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CITY OF DERBY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL
July 11 2013
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call:
Andy Mancini - Board Vice Chair, Christine Robinson, Laura Harris, Stephanie D'Onofrio , Ken Marcucio - Board Chair, and Kim Kreiger - Board Secretary.

Excused: Rebecca O'Hara, George Kurtyka and Denise Bottone.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Matt Conway, Chief Financial Officer Clarence Zachery Director of Youth Service Bureau John Saccu.

Public Participation
No one from the public spoke.
Public Portion closed.

Executive Session
A MOTION *at 6:36 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and that Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Conway, be invited to attend, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

Public Session
A MOTION *at 7:17 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education return to public session, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

Appointments

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Robinson that the Board of Education approve the schedule of appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to include Colleen Connors - DMS English teacher, Bonnie Marchiano - DMS Reading teacher, Frank Riganti - Irving School Classroom teacher and Scott Snow - District Wide School Social Worker, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

Youth Services Bureau Quarterly Report

Mr. Saccu was involved in seventy five plus truancy cases. Underlying causes are unstable home environment, transient residency issues and undetected mental health issues.

The state sent new truancy standards regarding attendance.

Mr. Saccu spoke with probation and DCF regarding truancy who requires heavy documentation and home visits.

DCF wants to hear from the schools if it is a parent who is the issue regarding truancy and not a defiant child. If it is a defiant child the court will be notified. If the probation court finds the parent to be a problem, they will also file with DCF.

Probation has offered to come and spend time with the educators to give tips on making the reporting of truancy more effective. Early identification at the elementary level to find underlying causes would allow the district to drive community resources to the area.

Residency issues have to be maintained on a regular basis and mandate a visit to the home. More kids are going to magnet schools and receiving special services which is costly.

The Juvenile Review Board compounds the opportunity to help the kids if there is a memorandum of agreement with other communities. This year there were forty one cases (50% Ansonia, 31% Derby and the balance being Seymour) involving breach of peace, assault, larceny and criminal trespass. The goal is to reduce school based arrests and reduce contact with juveniles and the juvenile court. Of the forty one cases, thirty eight have been diverted with one being handled in New Haven and the other two were rejected due to the parents being uncooperative and were sent back to court.

Derby and Ansonia high school administrators, and respective police departments had a meeting to discuss behaviors that rise to a level of police involvement and to further define the kinds of offensives. Drug incidents were also discussed.

Mr. Saccu feels Derby has an option with the Juvenile Review Board, Derby needs leverage with kids and families to handle drug cases. It doesn't hurt to agree with a police officer to write the summons in his view, giving the leverage to go to court if they don't cooperate.

Ansonia and Derby along with the high school administrators, Youth Service Bureaus and police went to a conference on school based arrests and reducing disproportionate minority contact with the court.

Programs available for the kids are drug and alcohol addiction prevention program, juvenile law program, life skills program, big screen production which is a prevention program about making good choices and decisions, internet safety, prom safety, Tim Rader who speaks on addiction on prescription drugs, career program, reality fair, true colors bus trips and the Mayor's award.

Grant money is continually being researched for gaps in services and encourages the board to look as well.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Marcucio along with Dr. Conway met with Keith McLiverty regarding the board taking the Middle School over officially. There are still things to be done including the signage. Bleachers and new lights will be installed at Ryan Field if the money gets approved by Capital Planning.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Conway stated seventeen teachers attended the Development Workshop at ACES.

Coordinated professional development for all building administrators including the special education administrator.

Coordinated special development on active shooter response.

Reviewed current applicants for the DMS principal and Dean of Students.

Finalized changes how funds are allocated to the district from the City as opposed to individual requests.

The DMS sign for the building is moving forward and the DMS/DHS sign is waiting for P&Z approval for an electronic sign.

Letters to local businesses were drafted inviting them to sponsor and participate in the professional development sessions.

Horace Mann will be sponsoring the Teacher of the Year Award.

Met with John Saccu to discuss tracking students attending intervention programs at DMS.

Reviewed climate survey results to determine areas of strength and concerns.

Coordinated professional development in the active shooter training.

Dylan McMahon participated in the first annual armed services football game.

Met with Student Life Committee to review tasks and strategies.

Prepared an application for the Governor's Safety and Security Grant.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. D'Onofrio that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the following meetings:*

June 1, 2013 – Board Retreat
June 18 2013 – Board Meeting

all in favor, **motion carries.**

Update on Elementary Transitional Classes

Bradley School - Grade 2 has 16 students. Three of the sixteen are being recommended for retention.

Irving School - 3 students moved to tier 1. 5 students were left at intervention for reading.

Status of Postings for the Dean of Students and Principal of Derby Middle School

Dr. Conway stated the posting for the dean is internal and externally for the principal. There are two applicants for the internal position and twenty nine applicants for the external position. Dr. Conway has reviewed twenty nine external applications to set up for interview with the committee. August interviews will begin.

Financial Report

The report is not ready for approval since the meeting is early this month. There is no motion on this item.

New Custodial Position

Mr. Zachery distributed paperwork showing the cost of overtime for custodial services and the cost to hire a new custodian.

The cost to hire a new custodian is more cost effective than to pay overtime on custodial services.

The item is tabled until further notice. Mr. Zachery will provide a list of things that have been put aside due to lack of help.

Executive Session

A MOTION *at 8:49 p.m. by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and that Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matthew J. Conway be invited to attend, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

Public Session

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mthat the Board of Education return to public session, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

Resignations

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dru Walters, Dean of Students at Derby Middle School with regret and best wishes, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Maria Melillo, Second Grade Teacher at Irving School with regret and best wishes, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

Child Rearing Leave

A MOTION *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education approve a child rearing leave for Nicole Bunnell effective July 1, 2013 through August 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

Adjournment

A MOTION *at 9:11 p.m. by Ms. D'Onofrio with a second by Ms. Harris that the Board of Education adjourn, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni

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Recording Secretary

******These minutes are subject to the approval by the Board of Education at their next regular meeting.**