Call to order
Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
All rose and pledged allegiance

Dr. Tracy announced Ms. Parizo is not present tonight as her father has passed away.

Roll Call
Present: Jim Stadt, Jodi Chevarella, Ken Marcucio, Rebecca O’Hara, Kim Kreiger. Tara Hyder arrived at 7:25 p.m. There is a quorum.

Excused: Sheila Parizo, Chairwoman and Brad Tobin.

Dr. Tracy introduced the new student representative - DeSantilla (Tillia) Gjata.

Also Present: Dr. Tracy, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Lois Knapton, Director of Special Education.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
Dr. Tracy has some additions tonight. In Public Session, he wants to recognize Margo Bondi has submitted her resignation. The other items are for the Executive Session as discussion of a disciplinary matter and review of a letter from the Board’s attorney regarding meeting procedures.

A MOTION to accept the agenda as presented by Ms. Kreiger, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. Motion carries.

Public Participation
A MOTION to accept the resignation of Margo Bondi with regret by Ms. Kreiger, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. Motion carries.

Public Portion closed.

Naming of the Derby High School Gymnasium after Alphonse Vitello, Retired Athletic Director - Mr. Marcucio
Mr. Marcucio introduced Mr. Vitello as his mentor and past teacher and coach. Mr. Marcucio also listed some of Mr. Vitello’s accomplishments.

Dr. Tracy read the resolution into the record:
Whereas Alphonse Vitello was an outstanding student athlete at Derby High School from 1937-1941, having been named as the most valuable athlete in 1941 and
Whereas he served with distinction as a teacher at Derby High School for over forty years and
Whereas he promoted the personal and physical development of hundreds of young men and
women as a coach and as the Director of Athletics at Derby High School from 1951 - 1992

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Derby Board of Education in recognition of his lifetime of
commitment to the well-being of the students of Derby and its young people does hereby
declare that the gymnasium of Derby High School shall henceforth be known as the Alphonse
Vitello Gymnasium, done this 18th day of June, 2009 at Derby Connecticut.

A MOTION That the Board of Education approve the naming of the high school gymnasium after
Alphonse Vitello, Retired Athletic Director by Mr. Stadt, second by Ms. O'Hara, all in favor.

Approval of Minutes
A. Board Meeting, May 21 2009 - A MOTION to accept by Ms. Chevarella, second by Ms. Kreiger,
all in favor. Motion carries.

B. Committee on Policy and Community Relations - The Board reviewed the minutes. No motion
necessary.

Recognition
A. Mrs Elizabeth Dalton and the fourth grade classes at Bradley School (Mrs. Lupin and Mrs.
Landolfi) for their published books of fables.
Mrs. Coppola introduced the individuals involved and shared the fables to the Board.

B. Announcement of the 2010 Teacher of the Year -
Dr. Tracy announced there will be a teacher of the year for each of the schools and the Derby
District Teacher of the Year. The Teacher of the Year from Irving will be announced in
September.

Ms. Coppola announced the teacher for Bradley School as Allison Hill:

Whereas, Allison Hill has served with distinction as a teacher at Bradley School since 2006 and

Whereas, Ms. Hill accepts all students where they are, builds upon their strength and brings them
to their highest potential and

Whereas Ms. Hill is a genuine, caring teacher who accepts challenges with an outpouring of her
heart and soul into the classroom

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Derby Board of Education does hereby honor Allison Hill as
Bradley School's Teacher of the Year for 2010 in recognition of her commitment to the positive
development of our children and extends to her every good wish for continued success.

A MOTION to accept the resolution by Ms. Hyder, second by Ms. Kreiger, all in favor.

Ms. Bonina announced the teacher of the year for Derby Middle School as Sharon Bettie.

