CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole
Derby Middle School Cafetorium
February 7, 2012

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Roll Call:
George Kurtyka, Ken Marcucio, Denise Bottone, Laura Harris, Andy Mancini, Christine Robinson, Stephanie D’Onofrio and Rebecca O’Hara. Kim Kreiger arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Tracy.

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

Strategic Plan Review and Adoption
The Board of Education commissioned a long range planning committee to develop a five year strategic plan in the fall of 2010. The document starts with a statement of vision and a mission statement. The plan consists of four strategic areas: academic excellence, organizational efficiency, quality staff and student well being and community partnerships.

A MOTION by Ms. Harris with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education adopt the Strategic Plan, as recommended by the Strategic Plan Committee and the Superintendent, all in favor, roll call: George Kurtyka -yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, Denise Bottone - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes and Rebecca O’Hara - yes, motion carries.

Literacy How Primary Reading Initiative
This is the second year of implementation of the Haskins Reading Program. The approach focuses on teacher and professional development in identifying why certain students struggle in early years.
The team has been working on the five components of effective reading instruction at the two elementary schools with the help of the teacher specialists and the teachers at the schools.

The work is ongoing from last year which centered on awareness, phonics and fluency. This year there is also work being done on text comprehension, expression and vocabulary.

**2012-2013 School District Calendar**
The calendar is a first read and will come back to the board on February 16th for approval.

**Executive Session**
A MOTION at 7:55 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 student disciplinary matter and that Dr. Tracy, Mr. Gaillard, Mr. Landolli, the student and the student’s parents be invited to attend, all in favor, roll call: George Kurtyka -yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, Denise Bottone - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes and Ms. Kreiger - yes. motion passes.

A MOTION at 8:55 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: George Kurtyka -yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, Denise Bottone - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, and Ms. Kreiger - yes. motion passes.

**District CMT Coordinator for 2012-2013**
No action taken.

**New Middle School Paraprofessional**
No action taken.

**Adjournment**
A MOTION at 8:55 p.m. by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education adjourn, all in favor, roll call: George Kurtyka -yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, Denise Bottone - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Rebecca O’Hara - yes, and Ms. Kreiger - yes. motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesarani
Recording Secretary

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