CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM
June 24, 2010
MINUTES

Call to order
Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
All rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call
Present: Casey Picheco, Laura Harris, Stephanie D’Onofrio, Ken Marcucio, 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: Andy Mancini, Rebecca O’Hara and Jodi Chevarella.

Public Participation
No one from the public spoke, public portion closed.

Approval of Minutes
MOTION by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the following meetings, second by Ms. D’Onofrio, all in favor, motion carries.

Special Meeting, May 3 2010
Regular Meeting, May 20 2010
Special Meeting, May 24 2010
Special Meeting, May 27 2010

Recognition - Donna Pysz - Project Fuel Up
Ms. Bonina introduced the faculty and students. Mrs. Donna Pysz approached Ms. Bonina about the Fuel Up competition and her willingness to be the program advisor. The program encourages school wide efforts in implementation and strategies for helping heating and physical activity. They became state champions.

Irving School Contest, Teacher, Stacey Hasselman
1st Place - Emir Abouneameh
2nd Place - Deon Evans
3rd Place - Drew Ciriillo

The fifth graders engaged in a writing/speech contest. The papers were submitted to faculty and Mr. Gallo who selected the top three students.

Student Representative Report
The new representative was introduced.
Committee of the Whole
The new committee will start July 6 2010 and will start at 7:00 p.m. It is the first Tuesday of each month in the Derby Middle School.

Administrator Reports
Mr. Thompson - Derby High School. Summer school has started. Aug 25-27th is for the teachers to prepare to come back to school. Aug 30th the students come back.

Mr. Gallo - Irving School. The students went to the picnic grove, some high school students came along with the wrestling team, football team and cheerleaders. Mr. Gallo is in the process of moving twelve classrooms.

Ms. Coppola - Bradley School. Ms. Coppola explained the DRA scores. Field Day was June 14th, 111 high honor students were honored, kindergarten graduation had its highest ever attendance, 58 children are registered for kindergarten and summer school is starting on July 6th.

Ms. Bonina - Derby Middle School. The Junior National Honor Society ceremony took place June 1st. The CAS Scholar Leader banquet was June 7th. The Moving Up Ceremony was June 18th with a great turn out of over 400 people.

Superintendent's Report
FY 2011 Budget - Dr. Tracy thanked the principals, staff members and Ms. Mangini for their patience through the process. Teachers were not laid off, but a lot of damage was done. There was a loss of reading staff, security staff, custodial staff and the losses from a year ago - librarians, etc.

There is no money for curriculum development, reading- other than primary reading, professional development, achievement data system and strategic planning.

The stimulus money comes to an end with looming state problems, the biggest piece being the Education Cost Sharing Grant over seven million dollars of the district budget.

The future will either be business as usual, maybe close a school, or regionalization of districts.

Dr. Tracy addressed mistreading remarks made during the budget process and the community meeting. The district is reconciling its books with the City. The school board has brought up many times the issues of accreditation for the High School.

The district will be participating in the CT Teacher of the Year program. Applications and nominations are open until June 30th.

An Administrative retreat will be held on July 12th & 13th, with long term thoughts to promote achievement in reading etc.

Enrollment Report
The enrollment has been steady at a 1450-1460 range.

Capital Plan
Long range capital needs will be looked at on July 14th.

Operating Budget 2010-2011
Ms. Mangini addressed adjustments needed for the 2011 budget. Money for the IT system should be restored. Elementary physical education positions added along with the security position.

Reductions would be in the DHS Learning Center, reduction of hours for the Middle School Guidance Secretary from twelve months seven hours a day to ten months six and a half hours a day, and a reduction in the salary of the music teacher.

The alternative program will not be in place, however there are three students that could be brought back to the school with the proper staffing and programming. The net savings of $143,000.00 from the out of placement account can be moved to the personnel account to hire a teacher and para professional to work with these three students.

Mr. Marcucio would like to add to the proposal by taking the Cross Country Head Coach money and place it somewhere to be used later in the year for Middle School sports. $2,953.00 is in the athletic budget and is uncommitted. It could be left as uncommitted and ask the Superintendent to come back with a recommendation at some later date.

**A MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger that the Board of Education amend its operating budget for FY 2010-2011, as recommended by the Superintendent and with Mr. Marcucio's addition, second by Ms. Harris, all in favor, **motion passes**.

**Financial Report**

**MOTION** by Ms. Harris with a second by Ms. Picheco that the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2010 as recommended by the School Business Manager, all in favor, **motion passes**.

The audit is not yet available. The Excess Cost payment was received. $58,334.00 is labeled as special ed excess cost supplemental. It appears the state took away the City and Towns public transportation grant.

**Vacancy Report**

The positions of Middle School dean of student development and the Bradley School principal are open. There is a half time library clerk and paraprofessional position open at Irving School.

**Old Business**

none

**New Business**

none

**Tuition Rate for 2010-2011**

The recommendation is $11,007.00 based on the operating budget minus transportation and adult education.

**A MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger that the Board of Education set the tuition rate for FY 2010-2011, as recommended by the School Business Manager, second by Ms. Harris, all in favor, **motion passes**.

**Healthy Foods Certification**

**A MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Picheco, that the Board of Education approves the Healthy Foods Certification Statement for the 2010-2011 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, **motion passes**.
Executive Session
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris at 8:33 p.m. that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at to discuss personnel and legal matters, and that Superintendent Tracy and Attorney Sedor be invited to attend, all in favor, motion passes.

A MOTION by Ms. Harris with a second by Ms. Picheco to return to public session, all in favor, motion passes.

Appointments
A MOTION by Ms. Harris with a second by Mr. Hubbard that the Board of Education approve the Schedule of Appointments as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion passes.

Legal Matter
A MOTION by Ms. Harris with a second by Ms. Picheco, that the Board of Education approve a settlement of a legal matter with Mr. Steven Anderson as discussed in Executive Session, subject to the expiration of the timelines for approval in the agreement, and authorize the Superintendent to sign said agreement, all in favor, motion carries.

Adjourn
A MOTION by Ms. D’Onofrio with a second by Ms. Kreiger to adjourn at 10:05 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.