CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET HEARING
Derby Middle School Cafetorium
February 27, 2012

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m.

Roll Call:
Denise Bottone, Andy Mancini, Christine Robinson, Laura Harris, Stephanie D'Onofrio, George Kurtyka, Ken Marcucio and Kim Kreiger.

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Tracy.

Absent:
Rebecca O'Hara

Public Participation
Chantal Gerckens - 65 Hillcrest Ave. Ms. Gerckens wondered how Governor Malloy's increase of ECS funding applies to Derby. The No Child Left Behind Act is supposed to be going away and Ms. Gerckens was wondering when that will be. She would like to know the details of the transition classes and that parents should have a right to be part of those conversations. She has questions about lead teachers and the Derby Middle School Learning Center. Does the current I.T. budget get reduced if the I.T. services get outsourced? How much money was left over from this current fiscal year and how will it be applied and how much money from last year was applied?

Public Portion Closed.

There was a recess so the parties could have a caucus at 6:47 p.m.

The board came back from recess at 7:15 p.m.

FY 2012-2013 Budget Adoption

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education adopt a proposed budget for 2012-2013, as recommended by the Superintendent and as amended by the Board, discussion.....*

there was an additional Middle School position in the budget that should not have been there. The transition teacher and learning center teacher are in the budget.

there was an error in IT expenses as telephone handset expenses and is now out.

an amount for district technology is in for enough money to execute the outsourcing program.

the board expense line was not funded in the previous version of the budget for $7800.00 and is in now.

the Bradley tutoring line is added to the budget at the same level as the current budget.

the new bottom line is $16,251,242 or an increase of 5.19%.

Amendments:

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson* to decrease $25,000 to the 701 maintenance account in custodial overtime, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, **motion carries.**

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris to decrease $20,000 in the 701 maintenance account to custodial supply, with the intention at the end of this fiscal year to give $20,000 to Mr. Nardone for maintenance supplies out of this fiscal year, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes,* **motion carries.**

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka to increase $15,000 in the 114 account to teacher salaries, toward physical education, in an attempt to restore the half P.E. teacher at Derby High School combined with account 107 teacher salary at $10,000 to restore that half P.E., for a total of $25,000,.....*

discussion.....the plan with the high school while generating relatively large P.E. classes, it is legitimate within the context of the contract, there are relatively small section numbers projected at the high school.....

the high school already has the largest per pupil budget amount in this budget.....an alternative to this would be to look at the sign ups to see how the projections translate to reality....if this money is added back, Dr. Tracy will work with Mr. Gaillard to make sure the class sizes are legitimate.....

all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, **motion carries.**

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson to decrease $50,000 in salary for need teachers, discussion.....*

Dr. Tracy stated they are talking about the two largest schools in the system next year based on enrollment projections, also there are some significant curriculum development coming to pass later this spring and over the summer, the rational for these positions was to provide the elementary principals with some assistance in delivering professional development, orienting teachers to new curriculum, dealing with data and interpreting information about how children are doing, and feels it is still a worthy half of a position in each school who don't have deans or assistant principals to assist them.....

all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes, **motion carries.**

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka to amend in salaries a proposed increase of $99,422 to librarian positions with the intent of having a library media specialist for Derby Middle School and also a shared library media specialist for the two elementary schools, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes,* **motion carries.**

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson to decrease $100,000 earmarked for alternative education all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes,* **motion carries.**

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Bottone to decrease $2,000 earmarked for curtains with the intent of utilizing the current fiscal year end surplus to purchase those, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes,* **motion carries.**

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini to decrease $10,000 earmarked for Naviance software to create the individualized plans with the intent of utilizing year end surplus funds,*

discussion.....Dr. Tracy stated $4,000 out of the $10,000 is for training that would have been done over the summer, this year's budget may not be able to pay for training over the summer, Dr. Tracy would recommend taking out $6,000.....

the motion will remain with the decrease of $10,000

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A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka to decrease to athletics $20,000, with the intent to restore the account with surplus funds by June 30 2012,*

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka to amend the athletic transportation account to decrease by $20,000 with the intent to restore the account with surplus funds by June 30 2012,all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes,* **motion carries.**

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Kurtyka to add $10,000 to 3220-957-30-152 salaries coach - weight, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes,* **motion carries.**

The amended budget comes in as an increase of 4.6% or $710,000 new dollars being requested.

(Earlier Original Motion for Adoption of the Budget):
A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini that the Board of Education adopt a proposed budget for 2012-2013, as recommended by the Superintendent and as amended by the Board.....*

Mr. Poole is very concerned regarding the custodial overtime, at this moment the overtime is just about spent out of this year's budget with one snow storm. The other uses of overtime is for doing things when the school is not open, Mr. Poole feels it is too high a cut.....

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Mancini to amend the original motion regarding custodial overtime to revise the reduction to be $15,000 instead of $25,000, all in favor, roll call: Denise Bottone - yes, Andy Mancini - yes, Christine Robinson - yes, Laura Harris - yes, Stephanie D'Onofrio - yes, George Kurtyka - yes, Ken Marcucio - yes and Kim Kreiger - yes,* **motion carries.**

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Adjourn
A MOTION *at 7:47 p.m.to adjourn by Ms. D'Onofrio with a second by Ms. Robinson, all in favor,* **motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Cesaroni

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Recording Secretary