**CITY OF DERBY**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING – DHS MEDIA CENTER**

**APRIL 23 2009**

**MINUTES**

**Call to order**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Chairwoman Parizo asked everyone to remain standing to observe a moment of silence for Rose Lionetti who died on April 10 2009.

**Roll Call**

Present: Tara Hyder, Ken Marcucio, Jodi Chevarella, Sheila Parizo, Kim Kreiger, and James Stadt.

Excused: Margo Bondi.

Absent: Rebecca O’Hara and Brad Tobin.

Also Present: Dr. Lois Knapton and Dr. Stephen Tracy.

**Additions Deletions or Corrections to the Agenda**

**Motion** to accept the agenda by Tara Hyder with a second by Jim Stadt, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Participation**

No one from the public spoke.

Public Portion closed.

**Approval of Special Board Meeting Mar 12 2009**

**Motion** to accept by Jodi Chevarella, second by Tara Hyder, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of Board Meeting Mar 19 2009**

**Motion** to approve by Kim Kreiger, second by Ken Marcucio, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of Special Board Meeting Mar 26 2009**

Mr. Marcucio should be marked as excused, not absent. **Motion** to approve as amended by Jim Stadt, second by Kim Kreiger, all in favor, motion carried.

**Special Presentation to Anna Chilberg, Elaine Tuzzo, Caitlyn Bryant and Sabrina Soto.**

**Four Irving School sixth graders poems have been chosen for publication by Creative Communications.**

Dr. Tracy addressed the students. Mr. Gallo could not be present this evening, but sent a note to the poets. Three months ago there was a writing contest. These four students forged ahead and each poem is being published in the Anthology: A Celebration of Poets. He is happy to honor these students who have made him and the Irving community so proud.

The students each read their poems.

**Chairwoman’s Report:**

Ms. Parizo has been attending the Tax Board meetings. The Tax Board will be addressing the Board of Education budget next week. The preliminary vote is set for May 19th, the official public hearing is May 26th, the final vote is May 27th. She invites the public to advocate the board's cause.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Committee on Budget, Personnel & Facilities (Kim Kreiger, Chair)** – The committee met and discussed voluntary life insurance that has been investigated for Board of Education employees.
2. **Committee on Policy & Communications (Brad Tobin, Chair)** – the committee is presenting a second reading on the workers compensation policy. There is also a first read on a policy for employee termination.
3. **Committee on Teaching & Learning (Kenneth Marcucio, Chair)** –

They discussed the scores from the Mastery and CAPT tests. They also discussed regionalization with other communities due to budgetary issues everyone is facing.

**Administrative Reports**

Ms. Coppola said the sixth graders are going out to visit Ms. Bonina for orientation for the Middle School. There is an essay contest underway for Spirit Day.

Ms. Knapton has had round table discussions at all the schools for special education and implementing some programming changes. The case management software is being used by all the staff.

Ms. Bonina said the sixth graders from Irving and Bradley will come to the Middle School and will be shown the school musical; The Music Man. There will be the second DMS variety show. The sixth grade parents will be invited to the school as well.

Mr. Thompson said they are two weeks away from the student and staff spring musical "Little Shop of Horrors" on May 8th and 9th. The Italian Club just got back from Italy. The Social Studies Club got to see the history of Derby. Next year's course registration is wrapping up. Department heads will meet with the eighth graders next week to talk about curriculum.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Tracy read a note from Mr. Jadach thanking the board for the recognition given to him last month.

There are two weeks' worth of Choice Theory training for this summer.

The enrollment report is up slightly, there are 1509 students.

The fire marshal has toured all of the buildings and identified a number of issues that need to be addressed.

Derby will participate in the state and national teacher of the year program.

The budget workshops at City Hall will be April 28, 29 and 30th.

**Vacancy Report**

Dr. Tracy said there is a vacancy for a Spanish teacher at the high school. There is also a paraprofessional position at the high school and three coaching positions for the fall season.

**Post Prom Committee request for the Board to cover the cost of police and clean up.**

**Motion** that the Board of Education in support of the Post Prom Committee pay for police services and clean up required for the evening not to exceed the sum of $750.00 by Kim Kreiger, second by Jim Stadt, all in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business**

No new business

**Previous Business**

No previous business

**Action Items**

1. **Motion** *That the Board of Education approve the March 31, 2009 Financial Report as presented by the Business Manager by Jim Stadt with a second by Tara Hyder, all in favor.* **Motion carried.**
2. **Motion** *That the Board of Education approve the proposed Policy #4152.7-4252.7, Workers Compensation by Kim Kreiger with a second by Jim Stadt, all in favor.* **Motion carried.**
3. **Motion** *That the Board of Education approves a voluntary life insurance plan as recommended by the Superintendent by Kim Kreiger with a second by Jim Stadt,* all in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Public Portion**

no one from the public spoke.

Public Portion closed.

Ms. Kreiger said the post prom is doing a fund raiser of a used clothing collection. They are collecting clothing and accessories, etc. It goes to Fashion Republic in New Jersey who then sends it to various countries. Derby's post prom gets a percentage per pound of what is collected.

**Executive Session**

**Motion** *to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. by Kim Kreiger with a second by Jim Stadt, all in favor.* **Motion carried.**

1. Recommended Appointments and Resignations
2. Review of a letter from Board's Attorney regarding conflicts of interest and collective bargaining strategies

**Motion** *to come out of Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. by Tara Hyder with a second by James Stadt, all in favor.* **Motion carried.**

**Action Items**

1. **Motion** *That the Board of Education accepts a resignation of Katherine Gaynor as a paraprofessional of Irving School by Kim Kreiger with a second by Jim Stadt, all in favor.* **Motion carried.**
2. **Motion** *That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Catalina Motiani as a Spanish teacher at the high school as recommended by the Superintendent with regret by Kim Kreiger, second by Jim Stadt, all in favor.* **Motion carried.**

**Adjourn**

**Motion** to adjourn by James Stadt, second by Kim Kreiger, all in favor. Meeting ended 9:47p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Denise Cesaroni*

*Recording Secretary*

***THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THEIR NEXT REGULAR MEETING.***