CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
DMS Cafetorium
JUNE 10, 2010
7:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance
All rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call
Present: - Stephanie D’Onofrio, Laura Harris, Casey Picheco, Ken Marcucio - Chairman, Martin Hubbard and Andy Mancini. Rebecca O’Hara arrived at 7:08 p.m. Kim Kreiger arrived at 7:10 p.m. There is a quorum.

Absent: Jodi Chevarella.

Also Present: Dr. Stephen Tracy, Superintendent.

Public Portion
Many students spoke in favor of keeping the music programs.

Name Unknown - She teaches music at DHS. 25% of the High School student body wishes to and has requested to take a music class.

Mary? - Elm Street, Derby CT. She has two children disappointed with the thought that music class may be taken away.

Matthew Gregorio - freshman at Derby High School, 35 McLaughlin Terrace. He does not want to see the music and business classes end.

Name Unknown - David? - 36 Elm Street, Student of music class. What will happen to the teachers, once these subjects are gone? He is going to join choir next year to higher the percentage and have hopes that she will stay.

Sylvia? - Waterbury CT. She is here tonight to address school counselors, social workers and school psychologists. She handed out her annual report. If anyone of these workers were eliminated, it would be detrimental to the quality of service provided.

Linda - 18 Cottage Street. She is in favor of keeping the all day kindergarten. Shelton is charging $500.00 a student to play sports. Even if the students paid $100.00, and fund raise for those students who can’t afford it. We need to focus on education. There could be a savings by bringing in a school resource officer hired by the City in lieu of a security guard. The mission
statement of the school system is to provide all students with a high quality challenging education in a safe environment. Do not take away all day kindergarten.

Darrell Cotter - 132 Park Avenue. Don't take away the all day kindergarten.

Name Unknown. - Teacher. She is troubled that all day kindergarten is even being considered.

Mr. Bartone - Teacher Derby High School. Don't take away the music program.

John - 44 Franklin Avenue. Look at the amount of students who have an interest in music. Music should stay.

Stacey Whelan - 35 Coppola Terrace. Don't take away the all day kindergarten.

Nancy DeGennaro - 24 Grove Ave. Academic, sports and arts are important. Please don't cut the music program.

Marc Garofalo. Take into consideration the priorities in education. Make prudent decisions. It would be a big step backwards to eliminate all day kindergarten. Music has been a big part of his life. He urges the board to keep the music program. Look at how the grammar schools are staffed.

Chantal Gerckens - 65 Hillcrest Avenue. Technology is an important part of education. All day kindergarten is important and anything less would take away from the literacy component.

Michael DeGennaro - 24 Grove Ave, Eighth grade student. He takes band, which is his favorite class. Please don't cut the music program.

Jenny Ings - Teacher at Irving School. The full day kindergarten and music is needed.

John Nello - 121 Park Avenue. How can the parents help? What do you need from us?

Paula Ferrara - teacher. Would the board allow a public portion after some of the issues have been discussed?

A public portion will be allowed before a vote on the budget.

Juanita - Olivia Street. Please consider keeping all day kindergarten.

Public Portion closed.

Transfer Requests
A MOTION by Ms. Picheo, second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education authorize the transfer of funds within the 2009-2010 operating budget, as recommended by the Superintendent. all in favor, motion carried.

Budget
Adoption of the 2010-2011 Budget.
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger to take the budget off the table and put it back on as an active agenda item, second by Ms. Picheco, all in favor, motion carried.
The transfer of $60,000.00, and $25,000.00 by reducing the full time nurse to half time and $5,000.00 from the professional development account will cover the cost of the full day kindergarten.

The music program can be saved by using money from the professional development account.

**A MOTION** by Mr. Mancini with a second by Ms. Kreiger to allow the transfer of $60,000.00 as previously motioned, along with reducing the full time nurse to half time, and moving $5,000.00 from the professional development account in the 2010-2011 proposed budget to restore the all day kindergarten at both schools, all in favor, **motion carried**.

**A MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger to reduce the professional development account by $27,000.00 to restore the .6 music teacher at Derby High School, second by Ms. O’Hara, all in favor, **motion carried**.

**A MOTION** by Mr. Hubbard for an amendment to the budget to remove $30,000.00 non personnel in the maintenance budget line and remove $15,000.00 from the High School sports budget line for a total of $45,000.00 to bring back the business teacher at the High School, second by Mr. Mancini, Ms. Kreiger feels High School sports has taken a high hit already in the budget, Roll Call: Mr. Mancini - no, Ms. D’Onofrio - no, Ms. Harris -yes, Ms. Picheco - yes, Mr. Marcucio - yes, Ms. O’Hara - no, Mr. Hubbard - yes, Ms. Kreiger - no. **Motion fails**.

**A MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger to take $20,000.00 and reduce one security/safety monitor, a $5,000.00 reduction in maintenance and a $7,000.00 reduction from technical support, reduce two technology tutor positions at $25,000.00 each to restore two technology teaching positions, second by Ms. Harris, all in favor, **motion carries**.

**A MOTION** by Mr. Hubbard for an amendment to reduce the unemployment compensation line by $45,000.00 to bring back the business teacher at the High School, second by Ms. Kreiger, all in favor, **motion carries**.

**A MOTION** by Ms. O’Hara to reduce non personnel maintenance by $9,000.00 to bring back $10,000.00 to Middle School sports per Mr. Orazietti’s recommendations, second by Ms. Harris, all in favor, **motion carries**.

**Public Portion**
Several people from the public spoke in favor of the changes and thanked the board for their work.

**Contract with Literacy How**
**A MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Literacy How for the purpose of providing professional development in early literacy, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, **motion carried**.

**Executive Session**
**A MOTION** by Ms. Harris with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, all in favor, **motion carried**.

**A MOTION** to come out of Executive Session at 11:03 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. D’Onofrio, all in favor, **motion carried**.
Retirement
A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger, second by Ms. Picheco that the Board of Education accepts a letter of resignation and retirement by Mrs. Karen Jupin with thanks and best wishes, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn
A MOTION to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. by Ms. D'Onofrio with a second by Ms. Harris, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

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