CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Andy Mancini, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Laura Harris, Ken Marcucio Board Chair, Klaysa Qato - student representative, George Kurtyka, Christine Robinson, and Kim Kreiger.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Tracy, Greg Gaillard - principal DHS, Sally Bonina - principal DMS, Fran Gallo - principal Irving School and Christine DiGrazia - principal Bradley School.

ABSENT:
Casey Picheco, Rebecca O’Hara.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA
There is an addition to the agenda: A MOTION by Ms. Harris with a second by Mr. Kurtyka, that the Board of Education add Klaysa Qato - student representative report in front of Teacher of the Year, all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No one from the public spoke.
Public Portion Closed.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:
Spirit Week was a great success.

The Derby/Ansonia game was postponed until the following day due to weather.

Derby High School was on MTV for a new game show.

There was early dismissal on October 5th due to professional development.

Study Island (web based assessment tool) provides a better understanding for students of subjects that are difficult for them.

Progress reports were postponed until October 11th due to power issues. Sophomores and Juniors took PSAT's on October 12th.
Derby High School football had a great victory over Watertown, 41-0.

The senior class sold pink bracelets for the Cancer Treatment Center for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**Teacher of the Year**
Dr. Tracy introduced the teacher of the year, David Chevarella.

**Curriculum/Professional Development**
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education accept a proposal from Area Cooperative Educational Service (ACES) for curriculum and professional development services, as recommended by the Superintendent and authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with ACES for such service, all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

**Chairman’s Report**
There was discussion of meeting dates and available members.

**Superintendent’s Report**
The school district will use a standard two hour delay for winter weather due to maintenance cutbacks, and one plow.

**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 minutes:

- Special Meeting, August 4, 2011
- Committee of the Whole, September 6, 2011
- Special Meeting, September 20, 2011
- Special Meeting, September 22, 2011
- Policy Committee, September 26, 2011

all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes for all but the August 4th meeting, Mr. Kurtyka recused himself as he was not present, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

**CMT Scores - Elementary Schools**
**Bradley School**

Overall math scores were strong and improved from 86.6% proficiency in 2010 to 89.5% proficiency, however it fell short of the 91% proficiency for the entire school requirement.

Overall reading scores fell at 73.8% proficiency from the previous year score of 79.5% proficiency.
AYP was not met for the entire school which had a target of 89% proficiency.

Math and writing scores were strong for the most part, reading continues to be the biggest challenge at all three grade levels.

**Irving School**
There was 50% at proficiency and 44% was the state goal.

Grade 4 reading had an upward trend. There was a small gain in reading proficiency. There was a much bigger gain in goal. Writing proficiency dipped, but goal has gone up from 36% in 2010 to 53% in 2011. Math had steep climbs from 51 to 67% at proficiency and from 25 to 46% at goal.

Grade 5 had a dip from the previous year. Writing had a sharp increase in proficiency from 59 to 78% and goal from 31 to 51%. Math goal flat lined. Science also flat lined.

**Dashboard Presentations**
The dashboards were presented for September 2011 to the board for discussion.

**Board of Education Goals FY 2012**
**A MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education approves a set of goals for the school system for 2011-2012, as proposed by the Chairman, discussion regarding amendments..................

**A MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger to amend the motion to include under "Student Achievement" "to respond affirmatively to the recommendations that NEASC has made regarding improvements at DHS" and also to include under "Budget Development" "working in concert with the Superintendent in district administrators to develop a budget that reflects the needs of the district's students including the priorities set forth in the district's strategic plan and NEASC recommendations, second by Mr. Kurtyka, all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

The original motion by Ms. Kreiger and Mr. Mancini is revisited, all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

**Technology Plan Update**
Dr. Tracy arranged for Connecticut Computer Services to inventory the servers and make certain upgrades. The ACES technology director will explore the possibility of being the district's technology support.

**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 September 30, 2011, as recommended by the School Business Manager, all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura
Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Consolidated Grant Application
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the Consolidated Grant Application for the 2012 school year to the State Department of Education on behalf of the Derby Public Schools, all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Executive Session
A MOTION at 8:23 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education enter into Executive Sessions to discuss a parent request and personnel matters, and that the parents and Dr. Tracy be invited to attend, all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

A MOTION at 9:25 p.m. by Ms. Harris with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education return to public session, all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Parent Request
A MOTION by Ms. Harris with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education deny the parent request that was presented and discussed in Executive Session, all in favor, roll call. Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Personnel Matters
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education approve the schedule of appointments minus the coaching recommendation, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Non-Affiliated Medical Benefits in Retirement
A MOTION by Ms. Harris with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education approve medical benefits in retirement for non-affiliated staff members, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, roll call: Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Child Rearing Leave
A MOTION by Mr. Kurtyka with a second by Ms. Kreiger that the Board of Education approve a Child Rearing Leave for Tracy Landolfi for the period of February 26, 2012 through June 30, 2012, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, roll call Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie
D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

**Child Rearing Leave**

**A MOTION by Ms. Harris with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education approve a Child Rearing Leave for Lisa Detro for the period of January 2, 2012 through May 7, 2012, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, roll call:** Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

**Adjournment**

**A MOTION at 9:28 p.m. by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education adjourn, all in favor, roll call:** Andy Mancini - yes, Stephanie D’Onofrio - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, and Kim Kreiger - yes, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Denise Cesaroni

Recording Secretary

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