Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:
Denise Bottone, Stephanie D’Onofrio, George Kurtyka, Ken Marcucio, Andy Mancini, Christine Robinson, Laura Harris, Kim Kreiger and Rebecca O’Hara. Also present were Interim Superintendent of Schools George Tanner and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matthew Conway, Jr.

Public Participation
No one from the public spoke

Chairman’s Report

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Tanner informed the Board that he intends to meet with Corporation Counsel on Friday, January 18, 2013 to discuss the digital sign for the Derby Middle and High Schools. Trees will be planted in the spring. The district will be developing a property and improvement site plan.

Curriculum and Professional Development

Ms. Leslie Abbiatiello from ACES updated the Board on the curriculum audit they provided. She also discussed the development of a Professional Development calendar for the year and aiming the professional development towards the State’s Common Core Strategic Plan.

Mrs. Kreiger discussed reviewing the Dashboard Data for goal setting, key performance indicators and setting specific categories.
Administrator's Reports

Ms. Bonina informed the Board that AIMSWEB assessments have been administered this month. The information gleaned from these assessments will guide instruction, with interventions occurring as data dictates. The light indicators are up and running. Each light represents an assigned function from “lockdown” through “all clear”. The office doors have been adapted to provide improved security.

Ms. Olson informed the Board that she conducted a site visit with individuals from the Connecticut State Department’s Bureau of Accountability and Learning to review Alliance grant implementation progress. The grant funded After School program is slated to begin late January/early February. Job postings for 10 after school tutors and a program leader have been posted. Grant funded Literacy tutors are slated to begin late January/early February to provide reading interventions to our most at-risk students.

Mr. Gaillard informed the Board that midterms were a success administering them the week before the holiday break. During advisory discussions, advisors have been trying to process the tragedy at Sandy Hook with students and how to prepare, prevent, and respond to emergency situations at Derby High School. The school is getting ready for course selection for the 2013-2014 school year.

Ms. Knapton informed the Board that they added another prek teacher at Bradley School as the numbers of students with autism has increased greatly.

Mr. Nardone highlighted the work that was done in each of the schools this month. At Bradley School they repaired a leak in the heating loop. All hallways were waxed and buffed and the cafeteria was painted during the December break. At Irving School repairs were made to outside lighting. All hallways were waxed and buffed and the cafeteria was painted during the December break. At Derby High School miscellaneous heating repairs were made and hot water repairs were made in the gym. All hallways were waxed and buffed during the December shutdown. Repairs and adjustments were made to outside doors at the Derby Middle School. During the December break all hallways were waxed and buffed.

Goals

The Board discussed setting goals for the 2013-2014 school year.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Kim Kreiger and second by Denise Bottone to approve the minutes as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.
2013-2014 District Calendar

The Board discussed the first review of the proposed calendar for next year. They wanted to change the start date for students to 8/28/13, they did not want to have Friday, December 20th as an early dismissal day. They also added a day at the end of the year so the last day of school would be 6/12/14. Calendar will be reviewed and adopted at the February 21, 2013 regular Board meeting.

Financial Report

A Motion was made by Kim Kreiger and second by George Kurtyka to approve the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2012, as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer. All in favor, motion carries.

Budget Transfer

A Motion was made by Kim Kreiger and second by Laura Harris to approve the transfer of $18,000 from the Superintendent Salary account to the Central Office Employee Benefit account, as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer. All in favor, motion carries.

Executive Session

A Motion was made by Kim Kreiger and second by Chris Robinson to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters and that Interim Superintendent George Tanner and Dr. Conway be invited to attend. All in favor, motion carries.

Public Session

A Motion was made by Kim Kreiger and second by Rebecca O’Hara to return to public session. All in favor, motion carries.

Faculty Appointments

A Motion was made by Kim Kreiger and second by Laura Harris to approve the schedule of appointments as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. All in favor, motion carries.
Coaching Rehires

A Motion was made by Kim Kreiger and second by Chris Robinson to approve the schedule of recommended coaching rehires as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools with a note that all coaches whose certification is expiring within the time of their respective sport gets their certification renewed prior to their season. All in favor, motion carries.

Childrearing Leave

A Motion was made by Kim Kreiger and second by Densie Bottone to approve the childrearing request from March 4, 2013 through August 2013 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. All in favor, motion carries.

Adjournment

A MOTION at 7:24 p.m. to adjourn by Kim Kreiger with a second by Stephanie D‘Onofrio. All in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Gotowala
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

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