Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call:
Stephanie D’Onofrio, Laura Harris, Christine Robinson, Rebecca O’Hara, George Kurtyka, Ken Marcucio Board Chair and Kim Kreiger.

Excused: Andy Mancini
Absent: Denise Bottone and Klaysa Qato - student representative.

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Tracy, Sally Bonina - principal DMS, Fran Gallo - principal Irving School, Christine DiGrazia - principal Bradley School, Greg Gaillard - principal DHS, Dr. Lois Knapton - Director of Special Education, Dave Nardone - Facilities Manager, and Arthur Poole - Business Manager.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
The student representative report will be deleted. A MOTION to approve the amended agenda by Mr. Kurtyka with a second by Ms. Harris, all in favor, roll call: Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Public Participation
No one from the public spoke.
Public Portion Closed.

Recognition
Two 5th grade students at Bradley School, Daphney Pate and Thomas Abel were honored at the Aqua Turf on February 6, 2012 at the 13th Annual Celebration of the Arts banquet.
Principal DiGrazia introduced the students.

Chairman’s Report
There is no report.
Superintendent's Report

There was a meeting at Griffin Hospital to advance health and learning in schools regarding child obesity and nutrition effort.

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation reviewed the budget.

There was a principal search committee meeting where eight individuals were identified for interviews beginning on March 27th and March 29th. The goal is to bring a recommended candidate to the board by the end of April.

There are two finalists for the Business Manager position.

A non lapsing fund to be used as a reserve account for end of year surplus is being requested by the board to the Chairman of the Board of Apportionment & Taxation. There is an unaudited surplus for FY 10-11 of approximately $122,000.00 or 0.7% of the total budget. It could be used as a contingency fund.

The committee of the whole meeting will address a supplemental spending plan regarding the projected balance for this year's budget generated by unemployment, energy, teachers' salaries savings and the $99,000 supplemental appropriation from November.

The conversations are continuing with Ansonia for the potential cooperation arrangement on technology. This would cost the Derby schools approximately $88,000.00 a year. This would be a savings of $10-12,000. The arrangement would include a 1/3 time of a network director or 12-13 hours a week, a full time information technology technician based in Derby, daily help desk assistance, back up with outside contractors if needed and identify hardware purchases.

The newly adopted Food Allergy Management Policy will be effective on April 1st. Care plans will be on file by April 15th and a district wide plan will be effective on August 1st.

The capital planning commission is meeting on March 20, 2012. Mr. Nardone will represent the board. The request is approximately $10 million dollars over a five year period.

The district is in full compliance with the state certification law.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the following meetings:

Committee of the Whole, February 7, 2012
Special Meeting, Principal Search Committee - Irving - February 9, 2012
Board Meeting, February 16, 2012
Budget Hearing 1, February 21, 2012
Budget Hearing 2, February 22, 2012
Budget Hearing 3, February 23, 2012
Budget Adoption, February 27, 2012

all in favor, roll call: Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Dashboard Presentations
Christine DiGrazia, Bradley School
Fran Gallo, Irving School
Greg Gaillard, Derby High School
Sally Bonina, Derby Middle School

The dashboards were presented to the board for discussion.

Administrative Updates
Lois Knapton, Director of Special Education - The number of students are staying even. Ms. Knapton thanked the board for the para placed at the Middle School.

David Nardone, Facilities Manager - The elevator at the Middle School was repaired at no cost. The turbines are down again due to a failed control. There is now control over the hallway lights and are on a timer and schedule.

Update on Regionalization Discussions
A second meeting was held. Attorney Ron Harris from the State Department of Education was present at the first meeting to advise the group on the legal process.

There are five different options ranging from full K-12 regionalization under one regional school board, secondary regionalization with three boards, high school regionalization with a joint high school board, tuition high school students out to Ansonia and/or other towns, or cooperative agreements on services.

The criteria of regionalization was discussed, along with the impact on operating budgets regarding facilities and transportation, impact on collective bargaining agreements, governance arrangement and a realistic and effective district management structure.

The group will be expanded to include an elementary and secondary school parent from each city, a non parent citizen and a teacher’s union representative from each city.

Research consultants and a NESDC representative will also be involved.

First Read of Board Policy
As recommended by the Policy Committee
Series 0000
Series 9000
The item is tabled until Mr. Mancini is available.

**Field Trip Authorization**

A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education approve a field trip to the Medieval Times in New Jersey for the Derby Middle School on May 17, 2012, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, roll call: Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

**Financial Report**

A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio that the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the period ending February 29, 2012, as recommended by the School Business Manager, all in favor, roll call: Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

**Executive Session**

A MOTION at 7:53 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and a parent request regarding residency requirements and that the parents and Superintendent Tracy, DMS Principal Ms. Bonina be invited to attend, all in favor, roll call: Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

**Public Session**

A MOTION at 9:34 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio that the Board of Education return to public session, all in favor, roll call: Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

**Parent Request**

A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education approve the parent request to allow the student to remain at Bradley School for the remainder of the school year as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, roll call: Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

**Personnel Matters**

A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. that the Board of Education accept a letter of resignation from Mr. Walter Mayhew, Derby Middle School Girls’ Basketball and Boys’ Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2012, with appreciation and best wishes, all in favor, roll call: Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.
Faculty Appointments
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education approve the schedule of appointments: Nicole Sherwinsky, LT Sub Teacher, Science at DMS, Mark Julianelle, LT Sub Teacher, at Irving School, Tracey Zabin, LT Sub Teacher, at Irving School, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, roll call: Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

District CMT Coordinator for 2012-2013
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. O’Hara that the Board of Education hire Jennifer Ostrosky as District CMT Coordinator District Wide for the 2012-2013 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor. Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Adjournment
A MOTION at 9:37 p.m. by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education adjourn, all in favor, roll call: Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

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