CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM
JULY 14, 2011

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Roll Call:
Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka and Kim Kreiger. Christine Robinson arrived at 6:40 p.m. Casey Picheco arrived 7:19 p.m.

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Tracy, Francis Gallo - Irving School principal, Christine DeGrazi - Bradley School principal, and Francis Thompson - DHS principal, Athletic Director - Joe Orazietti.

Absent:
Rebecca O’Hara, Casey Picheco and Andy Mancini.

Public Participation
Linda Romano - 304 Hawthorne Avenue. Ms. Romano wanted to commend Mr. Fran Thompson - DHS principal for bringing Derby out of a difficult time.

Mr. Orazietti - DHS Athletic Director. Mr. Orazietti also commends Mr. Thompson for bringing a lot of life and energy back into the school and will be sorely missed.

Lou Coppola - DHS science teacher. Mr. Coppola thanked Mr. Thompson for all he has done for the DHS system.

Joseph DiMartino - 8 1/2 Talmadge Street. The softball team ran a breast cancer awareness game. Mr. DiMartino’s wife was diagnosed with breast cancer four months ago. $2,300 dollars was raised for breast cancer awareness.

Mr. DiMartino stated the school came alive under Mr. Thompson’s leadership. It is very concerning why Derby keeps losing principals.

Mr. DiMartino is against the handbook revisions.

62 Sherwood Avenue. Mr. Thompson turned the school around completely. The kids enjoyed being there. Ms. is against the handbook revisions.

Jim DiMartino - 63 Sherwood Avenue. There are too many changes every couple of years, between principals and superintendents. The kids were more positive under his direction.
Public Portion Closed.

Chairman's Report
Mr. Marcucio commented on the breast cancer awareness softball game. It was a great thing for both Derby and Ansonia.

Superintendent Report
Dr. Tracy congratulated Mr. Thompson for the opportunity given to him. Dr. Tracy and the school board has decided to post the principal as an internal opening.

The CAPT and CMT results came out. There are concerns with the results.

Mr. Marcucio, Ms. Mangini and Dr. Tracy met with the City regarding the recalculation of the budget based on the insurance changes that took place. A substantial restoration of funds could be returned.

The trees at the courtyard were removed because of tree rotting and falling limbs. The sidewalk tiles were lifting up.

Approval of Minutes
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the following minutes:

There is still a question as to who was present at the May 9th meeting.

Special Meeting - Budget, June 1, 2011
Special Meeting - Budget, June 7, 2011
Special Meeting - Policy, June 21, 2011
Special Meeting, June 23, 2011

all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger and Christine Robinson, motion passes.

Financial Report
The report is not available due to the board meeting being moved up, while Ms. Mangini was on vacation.

Review of Athletic Budget
With the board returning $21,000 back to Mr. Orazietti’s budget, the cut positions can now be returned. Transportation can be returned for cheerleading competition. At June 30, the account had $26,000. Mr. Orazietti would like to order $6-$7,000 dollars worth of equipment. Gate receipts will start soon.

High School Handbook
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education approve the Derby High School Handbook as recommended by the Principal. discussion....Ms. Robinson
wanted clarification of the changes.....Dr. Tracy stated there is a summary of changes as proposed by the High School principal, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger and Christine Robinson, motion carries.

Postage Meters
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education approve a modification to the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget regarding postage meters, as recommended by the Superintendent, discussion.....Ms. Robinson would like to table this item, second by Mr. Kurtyka, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger and Christine Robinson, motion passes.

Additional Teaching Position, Bradley
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Picheco that the Board of Education establish an additional classroom teacher position at Bradley School for the 2011-2012 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Additional Teaching Position, DMS
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education establish an additional classroom teacher position at Derby Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

School Lunch Prices
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio that the Board of Education approve changes in school lunch prices for 2011-2012, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Food Services Contract
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education approve a Food Services Contract with Sodexo Management Inc., as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Executive Session
A MOTION at 7:40 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters, to review legal correspondence, Memorandums of Agreement with the Secretaries Union, the DEA and the Paraprofessionals/Nurses Unions, and that Dr. Tracy be invited to attend, and include Ms. Mangini - School Business Mgr, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.
A MOTION at 8:53 p.m. by Ms. Harris with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education return to public session, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

High School Principal
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Francis Thompson as Principal of Derby High School with appreciation and best wishes, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

For the record, Mr. Marcucio thanks Mr. Thompson on behalf of the board for what he has done for the High School and the school system for the past three years, the board is happy with what he did, and hopes he is happy with his move to Jonathan Law High School.

Resignation
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education accept a faculty resignation of Mr. Christian Allard with appreciation and best wishes, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Personnel Matters
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education approve certain appointments, Ms. Victoria Cardoza as a science teacher at Derby High School, Ms. Rebecca Syombathy as an english teacher at Derby High School, Ms. Christina Reyes as an english teacher at Derby High School, Francis Salazar basketball head coach - Derby High School, Brittany Anderson and Melony Anderson - volunteer cheerleading coaches at Derby High School, Derby High School summer school appointments - Mr. Allard, Mr. Adams, Ms. Dunnick - Irving School summer school appointments - Sandra Lazowski, and April Fruzinsky - as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education table until the August Committee of the Whole the salaries for non-affiliated personnel for the 2011-2012 year, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Business Manager
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education table the salary for the Business Manager for 2011-2012, until the August 2 Committee of the Whole meeting as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson, and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Memorandum of Agreement - Secretaries Union
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Derby Education Secretaries Association, AFSCME Council #4, AFL-CIO Local 1303-294, regarding the use of timesheets to document compensation, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Memorandum of Agreement - Derby Education Association
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Derby Education Association regarding the continuation of the HSA option as a part of the medical benefits program, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Memorandum of Agreement - Paraprofessionals/Nurses Union
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE), Local 222, CILU/CIPU #43, Paraprofessionals/Nurses Union, regarding the settlement of a complaint regarding the Reading Facilitator position at Derby Middle School, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Executive Session
A MOTION at 9:00 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation, and that Dr. Tracy be invited to attend, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

A MOTION at 9:55 p.m. by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education return to public session, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Superintendent’s Evaluation
A MOTION by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education adopt an evaluation of the Superintendent’s performance for 2010-2011, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger, Christine Robinson and Casey Picheco, motion passes.

Adjournment
A MOTION at 9:56 p.m. by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education adjourn, all in favor, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, George Kurtyka, Kim Kreiger and Christine Robinson, motion passes.
Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

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