**CITY OF DERBY**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING – CITY HALL, ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS**

**MAY 21 2009**

**MINUTES**

**Call to order**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

all rose and pledged allegiance

**Roll Call**

Present: Jim Stadt, Brad Tobin, Jodi Chevarella, Tara Hyder, Sheila Parizo, Ken Marcucio. Kim Kreiger arrived at 7:25 p.m. Margo Bondi arrived at 7:53 p.m.

Excused: Rebecca O'Hara.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

**A MOTION** to accept the agenda as presented by Mr. Marcucio, second by Ms. Hyder, all in favor. **Motion carries.**

A special welcome was given to the new High School Resource Officer as introduced by Lieutenant Justin Stanko. The new Resource Officer is Joe Massetti replacing Ben Bartone.

**Public Participation**

Mr. Dan Waleski - 21 Elm Street. Mr. Waleski said he admires the agenda and it is well spelled out. Perhaps they could add the names of the members of the Board of Education to the Agenda as well.

Public Portion closed.

**Approval of Minutes**

A. Board Meeting, April 23 2009 - **A MOTION** to accept by Ms. Chevarella, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor.

B. Special Board Meeting, April 24 2009 - **A MOTION** by Mr. Stadt, second by Mr. Marcucio, all in favor. **Motion carries.**

C. Special Board Meeting, May 6 2009 - **A MOTION** by Ms. Chevarella, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Recognition**

**A.** *Student Cast of Production of Little Shop of Horrors*

Derby High School principal Fran Thompson introduced the student actors and stage crew for the Little Shop of Horrors presented on May 8th and May 9th. This was a new venture as it included students and staff of the high school. Pictures were shown to the board of the musical.

**B.** *Student Innovation Day* - Nick Narine and Anthony Maini

Ms. Bonina introduced two middle school students who participated in the CPEP (CT Pre Engineering Program). They were recognized on May 9th and the students addressed the board.

**Chairwoman's Report**

Ms. Parizo has been attending many tax board meetings and urges everyone to attend the Public Hearing on Tuesday May 26th at 7:00 p.m., at Hotchkiss Hose.

**Student Representative Report**

not present this evening.

**Committee Reports**

A. Committee on Budget, Personnel, & Facilities (Kim Kreiger, Chair) Meeting Cancelled. Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, June 11 2009, 6:30 p.m.

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

C. Committee on Teaching & Learning (Ken Marcucio, Chair) Meeting Cancelled. Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, June 1 2009. 6:30 p.m.

**Administrative Reports**

Ms. Coppola - Bradley School. There was a VIP day on May 7th.

They have screened 55 incoming kindergarten students.

The mobile dentist came in on May 13th and 35 children had their teeth cleaned and checked.

On May 15th Mr. John Saccu introduced a bullying program.

Friday will be the Memorial Day program.

Ms. Bonina - Middle School. The honors banquet was held at Connie's and there were 64 students honored.

The school musical and variety shows were held.

The 6th grade orientation was held for students and parents.

Mr. Thompson - High School. Friday will be the senior prom at the Grassy Hill Country Club.

John Saccu did a drinking and driving presentation.

The high school is working with MADD for a program before the end of the year for all of the kids.

The high school is partnering with Housatonic Community College for "Getting Ready to Succeed in College" program.

Gianna Harrington the World Language Head was approved by the University of Connecticut to be a adjunct professor who will be offering her Italian students next year UCONN credit.

Mr. Gallo - Irving School. Mr. Gallo is excused tonight.

**Superintendent's Report**

The monthly enrollment report is at 1498 students.

The Parent Child Resource Center is leading an effort to get a grant from the CT Health Foundation being competed for by a dozen different communities. Mr. Gallo and Dr. Tracy expect the winners will be known in the early fall, in which three of the communities will be funded at eighty or ninety thousand dollars a year for five years to provide family and child support to the students in Irving School to see if they can increase the number of students who are motivated and engaged and reduce the need where mental health services are required.

