CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
6:00 p.m.
August 22 2013

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call:
George Kurtyka, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio - Board Chair, Christine Robinson, Denise Bottone and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matt Conway. Andy Mancini - Board Vice Chair arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Excused: Laura Harris, Kim Kreiger and Rebecca O’Hara.

Public Participation
No one from the public spoke.

Executive Session
A MOTION at 6:15 p.m. by Ms. Bottone with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session and inviting Dr. Conway, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Chambers, all in favor, motion carries.

Public Session
Dr. Chambers is a recommendation of Dr. Conway’s for the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning.

Dr. Chambers has taught elementary, middle school and CAPT Prep classes on weekends. She has worked with the transition of students from middle school to high school.

Her focus as a curriculum specialist is assessment, developing curriculum materials, helping the teachers know what to teach, how to teach it, when to teach it. The last two years she coached principals.

Her focus will be to produce a product so teachers will have something to work with, coach the leaders/teachers on how to use it, assess it, revise it and help the families understand it.

She is good with building partnerships and finding things that are free.
Mr. Marcucio stated she needs to be firm with the faculty and administrators.

Ms. Chambers can find money through grants, memorandums of understanding and partnerships with businesses, universities, etc.

Dr. Conway introduced Sean Morrissey as a recommendation for the Derby Middle School principal.

Mr. Morrissey expects positive school climate and looks forward to working collaboratively with all of the administrators. Mr. Morrissey is proud of his communication skills and is a strong advocate of all children.

Mr. Morrissey has twenty years of experience as a classroom teacher and the last six years as an administrator - two different middle schools. He has worked in a school of a very tough socio economic transient community. One of the elementary schools he worked for became a blue ribbon school (2003-2004).

Mr. Morrissey worked for three years at Kerrigan Middle School which was an “in need of improvement” school. The district needed to bring initiatives to the table and Mr. Morrissey was part of that. Three years ago, West Haven redistricted. The two middle schools became one. The last three years he worked in a middle school with 950 kids, a staff of about 100 and has been challenging.

A positive school climate is important to get the staff, parents and students on board and realize there is great connections within the school.

**Executive Session**

The board went into Executive Session.

**Public Session**

A **MOTION** at 7:37 p.m. by Ms. Bottone with a second by Ms. Robinson to come out of Executive Session, *all in favor*, **motion carries**.

A **MOTION** by Ms. Bottone with a second by Ms. Robinson to accept the appointments recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, *all in favor*, **motion carries**.

A **MOTION** by Ms. Bottone with a second by Mr. Kurtyka to appoint Dr. Stacy Chambers to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, *all in favor*, **motion carries**.

A **MOTION** by Ms. Bottone with a second by Mr. Mancini to appoint Mr. Sean Morrissey to the position of Derby Middle School principal as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, *all in favor*, **motion carries**.

**Alternative Education**

Dr. Conway stated there are other options to be discussed. The Boys and Girls club is a great location for an alternative education program.

There will be three individuals from the middle school and one from the high school that are carried over from expulsions.
The total cost to continue with the current practice through their end date of expulsion is approximately $22,000.

The recommended model with one tutor to as many students expelled in one location (i.e. Boys and Girls Club) would cost approximately $7,000, plus the cost of the club at $12,000 for an entire year.

If the one tutor would teach those individuals at a room at the library for two hours during the day, the savings would be $1,400 a month in lieu of rent for those hours at the Boys and Girls Club.

A MOTION by Mr. Mancini with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio to increase the number of hours from two to four for tutoring expelled students, all in favor, motion carries.

Technology Grant
A MOTION by Ms. Bottone with a second by Ms. Robinson to move forward with the application for the technology grant in the amount of $156,000 to reimburse for the technology infrastructure for wireless technology to all four school buildings and all locations, all in favor, motion carries.

Policy 5118
Mr. Mancini stated the committee made the decision to not take any action on policy 5118 at this time and review what other districts are doing currently at the same time as reviewing all of the other 5000 policies.

Adjourn
A MOTION at 8:00 p.m. by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Ms. Robinson to adjourn, all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

****These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Education at their next regular meeting.