City of Derby
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
February 4, 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 Pichero, Ken Marcucio, Andy Mancini, Laura Harris, Jodi Chevarella, Stephanie Donofrio
and Kim Kreiger.

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Tracy and Business Manager Pam Mangini.

Public Portion
No one present.

Presentation of Superintendent’s Budget 2010-2011
Dr. Tracy explained the increases to the budget and future meeting dates.

Feb 9 2010 - Elementary Principals and the Technology Director
Feb 11 2010 - Secondary Schools & Athletics
Feb 23 2010 - Special Ed, Facilities & District Wide Accounts
Feb 25 2010 - Regular Board of Ed with a final discussion and adoption of the budget proposal.

The budget is 18.6 million or an increase of 7.4% over the current budget. That includes the additional funding for a full year funding for the middle school.

There was a 9% loss of staff, athletic programs, supplies, conference memberships and will not be coming back in this budget.

This recommended budget will prevent further reductions in programming or layoffs.

The enrollment will be slightly up this year partly because of the space in the elementary program and bringing back the readiness program.

The class sizes would be from 20 to 25 at the elementary level, 22-28 at the middle school level and the high school will basically not have any change.

The revenue picture from the City will not be known until late spring. Federal grants should be unchanged and there will be a second year of the ARRA. The ECS grant at the state level should remain flat. The Out of District placement grant should be 65-70% assistance.

The pre-K through 12 staffing should remain the same at 106. Three para professionals would be added back driven by three special ed needs children, also a half librarian clerk position.

Two half time positions at the secondary administrator level are added. There is also a director of curriculum, which is a modest attempt at district wide leadership. There is one full time equivalent to the facilities budget which is two half time positions for a custodian and a maintenance position. There is
also a full time equivalent for a security person at the secondary level. This does not include the school resource officer provided by the police department.

The elementary principals have some concerns which they will present at the meeting on February 11th that Dr. Tracy has chosen not to include in his budget.

There will be a net cost of $60,000.00 for alternative education.

There is a $10,000.00 cost for a strategic plan.

There is an increase in special ed out placement tuitions who are special needs students who cannot be served by our in-house program.

There are some salary increases that the board has already agreed to. Those increases total $90,000.00.

There is a $13,000.00 increase in transportation costs.

This fall is NEASC costs. Next year there will be a $15,000.00 cost.

**MOTION to adjourn by Ms. Kreiger (note: Ms. Chevarella left at 6:45 p.m.) second by Ms. Harris at 7:53 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni  
Recording Secretary

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CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE ON TEACHING AND LEARNING
FEBRUARY 1 2010

Call to order
Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call
Present: Martin Hubbard, Andy Mancini and Dr. Stephen Tracy - Superintendent of Schools.

Also Present: Sally Bonina - Principal Derby Middle School and Asst. Principal Matt Bradshaw and Mr. Orazietti.

Public Portion
Tom Lionetti - 79 Sunset Drive. Mr. Lionetti feels it is too early to start a meeting for most people. Mr. Lionetti was questioning what sports were to be discussed.

No one else from the public. Public Portion closed.

Exit Interviews
Mr. Hubbard stated when a teacher leaves a meeting should be conducted to find out what their perception was as to what the school had done for them and what they had done for the school system.

Dr. Tracy said there should be a set of questions. There should also be some sort of feedback. Dr. Tracy would be happy to draft a set of questions.

Update on Curriculum Development
Ms. Bonina stated there is a significant number of students not reading at grade level. Their comprehension and fluency skills do not help them. They have been doing RTI or Response to Intervention and SRBI or Scientific Research Based Interventions which was introduced Mr. Dr. Knapton at the regular Board of Education meeting. The AIMES testing has been helping.

Update on Enterprise Account
Dr. Tracy presented a report regarding the gate receipts. The account is projected to end at less than $40,000.00 at the end of the year.

Discussion of Restoration of Spring Sports - Middle School
Mr. Orazietti would like to bring back the Assistant Coach for Outdoor Track. There are enough funds to handle this.

MOTION by Mr. Hubbard to pass along the bottom line figure for reinstating the spring sports and the coach for the girls outdoor track at a cost not to exceed $14,000.00 to be funded by the enterprise fund, second by Mr. Mancini, all in favor. motion carries.
Adjournment
MOTION by Mr. Hubbard to adjourn with a second by Mr. Mancini, all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
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