Whereas Sharon Bettie has served with distinction as a teacher at Derby Middle School since
2001 and

Whereas Ms. Bettie has dedicated herself to enhancing learning for both herself and her
charges, exemplifying excellence in instruction, caring and a willingness to go the extra mile and
Whereas, Ms. Bettie embodies the Derby Middle School quote from Oliver Wendell Holmes "What Lies Behind Us and What Lies Ahead of Us are Insignificant Compared to What Lies Within Us".

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Derby Board of Education does hereby honor Sharon Bettie as Derby Middle School's Teacher of the Year for 2010 in recognition of her commitment to the positive development of our children and extends to her every good wish for continued success.

A MOTION to accept Ms. Bettie as Teacher of the Year for the Derby Middle School by Ms. Kreiger, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson announced the Teacher of the Year for Derby High School as Jennifer Shea.

Whereas Jennifer Shea has served with distinction as a teacher of Science at Derby High School since 2005 and

Whereas Ms. Shea is well respected among her peers and goes above and beyond her teaching obligations by serving as an Advisor to the Junior Class National Honor Society and by chaperoning all student events and

Whereas, she is a shining example of what teachers should be; constantly challenging her students and pushing them to new heights

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Derby Board of Education does hereby honor Jennifer Shea as Derby High School's Teacher of the Year for 2010 in recognition of her commitment to the positive development of our children and extends to her every good wish for continued success.

A MOTION to accept Ms. Shea as teacher of the year for 2010 at Derby High School by Ms. Kreiger, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. Motion carried.

Dr. Tracy announced the Derby Teacher of the Year as Paula Ferrara for 2010. She has served the young people for over thirty years.

A MOTION by Ms. Kreiger to accept Paula Ferrara as Teacher of the Year for the Derby School District 2010, second by Ms. O'Hara, all in favor. Motion carried.

C. DMS Spelling Bee Winners:
   1st place – Rachel Jette, Grade 8
   2nd place – Anthony Miani, Grade 7
   3rd place – Sidrat Ali, Grade 8

Ms. Bonina recognized the second annual spelling bee winners. She also recognized two teachers; Jackie Romano who is the music teacher and entered the Middle School in a contest and got to see the Broadway cast of Shrek. Also recognized was Shelly Sheridan who started the Literacy Partners at school. The group read books and put them on tape so other people who could not read could enjoy them. The group was honored at the State Capital last week. They received awards from the Connecticut Association of Schools for 2009.

Chairwoman's Report: no report
Student Representative Report - no report
The next item has been moved up:

C. Committee on Teaching & Learning (Kenneth Marcucio, Chair)
   Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday July 6, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

1. Presentation regarding the Children’s Mental Health Grant - Michael Wynne, PCRC CEO.
   A MOTION That the Board of Education endorse the submission of a grant to the Connecticut Health Foundation for a project at the Irving School as recommended by the Committee on Teaching & Learning and also direct the Superintendent to enter into an MOU by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports
A. Committee on Budget, Personnel, & Facilities (Kim Kreiger, Chair)
   Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, July 9 2009, 6:30 p.m.

1. Approve tuition and substitute teacher rates for FY 2010
   A MOTION That the Board of Education set the tuition rate of $10,916.00 for FY 2010 as recommended by Committee on Budget, Personnel & Facilities by Ms. Kreiger, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. Motion carried.

   A MOTION That the Board of Education set the substitute teacher rate at $75 per day for FY 2010 as recommended by the Committee on Budget, Personnel & Facilities by Ms. Kreiger, second by Ms. O’Hara, all in favor. Motion carried.

B. Committee on Policy & Communications (Brad Tobin, Chair)
   Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, June 8 2009, 6:30 p.m.

1. First Reading, Proposed Policy on Restraint & Seclusion.

   Dr. Tracy said this item will be deferred until Mr. Tobin can be present.

Administrative Reports
Ms. Coppola said there was nothing else to add tonight.

Mr. Gallo said the kindergarten had their graduation and the Mayor will be presenting special awards to a group of students of Irving School Student Council.

Dr. Knapton stated she is excited about the Child Study Team.

Ms. Bonina report was done earlier and the moving up ceremony is tomorrow.

