CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING – DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM
September 23 2010
MINUTES

Call to order
Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
all rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call
Present: Andy Mancini, Rebecca O’Hara, Casey Picheco, Ken Marcucio, Stephanie D’Onofrio, George Kurtjka, Martin Hubbard, and Kim Kreiger. There is a quorum.

Also Present: Dr. Tracy, Superintendent of Schools, Fran Gallo - Principal of Irving School, Paul Landolfi - Acting Principal of Bradley School, Sally Bonina – Principal Derby Middle School, Fran Thompson - Principal of DHS, Jonathan Haydu – Student Representative and Pam Mangini - Business Manager.

Not Present: Laura Harris.

Executive Session
A MOTION at 6:52 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Picheco that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a labor grievance, and that the Board Attorney and the Superintendent be invited to participate, all in favor, motion carries.

A MOTION at 7:11 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio that the Board of Education return to public session.

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

Approval of Minutes
MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the following meetings, all in favor, motion carries.

Meeting, September 7 2010
Special Meeting, August 19 2010
Regular Meeting, August 19 2010

Recognition of the Derby Teacher of the Year for 2011
Dr. Tracy announced the Teacher of the Year for 2011 as Amanda Walker. A Resolution was read into the record:

"Whereas, Amanda Walker has served with distinction as a teacher with the Derby Public Schools since 2008 and,
Whereas, Ms. Walker consistently fills her classroom with a love of children and enthusiasm for learning and,
Whereas, as a result of her efforts Ms. Walker's students have posted remarkable achievement gains for two consecutive years.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Derby Board of Education hereby recognizes and honors Amanda Walker as the Derby Public School Teacher of the Year for 2011 in recognition of her commitment to the positive development of our young people and extends to her every good wish for continued success,

done this 23rd day of September 2010."

A MOTION by Ms. O'Hara with a second by Mr. Kurlyka to accept the resolution, all in favor, motion carries.

Introduction of New Staff Members
Mr. Thompson, Mr. Landoft, Ms. Bonina and Mr. Gallo introduced the new staff members of the Derby Public School system.

Student Representative Report
Sept 13th was the annual open house and back to school night. 
Senior Night was Sept 13th as well. 
Sept 13 - 17th was Spirit Week. 
Tuesday was Twin Day and Wednesday was Wacky Wednesday. 
Thursday was Tie Dye Day. 
Sept 26 through the 29th NEASC will be visiting for accreditation. 
Driving courses will be available after school hours. 
Monthly Student Leadership Meetings have begun.

Update on Electricity Consumption
The last four bills for the Middle School have been 16-18,000.00 a month. Ms. Mangini and Dr. Tracy will be meeting with the architects and Keith McLiverty and hope the dialogue will bring better figures on what to expect.

Update on School Bus Operations
The bus schedule is working with the changes that were made.

Title 1 Grant Application for 2010-201
The deadline has been extended to October 14th. This will be brought to the next committee meeting for approval.

Adoption of the Green Cleaning Policy
A MOTION by Ms. Pichero with a second by Ms. Kreiger that the Board of Education adopt the Policy on Green Cleaning, all in favor, motion carries.

Committee of the Whole
The next meeting will be Oct 4 2010.

Administrator Reports
Ms. Bonina - Derby Middle School. Ms. Bonina presented a reading report. 41% of the eighth graders are not proficient. Incoming seventh graders have 38% that are not proficient and 24% of the incoming sixth graders are not proficient.

Bi-weekly meetings in five steps will be held with teachers to set goals. Revised lesson plans were presented to the board.

Mr. Gallo - Irving School. Open house went well. There were not any negative comments.

The Haskins Reading Program started.

Drivers are not stopping for the bus lights creating a dangerous situation for people crossing the street, thinking it is safe to cross.

Ms. Knapton - Special Education Director. No report.

Mr. Landolfi - Bradley School. Bradley had a smooth opening. The enrollment is 369, dropped from 20, however, there was the loss of the two sixth grades.

Bradley PTA began their first fund raiser.

Open house was well attended without any negative comments.

A cancer support group was started.

Mr. Landolfi explained the Easy Read Program. The DRA level was used for the 1-3 grade students.

Mr. Thompson - Derby High School. Unable to hear full report on tape. NEASC will be at the high school from Sept 26th through the 29th. Mr. Thompson would like to see board representation on Sunday.

Superintendent's Report
The principal search is on schedule. The committee selected eleven out of forty plus applicants. Interviews will begin next week and conclude Oct 4th. The goal is to have a recommendation by the end of October and have the individual in place before Thanksgiving.

The preliminary enrollment report is at 1408 students.

Seven students put in applications for the public school choice program.

Dr. Tracy introduced graduate students from SCSU to colleagues.

The Valley United Way had their kickoff event at the Middle School last night.

The CABE convention is November 19-20.

The ACES annual report was presented.

Financial Report
MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2010 as recommended by the School Business Manager, all in favor, motion passes.

Vacancy Report
Dr. Tracy presented his report. All vacancies are filled with the exception of the Bradley School principal.

Executive Session
A MOTION at 8:33 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Picheco that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and an Early Retirement Incentive for teachers and that the board invite Superintendent Tracy and the Business Manager, all in favor, motion passes.

A MOTION at 9:33 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Picheco to return to public session, all in favor, motion passes.

Personnel Matters
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Picheco that the Board of Education approve certain appointments and accept resignations as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion carries.

Non-Affiliated Staff Vacations
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. O’Hara that the Board of Education modify vacation arrangements for Non-Affiliated personnel as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion passes.

Adjourn
A MOTION by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Ms. Harris to adjourn at 9:34 p.m., all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

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