get a response from when the inquiry that went out. We didn't get a response from the majority of the Towns. Even those that responded, some still were in it. Some have been and got out. Or it went in within a time where there was a great relationship between the Board and the City. And overtime either stayed in or got

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out or went back in based upon those relationships is how most of them shared their experience.

So, there wasn't any negative experience. It was really about the relationships and the individuals in the roles at the time that determine did they share services for HR. Did they share services for the finance piece. It really depended upon the relationship between the Board and the City administration at the time and the individuals in those roles.

Mr. Foley: So, if the administration changes, we may be dealing with a different problem.

Mr. Marcucio: But we can opt out.

Mr. Foley: Everyone keeps saying opting out. Why get in if there's that question hanging over us.

Mr. Marcucio: Because we're trying to protect ourselves that's all.

Mr. Foley: And I'm trying to protect the school system.

Mr. Marcucio: I know. But we don't have the money, Dan. That's a problem.

Mr. Gildea: Mr. Chair, I'd like to call the vote.

Mr. Foley: Well, is there anyone else who wishes to speak?

Ms. Orazietti: Giving her input to the Board. I see it becoming a failure.

Mr. Marcucio: It says right in there, it says we have the ability to opt out. The Mayor's objective down the line is to get down and his offices too.

Dr. Conway: You have payroll, accounts payable, facilities. Special ed downstairs.

Mr. Marcucio: The bottom line is to save money.

Ms. Orazietti: But why jeopardize.

Mr. Gildea: Again, I'd like to call the vote. I'd like to see how this goes. We're all friends. We all like each other.

Mr. Marcucio: Going to take a vote now.

Mr. Gildea: Ken Marcucio, yes. Melissa Mongillo, yes. Holly Orazietti, no. Jim Gildea, yes. Erica Nuzzo, yes. Karla Malerba, yes. Dan Foley, no. Kim and Rebecca are not here. Let the record reflect the motion passes.

Mr. Marcucio: Okay. Five to two, the motion passes. Even before this starts, if we don't think this is going to work out, tell them we just don't want to do it.

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Mr. Gildea: Board of Alderman pass it. When is that date. Get three people to serve on the committee.

Dr. Conway: It will help the posting is having a salary.

Mr. Marcucio: Who would like to serve on that committee. Mr. Gildea; Ms. Mongillo; Mr. Foley on the committee. Dan, Melissa and Jim are on the committee.

2026-2027 PROGRAM OF STUDIES UPDATE AP SEMINAR COURSE

Motion the Board of Education approve adding the AP Seminar Course of 2026-2027 Program of Studies as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Holly Orazietti.

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

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Orazietti: Second.

Dr. Conway: Principal Olson provide information.

Ms. Olson: Updating the Board on the AP Seminar Course that we have in our Program of Studies, which has already been approved, which we ran for the first time this year. It was successful. One of the things that we are looking to do is to change that course to filling an elective to make this eligible to fulfill a graduation requirement. No different than we right now, AP English Literature and AP Composition fulfill a English Graduation requirement. AP Seminar the request to move it fulfill English requirement. It is something that the College Board recommends. It helps increase the number of students to have access to this course and if it's in addition to an English requirement, many students wouldn't be able to fit it into their schedule. It's part of our goal to expanding the rigorous courses that we have. To offer this course is one of two in sequence. Once AP Seminar is completed, students can actually move on to a new course, AP Research. We are looking forward to having hat course be added in the '27, '28 school year. Our teachers finished up today their training for that. They're excited about it.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

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POLICY 6141.326 ONLINE SOCIAL NETWORKING

Motion the Board of Education approve Policy 6141.326 Online Social Networking as recommended by the School Community Relations and Policy Committee. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Holly Orazietti.

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

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Orazietti: Second.

Mr. Gildea: So, when you read the policy. Reading the policy into the record.

Dr. Conway: We would go to Discipline Matrix for the violation.

Mr. Gildea: Use of AI generated contents. Is that in our Discipline Matrix

Dr. Conway: It's in our Discipline Matrix if it was harassing to another individual in the school. And because it didn't happen in the school this will allow that act to be enforceable within the school.

Mr. Gildea: Any violations of cyber bullying, AI content would now even though it happens after school.

So, this is really a step to discipline for people cyber bullying after school hours.

Dr. Conway: That is in fact the school day, yes. If it's disruptive to the educational environment, then, yes.

Mr. Gildea: And what I would like to do, Mr. Chair is, I'm good with the policy but I would like our Student Health and Safety Committee to see how this fits into our discipline matrix as well. Thank you.

Dr. Conway: The regulation something to do internally.

Mr. Marcucio: Are you going to attach it to this.

Dr. Conway: Absolutely. The consequence is up to the Board. See if we need to make any changes for the Discipline Matrix see where the consequences fall and we'll see if

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we need to make any changes. I could have the Board attorney review the discipline matrix as well.

Mr. Gildea: I would like that too.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries.

Mr. Marcucio: While we are all here. I forgot to read this. Thank you note. Thank you for our teacher appreciation and lunch. We really enjoyed it. Thank you for all you do for the school system. Have a wonderful summer. From the Bradley School Unified Arts and Resource Teams.

ADJOURN

Motion that the Board of Education adjourn its meeting. Passed with a motion made by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Ms. Holly Orazietti.

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

Mr. Gildea: Making motion.

Ms. Orazietti: Second.

Mr. Marcucio: Motion carries at 7:51.

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Derby Public Schools
Business Manager's Report
July 16, 2026

This financial detail provides 25-26 FY operating budget information as of June 30, 2026, as follows:

Description	Adjusted Budget	Projected 6/30	Variance
Salaries	$ 13,499,917	$ 13,174,258	$ 325,660
Temp Services	$ 60,000	$ 98,746	$ (38,746)
Aces & Substitute Services	$ 190,415	$ 178,579	$ 11,836
Benefits	$ 826,500	$ 855,598	$ (29,098)
Total Staffing Costs	**$ 14,576,832**	**$ 14,307,181**	**$ 269,651**
Tuition to Other Districts	$ 3,064,510	$ 3,065,666	$ (1,156)
Transportation	$ 1,723,636	$ 1,914,943	$ (191,307)
Utilities	$ 794,644	$ 865,111	$ (70,467)
Unemployment Insurance	$ 16,000	$ 66,204	$ (50,204)
State Aid Excess Cost	$ (830,369)	$ (692,391)	$ (137,978)
Repairs & Maintenance	$ 340,000	$ 315,346	$ 24,654
Supplies	$ 295,318	$ 327,726	$ (32,409)
All Other Expenses	$ 467,878	$ 490,338	$ (22,460)
2% Non-lapsing fund	$ 89,423	$ -	$ 89,423
Supplemental Appropriation	$ 160,000	$ -	$ 160,000
SubTotal Other	**$ 6,121,040**	**$ 6,352,943**	**$ (231,903)**
Total Budget	**$ 20,697,872**	**$ 20,660,124**	**$ 37,748**

I have revised the categorization of expenses compared to previous reports. I believe this revised categorization will provide greater transparency and understanding of budget variances going forward.

We reached out to our transportation vendor and requested several key metrics to better understand how the current fleet size aligns with the district's needs and what if anything can be done to reduce these costs without impacting on student services. These metrics include but are not limited to Bus Utilization Rates, Routing Efficiency, and Cost per Rider. We will continue to review our largest cost centers and look for areas of improvement and optimization.

Audit Preparation

We have begun preparing for the 2025–2026 fiscal year audit. I expect the process to

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go smoothly because all BOE funds have been maintained in parallel in the city's accounting software, and the city has completed the BOE bank reconciliations for the fiscal year.

Prior-Year Audit Finding

The only significant deficiency reported in the 2024–2025 audit related to issues with the BOE's historical financial statements. Our auditor is currently working with the State Board of Education regarding the $313,513 in unspent grant funds that the state has requested be refunded. The auditor is attempting to demonstrate that the funds were spent but were not properly reported in the BOE financial system. I expect this work to be completed in the coming months. Either way, I do not expect this deficiency to appear again in next year's audit findings.

There are also two open school construction programs that are substantially complete but still need to be formally closed out.

2026-2027 FY Update

We are in the process of allocating resources for all new and remaining grant funds. Once this work is complete, we will review the 2026–2027 operating budget to identify potential risks and develop contingency plans.

I look forward to working with the Derby Public School team and the Board of Education towards a successful future.