Mr. Thompson said there was nothing new to report.

Ms. Kreiger - (co-president of Bradley School PTA) There was a successful field day on Monday and Dr. and Mrs. Tracy brought a couple of goats. The kids enjoyed them and the goats enjoyed the kids.

Superintendent’s Report
The enrollment has been steady since November at 1498 students and finished at 1495.
**Vacancy Report**
There is a Spanish teacher position at the high school. There was a candidate. It was on hold during the budget sessions. The candidate has since been lost. There is also a math teacher position open at the high school along with a JV cheerleading coach at the high school.

**Implementation of the Operating Budget 2010**
Salary statements went out to faculty.

Letters went to eight individuals which includes teachers, librarians and para's whose positions have been eliminated.

As a result of retirees, resignations and federal funding there has been diminishing of some lay-offs for a total of twenty positions.

Dr. Tracy will be working with Ms. O'Dea-Wyrick on publishing a final budget document.

The 2011 budget factors will include a full implementation of the Middle School at 250,000.00. The City will begin paying the mortgage of the school.

**Old Business** no business

**New Business**
Ms. Hyder saw someone cutting the lawn at Bradley School on a Saturday and wanted to know if the City cuts the grass, or otherwise costing overtime. Ms. Coppola explained it rained all last week and field day was on Monday.

**Action Items**
A. **Motion:** That the Board of Education approve the May 31, 2009 Financial Report as presented by the Business Manager. A **MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger to accept with a second by Ms. Chevarella, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

B. **Motion:** That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to fill teacher vacancies and other non administrative vacancies and accept resignations between June 18, 2009 and the regular September meeting of the Board by Ms. Kreiger, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

Dr. Tracy recognized the outgoing Teacher of the Year, Ms. Romano.

Dr. Tracy read into the record the recognition of the Teacher of the Year for the Derby School District:

Whereas, Paula Ferrara has served with distinction as a teacher of physical education with the Derby Public Schools for over thirty years and

Whereas, Ms. Ferrara makes the extra effort to build positive relationships with students and to provide them with an admiral adult role model

Whereas, Ms. Ferrara empowers her students by enabling them to experience the power of team success,

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Derby Board of Education does hereby honor Paula Ferrara as the Derby Public School Teacher of the Year for 2010 in recognition of her many years
of commitment to the positive development of our children and extends to her every good wish for continued success. Done this 18th day of June, 2009.

A MOTION by Ms. O’Hara to accept with a second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. Motion carried.

A MOTION to go into Executive Session and invite Ms. Stefancin, Mr. Gallo, Mr. Thompson and Dr. Knapton by Ms. Kreiger, second by Mr. Stadt at 8:55 p.m. all in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session
A. Consideration of a parent concern regarding student enrollment
B. Recommended Appointments
C. Retirements
D. Resignations
E. Attorney Letter
F. Personnel Matters
   1. Consideration of an employment contract
   2. Appointment of Assistant Principal, DMS/DHS
G. Disciplinary Matter

A MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 10:25 p.m. by Ms. Chevarella, second by Ms. O’Hara, all in favor. Motion carried.

Action Items
A MOTION That the Board of Education sustain the Superintendent’s decision with respect to a student enrollment request by Ms. Chevarella, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. Motion carried.

A MOTION That the Board of Education approve the Schedule of Appointments as recommended by the Superintendent by Ms. Hyder with a second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. Motion carried.

A MOTION That the Board of Education accept the retirements of Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Dalton and Ms. Pacelli as recommended by the Superintendent by Ms. Kreiger, second by Ms. O’Hara, all in favor. Motion carried.

A MOTION That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Greg Gaillard as the Assistant Principal for the Derby Middle School/Derby High School as recommended by the Superintendent. A MOTION to accept by Ms. O’Hara with a second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourn
A MOTION by Ms. Hyder with a second by Ms. O’Hara to adjourn at 10:29 p.m., all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary
These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting.