CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET HEARING
Derby Middle School Cafetorium
February 23, 2012

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Roll Call:
Denise Bottone, Christine Robinson, Laura Harris, Stephanie D'Onofrio , Rebecca O'Hara, Ken Marcucio and Kim Kreiger. George Kurtyka arrived at 6:52 p.m.

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Tracy, Bradley School Principal - Christine DeGrazia and Director of Special Education - Dr. Lois Knapton.

Excused: Andy Mancini.

Public Participation
Chantal Gerckens - 65 Hillcrest Avenue. Ms. Gerckens hopes the board goes to the tax board with everything you have, do not cut anything, until they ask you to cut it. Everyone is asking for a five percent increase across the state. Ms. Gerckens hopes to see para's replaced at Bradley School, at least kindergarten.

Public Portion Closed.

FY 2013 Budget Presentation - Bradley School, Special Education & District Wide Accounts
Ms. DeGrazia requests more paraprofessionals to support kindergarten, certified media specialist/librarian, summer school, math supervisor and more professional development.

The bulk of the special education budget is out of district students and excess costs which is about 1.5 million dollars.

The October 1 count is what the state takes their attendance on. There are fifteen students with autism in Derby.

Derby will be outsourcing information technology.

Curriculum Development will continue with funding at $40,000.00. Professional development is increased with $15,000 for each elementary school to continue the Literacy How program to another grade level.

There is an increase in salary grad credits. Social security medicare is going down. Legal services is going up due to contract negotiations. An increase for tutoring. Tuition went down for students going to out of town schooling. Tuition is up for magnet and charter schools.

There is $25,000 for either regionalization or teacher evaluation improvements. There is a 2 1/2% increase for the contract with All Star.

$325,000 will pay thirteen people who will take the early retirement program. Unemployment is coming down.

Adjourn

A MOTION *at 8:47 p.m.to adjourn by Ms. D'Onofrio with a second by Ms.Robinson, all in favor,* **motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary