CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM
August 19, 2010
MINUTES

Call to order
Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
All rose and pledged allegiance.

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

Also Present: Dr. Tracy, Superintendent of Schools, Fran Gallo – Principal of Irving School, Linda Coppola – Principal of Bradley School, Fran Thompson – Principal of DHS and Matt Bradshaw – Dean of Students – DMS.

Not Present: Casey Picheco.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
After approval of minutes, there will be a vote for Vice Chairman and after Superintendent’s Goals there will be a vote for a Memorandum of Understanding for the School Resource Officer.

Public Participation
Denise Bottone - Grove Avenue. Ms. Bottone would like to know why her child has an excessive amount of summer school work to do. Dr. Tracy will look into the matter.

Ms. Bottone also questioned a letter regarding the elementary and middle school in need of improvement and not meeting state requirements. What is going to be done to get us there? Dr. Tracy stated this will be addressed during the Choice Program item.

Public Portion closed.

Approval of Minutes
Mr. Marcucio stated Ms. Picheco was at some of the meetings that state she was absent. He does not know the meeting dates at this time, because Ms. Picheco is absent.

MOTION by Ms. O’Hara that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the following meetings, and authorize the Chairman to adjust the attendance record of Ms. Picheco to reflect her attendance, second by Mr. Mancini. All in favor, Mr. Kurtyka abstained from all the meetings except August 3, 2010 as he was not present, motion carries.

Special Meeting, June 8 2010
Special Meeting, June 10 2010
Special Meeting, June 14 2010
Special Meeting, June 22 2010
Special Meeting, June 24 2010
Vice Chairman Nomination

A MOTION by Ms. Harris to nominate Mr. Mancini as Vice Chair for the Board of Education, seconded by Ms. D’Onofrio. There are no other nominations. Roll Call: Mr. Hubbard - yes, Ms. D’Onofrio - yes, Mr. Kurtzka - yes, Mr. Marcucio - yes, Ms. O’Hara - yes, Ms. Harris - yes, Ms. Kreiger - yes, the vote is unanimous, motion carries.

Registration & Residency Update

Mr. Saccu addressed the board. There are a number of questions from the Mayor’s task force and the school board’s attorney. When there is clarification of statutes, a process to update forms regarding residency will be implemented.

Recommended School Attendance Areas

MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio that the Board of Education designate the following school attendance areas as recommended by the Superintendent:
1. Irving School - Students in Grades Pre K - 5, residing west of the Naugatuck River
2. Bradley School - Students in Grades K - 5, residing east of the Naugatuck River

NCLB School Choice Plan

Dr. Tracy presented a report from the State on the performance of Derby schools on the Mastery Tests and CAPT Tests and conclusions.

The report shows a summary of overall recent performance on the CT Academic Performance Test indicating the proficient target in mathematics is 80% - Derby got 72.5%, the reading target in reading is 81% - Derby got 87.8% (target exceeded).

The summary for Bradley School - the math target is 82% - Bradley got 86.6%, and the target for reading is 79% - Bradley got 79.5%.

The summary for Irving School - the reading and math targets were met as a "safe harbor". Safe harbor means the school is not making the absolute targets, however, the school showed substantial improvement compared to last year. Once you miss AYP for a number of years, and end up on the needs improvement list, you need to meet AYP for two years in a row in order to get off the list.

Derby still needs to do School Choice, however, the school improved significantly.

CMT Scores for 7th & 8th graders did not make the AYP requirement as a whole in math or reading.

Derby’s Achievement Gap in Derby - (by racial and ethnic group)

White students in the Middle School did meet the target in math and reading.

Black, Hispanic and Low Income Level students did not meet the target did not meet it.

The state has identified Derby as a district in need of improvement.
MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education approves a School Choice Plan for Irving School students as required by the No Child Left Behind Act as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion carries.

Budget Transfer
MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. D'Onofrio that the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds from Other Purchased Services to personnel and benefits school nurse (DMS) as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion passes.

MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. O'Hara, that the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds from Other Purchases Services to personnel and benefits paraprofessional (Bradley School) as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion carries.

Policy
A. First Reading - Green Cleaning Policy
Derby is proposing a policy on green cleaning committing Derby to use safe and healthy cleaning materials in the schools. This will come back as a second reading the regular Board of Education meeting in September.

B. Second Reading - Revision of Comparability of Services, Policy # 6161.3
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education amend the policy on the Comparability of Services # 6161.3, to provide the Title 1 and non Title 1 Schools to all operate on the basis on common salary schedules, all in favor, motion passes.

Committee of the Whole
The next committee meeting is on Sept 7th.

Administrator Reports
Ms. Bonina - Derby Middle School. The custodians are getting the school ready. The staff is working on a plan to raise scores.

Mr. Gallo - Irving School. The school is also getting ready.

Ms. Knapton - Special Education Director. Not present.

Mr. Nardone - Schools Facilities. Irving, Bradley and the Middle School are ready to open on time. Mr. Nardone's staff handled a lot of moves. The construction project of the stairwells at the High School should be completed on time.

Mr. Thompson - Derby High School. NEASC will be coming Sept 26 - Sept 29.

Superintendent's Report
The Bradley principal search is ongoing. Several dozen people are interested in the job. The application deadline is Sept 3rd. The committee for the search consists of Jennie Stadt - PTA Chair, a few parents and staff members will be added. Mr. Landolfi has stepped into the interim role of principal.

August 27th is the Welcome Back Breakfast for faculty and board members at 8:00 a.m. at the Derby High School Cafeteria.
A representative needs to be selected for ACES.

The annual Choice Theory training for staff members concluded today.

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 July 31, 2010 as recommended by the School Business Manager, all in favor, motion passes.

FY 2009 Audit Report
Ms. Mangini presented the audit report to the board members for 2009-2010.

Vacancy Report
Dr. Tracy presented his report. The nurse position is now full time.

Board of Education Goals
This item is being referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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Memorandum of Understanding for a School Resource Officer
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Hubbard that the Board of Education authorize the Chair and Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Derby Police Department regarding the School Resource Officer, at the Middle School and the High School, all in favor, motion passes.

Executive Session
A MOTION by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Ms. Harris at 8:18 p.m. that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, student disciplinary matter, a school placement issue and DEA negotiations matter and that the board invite Superintendent Tracy, representatives of the DEA and parents and students of the disciplinary matter as appropriate, all in favor, motion passes.

A MOTION by Mr. Kurtyka with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio at 10:03 p.m. to return to public session, all in favor, motion passes.

Student Discipline Matter
A MOTION by Ms. Harris with a second by Ms. Kreiger that the Board of Education authorize the early re-entry of a student currently on expulsion effective August 30, 2010 as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion passes.

Student Placement
No action necessary.

Personnel Matters
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka that the Board of Education approve certain appointments and accept resignations with appreciation and regret of Mr. Mark Maleri, Mr. Allan Bernabe and Ms. Shelby Massaro as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, Ms. Harris abstained regarding the vacancies and appointments, motion passes.
A MOTION by Mr. Kurtyka with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education approve the recommended coaching re-hires, as recommended by the Superintendent, the Athletic Director will verify the current Connecticut Coaching Certificate is on file in the District Human Resources Office before any individual is permitted to begin work with athletes, all in favor, Ms. O’Hara abstained, motion passes.

Non-Affiliated Vacations
No action.

Adjourn
A MOTION by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Ms. Harris to adjourn at 10:06 p.m., all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

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