The lunch and learning sessions at the high school are going well. They had a guest speaker who has traveled to two or three dozen countries and spoke of his experiences.

Dr. Tracy read aloud some of the questions posed by sixth graders about to enter the Middle School.

**Proposed New Special Education Positions - Dr. Knapton**

Special Education Teacher, Bradley School. There is a proposal to add a special education teacher at Bradley School in the packet. There is no financial impact on this matter.

There is also a proposal to add occupational therapy service which is also fully funded in the 09-10 budget.

**Vacancy Report**

There is a high school Spanish teacher, summer school teachers and summer school special education positions, and coaching positions open.

**Operating Budget**

Dr. Tracy presented the 2010 budget short falls. Derby is behind state and similar districts by over a thousand dollars per pupil.

In February the Board adopted a budget of $17,634, plus $257,362 for the Derby Middle School.

Since that budget, there has been an increase of $214,000 for costs of unemployment, health insurance and electricity for a new total budget of $18,105,303. That is an increase of about 1.5 million dollars over than the Board of Apportionment and Taxation has allotted.

The State Excess Cost Grants - Dr. Tracy feels that it will be fully funded.

Derby schools can save money by changing to a Health Savings Account by $280,000. Forgoing salary increases could save $400,000 and furlough days could save $50,000. This involves discussion and agreement with labor groups.

There will be no new money from the State. It will be level funded. Derby will get Federal stimulus money and it may be more than $50,000 but he is not sure yet.

The City appropriated a budget that provides $440,000 new dollars to the school system. The Board of Apportionment & Taxation said they appropriated $640,000. However, that includes $200,000 was a reference to the Federal Stimulus money.

**Creation of Additional Reading Teacher position at Irving School**

Dr. Tracy addressed the board. The school did not make adequate reading progress last year with the state testing.

Dr. Tracy would like to use some of the new Title 1 money. (This is Federal stimulus money).

The stimulus money however, is only for two years.

**Old Business** no business

**New Business** - no business

**Action Items**

A. Motion: *That the Board of Education approve the April 30, 2009 Financial Report as presented by the Business Manager.* **A MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger to accept with a second by Ms. Hyder, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

B. Motion: *That the Board of Education approve the creation of an additional reading teacher at Irving School.* **A MOTION** by Ms. Chevarella with a second by Ms. Kreiger to accept the teacher, discussion...there is a friendly amendment by Ms. Chevarella with a second by Ms. Kreiger to say provided, funding for the position is included in the districts' application for the ARRA title program for FY 2010, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

C. Motion:  *That the Board of Education approve the creation of two special education positions as recommended by the Superintendent.*

1. *Special Education Teacher, Bradley School*

*2. Occupational Therapist, Part-Time*

**A MOTION** by Ms. Hyder with a second by Ms. Kreiger to accept, all in favor.  **Motion carried.**

**Executive Session**

A. Recommended Appointments and Retirement

B. Parent Concerns

C. Personnel Matter

**A MOTION** to go into Executive Session and invite Dr. Tracy at 9:18 p.m. by Mr. Tobin with a second by Ms. Bondi, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger to come out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. with a second by Mr. Tobin, all in favor, in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Action Items**

A. Motion: *That the Board of Education approve the Schedule of Appointments as recommended by the Superintendent.*

**A MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger to accept with a second by Ms. Bondi, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

B. Motion: *That the Board of Education accept the retirement as recommended by the Superintendent.*

**A MOTION** to accept by Ms. Kreiger with best wishes with a second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

D. Motion: *That the Board of Education approve a Grievance Settlement with the DEA as recommended by the Superintendent.* **A MOTION** to accept by Mr. Tobin with a second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Adjourn**

**A MOTION** by Mr. Tobin with a second by Ms. Bondi to adjourn at 9:52 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.**