Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call:
Denise Bottone, Andy Mancini, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, George Kurtyka, Ken Marcucio, Christine Robinson, Kim Kreiger and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Tracy.

Excused:
Rebecca O’Hara.

Also Present: Connie Condon - DNS.

Public Portion
No one from the public spoke.

Strategic Plan Discussion
The discussion is for the board to think about the way it wishes to organize the implementation of items in the plan.

The board adopted a vision and mission statement, prioritized strategic areas and adopted a prioritized strategic plan, establish committees co-chaired by one board member and by one staff or community member. There should be three committees: academic excellence, quality instructional and administrative staff, organizational efficiency and quality student life and community engagement. Other committee members could be the people who helped design the plan.

The district will see results in 12-18 months. The plan needs to be reviewed every year. Mr. Marcucio, Mr. Mancini and Ms. Bottone will be on the organizational efficiency committee, the
academic excellence committee will by Ms. Kreiger, Ms. O'Hara and Mr. Kurtyka, Ms. Harris, Ms. Robinson and Ms. D'Onofrio will be on the quality student life.

There is a letter of agreement that is 30 days old.

The committee chairs will announce their committee members at the next committee of the whole meeting on June 5th, at 6:30 p.m..

Superintendent's Evaluation
The self assessment has been completed. The board will meet at the Superintendent's office at 6:30 p.m. on Monday May 14th.

Board Goals
The board continued their work and review of the board goals. ACES was at the last curriculum committee meeting in April. Derby is participating this summer in the curriculum consortium. It will provide a blueprint for curriculum, there will be 15 districts participating in reading and language arts in keeping with the new adopted common core standards.

The next curriculum committee meeting needs to approve the oral language curriculum developed by the high school staff. The elementary and middle school principals will talk about the transition issue where students are not ready to move into the next classroom. The meeting will be moved to May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

The goals should be in place for the July board meeting.

A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education authorize the submission of the special education entitlement grant IDEA 2012-2014 to the State Department of Education as recommended by the Superintendent, discussion...Dr. Tracy presented a copy of the document with a summary describing how the $314,000 of IDEA money will be spent. This is under the control and direction of Dr. Knapton, Director of Special Education, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini -yes, Laura Harris -yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio -yes, George Kurtyka -yes, Ken Marcucio -yes, Christine Robinson -yes, and Kim Kreiger -yes, motion carries.

A MOTION at 7:58 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters, and that the Superintendent be invited to participate, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini -yes, Laura Harris -yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio -yes, George Kurtyka -yes, Ken Marcucio -yes, Christine Robinson -yes, and Kim Kreiger -yes, motion passes.

A MOTION at 8:37 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education return to public session, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini -yes, Laura Harris -yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio -yes, George Kurtyka -yes, Ken Marcucio -yes, Christine Robinson -yes, and Kim Kreiger -yes, motion passes.
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Bottone that the Board of Education approve the faculty appointment list presented as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini -yes, Laura Harris -yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio -yes, George Kurtyka -yes, Ken Marcucio -yes, Christine Robinson -yes, and Kim Kreiger -yes, motion passes.

A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education approve a leave of absence for Virginia DiPaolo without compensation for the period of April 23, 2012 to May 23, 2012, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini -yes, Laura Harris -yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio -yes, George Kurtyka -yes, Ken Marcucio -yes, Christine Robinson -yes, and Kim Kreiger -yes, motion passes.

Adjournment
A MOTION at 8:38 p.m. to adjourn by Ms. D'Onofrio, second by Ms. Robinson, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini -yes, Laura Harris -yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio -yes, George Kurtyka -yes, Ken Marcucio -yes, Christine Robinson -yes, and Kim Kreiger -yes, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

***These minutes are subject to the approval by the board at their next regular meeting.