CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
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Derby Middle School Cafetorium
6:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: all rose and pledged allegiance

Roll Call: Casey Picheco, Ken Marcucio - Chairman, George Kurtyka, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Laura Harris and Andy Mancini. There is a quorum.

Also Present: Dr. Stephen Tracy, Superintendent of Schools.

Absent: Martin Hubbard, Rebecca O’Hara and Kim Kreiger.

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

Teaching & Learning
Public School Choice Option
Irving School did not meet AYP by way of “safe harbor”. They need to be off the list for two years in a row. Letters went out to the parents of Irving School children letting them know of their option for requesting transfers to Bradley School.

Primary Literacy Plans 2010-2011
Literacy How has been engaged to help implement the Haskins Reading Program for first and second grade teachers.

The AI/ES Web Reading Assessment now has a measuring protocol in place.

Athletic Department Update
Concussion Training
The state legislature passed an act 10-62 stating all coaches have to be certified. Derby is 98% in compliance.

Fund Raising
Money was received from the booster club. Mr. Orazietti thanked Floyd O’Connor, George French and Sal Froscono.

Ms. Mangini presented the board with financial figures regarding budgets for each school.
Budget, Personnel & Facilities
Mr. Thompson addressed the board regarding NEASC. Sunday Sept 26th will be a presentation of faculty regarding elements of self study, school profile, how to achieve data, strengths and struggles, etc. The visiting committee will shadow students.

Derby High School Stairwell Project
The stairwells are now all fully closed and alarmed. The doors are fire rated.

Derby Middle School Building Project
The power cables were connected from the Middle School to the High School that will eventually carry the electrical energy from the turbines to the High School.

Principal Search at Bradley School
There were forty seven applicants for the Bradley School principal. The committee will review all applications. The recommended candidate will be presented to the board in October.

The board was updated with the bus operations.

Request for Waiver of Facilities Use Fee
The Valley United Way will hold their annual kick off on Sept 22nd at the Derby Middle School Cafetorium and is asking the custodial fees be waived. A MOTION by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education waive the customary custodial fee with respect to the use of the Middle School Cafetorium by the Valley United Way on September 22, 2010 as recommended by the Superintendent, second by Ms. Picheco, all in favor, motion carries.

Policy & Planning & Community Relations
Board of Education Goals for 2010-2011
The proposed goals were presented and will be posted on the school board website. A MOTION by Mr. Mancini with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education adopt a set of board goals for 2010-2011 as recommended by the Chair, all in favor, motion carries.

Superintendent Goals for 2010-2011
A MOTION by Ms. Picheco with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio that the Board of Education approve a set of goals for the Superintendent of Schools for 2010-2011 with Choice Theory as planned and as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion carries.

CABE Policy Review Project
Mr. Mastarro of CABE will carry out this project. The association provides for this service to look at the policy manual, student handbooks and recently adopted legislation and make recommendations for changes.

ACES Annual Member Agreement
ACES is a regional education service center servicing the greater New Haven area. Derby and other districts are members. The voting board consists of members of boards of education. The board will see if Ms. O’Hara wants to continue to be this member.

Executive Session
A MOTION by Mr. Kurtyka with a second by Ms. Harris at 7:45 p.m. that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:
Review of Staff Evaluations
Arbitration Decision
Early Retirement Proposal by the Derby Education Association

and that Dr. Tracy, and Attorney Grello be invited to attend, all in favor, motion carries.

Public Session
A MOTION at 9:16 p.m. by Ms. Harris with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education return to public session, all in favor, motion carries.

Adjourn
A MOTION by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Ms. Harris to adjourn at 9:18 p.m., all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

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