Regards,

Brian Hall

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ENROLLMENT REPORT
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Grade	LRU	Bradley	Irving	DMS	DHS	RAISE	TOTALS
PreK	69						69
Kdg.		46	42				88
1		34	48				82
2		40	58				98
3		37	36				73
4		43	72				115
5		48	46				94
6				79			79
7				108			108
8				101			101
9					66	6	72
10					77	2	79
11					81	4	85
12					71	1	72
Totals	**69**	**248**	**302**	**288**	**295**	**13**	**1215**

Count as of 7/09/2026

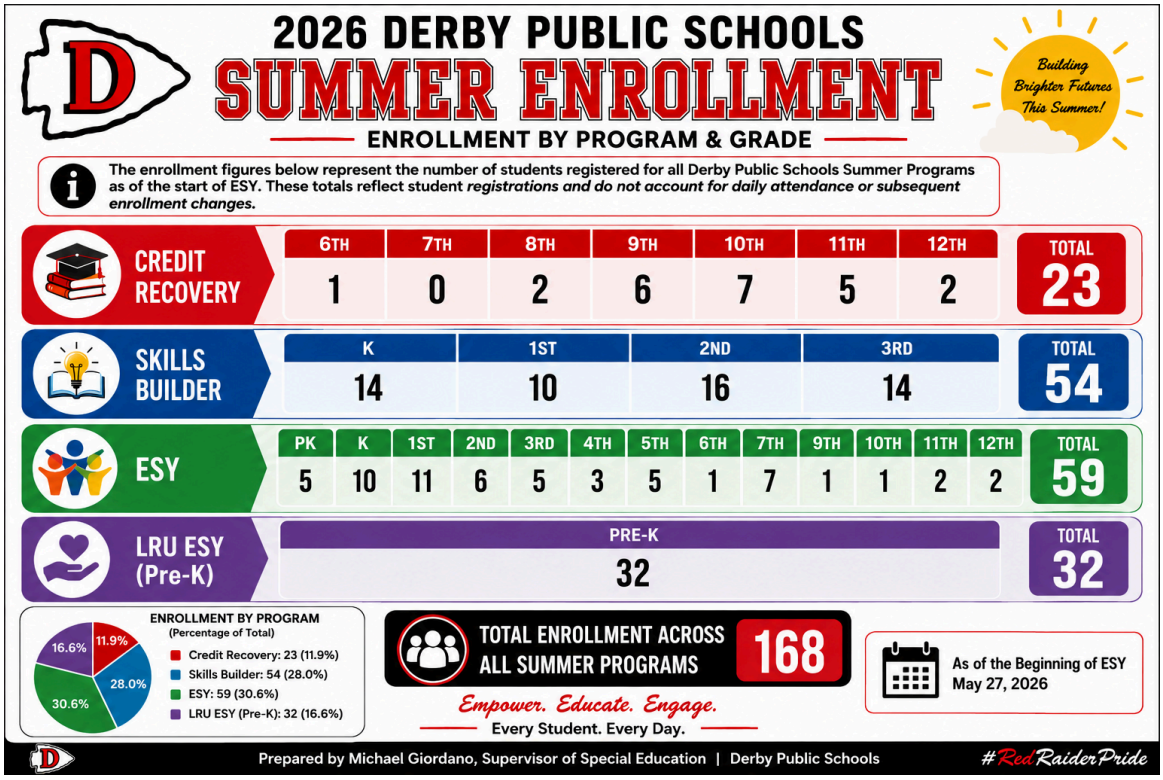
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Update to Board of Education - July 2026

Below is the enrollment (amount of students enrolled in all of our summer programs for Derby Public Schools.) This number is based on registrations at the beginning of ESY and does not take into account student attendance. Raw data is under the infographic which does include the attendance data which is an average.



LRU ESY:

32 Total Students Enrolled
28 Total Student Attending

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Irving ESY:

Grade	PK	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Students	5	10	11	6	5	3	5	1	7	0	1	1	2	2
	Total Attendance Average: 44/59 students													

Skills Builder (formerly known as Reading Recovery)

Grade	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade
Students	14	10	16	14
Attendance	6/14	3/10	8/16	8/14

Credit Recovery:

Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Students	1	0	2	6	7	5	2
	Total Students Attending- 21/23						

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