City of Derby
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
February 9 2010
6:30 p.m.

**Meeting called to order:** meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** all rose and pledged allegiance

**Roll Call:**
Present: Casey Picheco, Ken Marcucio, Stephanie Donofrio, Laura Harris, Jodi Chevarella and Kim Kreiger (arrived at 6:35 p.m.). There is a quorum.

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Tracy, Business Manager Pam Mangini, Irving Principal – Fran Gallo, Bradley Principal – Linda Coppola and Tax Board Chairwoman Judy Szewczyk.

Absent: Andy Mancini, Martin Hubbard and Rebecca O’Hara.

**Public Portion**
No one present.

**MOTION** by Ms. Chevarella with a second by Ms. Picheco that the Board of Education approve a Field Trip Authorization form for the Spanish Class to go to San Diego/Los Angeles, California, on April 7, 2010, for 6 nights and 7 days, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor, motion carries.

**Discussion of the Budget for 2010-2011.**
Dr. Tracy and Ms. Mangini has made some adjustments; a full time guidance secretary at the Middle School as well as the Principal's secretary.

There also is an inequity between the two elementary schools in terms of non personnel expenditures. There were not many line items for supplies, textbooks and workbooks. There was a significant difference between the schools. Unemployment compensation was much higher in Bradley’s budget than the other school. It was reduced by $20,000.00 and moved to Irving. Also, Advanced Copy gave an estimate on leasing and saved some money. There was an error in the Physical Education salary and changes were made to reflect that at Irving.

The enrollment is anticipated at 383 students Pre-K through 5 at Bradley and 414 Pre-K through 5 and readiness at Irving. There is 16 projected classes at Bradley with an average class size of 24. There is a total of 18 classes at Irving with an average class size of 21.

Staffing for Bradley is down about 3/10ths of a teacher, staffing at Irving will be reduced by 3.67.

Salary of $1,076,000.00 covers teachers, clerical, paraprofessionals, nurse and custodian positions.

There is nothing in the budget for library books or periodicals, as they were cut last year.

There are modest amounts for textbooks.

The total amount for the schools is $3,357,000.00 for Bradley School a slight increase due to contractual salaries.
Irving has a half time ESL para. The reading teacher went up. Two are paid through the operating budget, one is through a grant. The current budget for this line is in a deficit.

The employee health benefit number is up from $630,000.00 to $736,000.00 for an anticipated Anthem increase.

There are no staffing changes to the Technology Department.

The total budget for the Technology Department is about $194,000.00.

The phone system needs renovating.

The e-mail system needs upgrading. The licensing cuts result in a $13,280.00 savings.

The hosted exchange system is a 24 month contract, servicing 400 accounts. Without E-rate the cost would be $980.00 a month for users. The one time set up rate without E-rate would be $8,390.00. The cost with E-rate would be $362.60 for all users. The one time set up charge would be $5,285.00.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Ms. Harris, second by Ms. Donofrio at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary

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