CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING – DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM
February 25 2010
MINUTES

Call to order
Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
all rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call
Present: Rebecca O’Hara, Andy Mancini, Laura Harris, Jodi Chevarella, Ken Marcucio, Martin Hubbard, Stephanie Donofrio, and Kim Kreiger. There is a quorum.

Absent: Casey Picheco.

Also Present: Dr. Tracy, Superintendent of Schools, Sally Bonina - Principal of DMS, Matt Bradshaw - Vice Principal DMS, and Joseph Orazjetti - Athletic Director.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
There are no changes to the agenda.

Public Participation
Sheley Sheridan - DMS teacher. She is asking the board to consider what the students want for school colors.

Ms. Bonina feels every school should have its colors as they presently do. This encourages the students at the individual schools to have their own identity. DMS students are neither miniature high schoolers, nor want to be high schoolers. It took so long for the students to get their own school, they should not be made to feel that they are no more than an extension of the high school. The present uniforms are fine. The mascot is a non issue. The colors previously were blue and white and red has since been incorporated.

Matt Bradshaw - Vice Principal DMS. Mr. Bradshaw took a poll of the students. 113 students wanted red, white and blue. 68 wanted red and white. It is important to consider what the students want, it is their school, it gives them identities and makes them special.

Public Portion closed.

Meeting Schedule for the Following Week
The Committee on Teaching & Learning will be Monday at 5:00 p.m.
There is a Special Board meeting on Monday at 7:00 p.m. to deal with a student matter.
Also, on Monday at 8:00 p.m. the Chairman has called an additional budget workshop.
The Committee on Policy & Planning is meeting on March 2nd.
There is a Special Budget Meeting on March 2nd.

Approval of Minutes
January 21, 2010 - Regular Meeting

**MOTION** by Mr. Mancini with a second by Ms. Kreiger that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the regular meeting. Mr. Marcucio stated there are motions (page 3 DHS program of studies, page 4 field trips) from this meeting which do not state motion carried, all in favor. **motion carries.**

January 25, 2010 - Special Meeting

**MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Chevarella, Ms. Harris abstained, that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the special meeting. all in favor. **motion carries.**

February 9, 2010 - Special Meeting

Ms. Mangini stated there is a correction on page 1 under discussion of the budget, second paragraph; "There is an inequity between the two elementary schools......", it should state the inequity was corrected.  

**MOTION** to approve by Mr. Mancini, second by Ms. Kreiger, as amended, all in favor. **motion carries.**

**MOTION** to approve the following minutes by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris, all in favor. **motion carries.**

February 4, 2010 - Special Meeting

February 11, 2010 - Special Meeting

**Student Representative Report**

Ms. Gjata is not present.

**Standing Committee Reports**

A. Committee on Teaching & Learning - The committee discussed the restoration of certain spring sports which will be up for approval by the board this evening. Also discussed Mr. Hubbard’s recommendation for exit interviews for all employees of the school system. Summer program funding was also discussed.

B. Committee on Budget, Personnel & Facilities - The committee met on January 14th and the minutes are in the board packet. They did not meet in February.

C. Committee on Policy & Planning - Mr. Thompson spoke at the meeting about alternative education along with a field trip of the school, the weight room and possible on-site childcare. The policy on school colors was also discussed.

**Financial Report**

**MOTION** by Ms. O’Hara with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2010 as presented by the Business Manager by Mr. Hubbard, second by Ms. Harris, all in favor. **motion carries.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Mancini with a second by Ms. O’Hara that the Board of Education approve the restoration of certain spring sports, specifically Middle School Baseball, Middle School Softball and an Assistant Coach for Outdoor Track at Derby High School, at a cost not to exceed $14,000.00 with the understanding that funds for this purpose are expected to be drawn from the Athletic Enterprise Fund, all in favor. **motion carries.**

**2011 Budget**
Ms. Mangini addressed the board with revisions made so far. There should be some savings to the electric expenses from the turbines. Specific numbers will be available at Monday’s meeting. There will be no vote on the budget tonight. The board will meet on Tuesday night.

Executive Session
MOTION by Ms. O’Hara with a second by Mr. Mancini to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. and invite Dr. Tracy for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and the extension of the Superintendent’s contract, all in favor, motion carries.

MOTION by Ms. Harris with a second by Ms. Chevarella that the Board of Education return to public session at 9:18 p.m., all in favor, motion carries.

Superintendent’s Contract
MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. O’Hara that the Board of Education approves an extension of its contract with Dr. Stephen Tracy to serve as Superintendent of Schools through June 30, 2012, and authorizes the Chairman to enter into a written agreement with Dr. Tracy for this purpose, all in favor, motion carries.

Appointments
MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education accept the resignations of teachers - Michael Campanelli and Melissa Gibbons effective upon conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent and extends to them its best wishes for future success, all in favor, motion carries.

MOTION by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education accept the resignation of occupational therapist Amy Goodrich-Hanson effective February 26, 2010 as recommended by the Superintendent and extend to her its best wishes for future success, all in favor, motion carries.

Adjourn
MOTION by Ms. Donofrio with a second by Ms. Harris to adjourn at 9:20 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.