

Committee of the Whole

March 01, 2016 6:30 PM

Derby Middle School Cafetorium

Attendance Taken at 6:20 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Dan Foley
Mr. Jim Gildea
Mr. George Kurtyka
Mr. Andy Mancini
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio
Mrs. Janine Netto
Mrs. Christine Robinson

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Laura Harris
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Andy Mancini was updated to absent at: 7:30 PM

I. Call To Order

I.a. Opening Ceremonies

I.b. Roll Call

I.c. Additions or deletions to agenda items

II. Student Representative Report

Discussion:

Mr. Gonzalez updated the Board on this month's activities. He stated that the juniors SATs are tomorrow, progress reports were handed out and spring sports begin March 19th.

III. Administrator's Reports

III.a. Derby High School Principal

Discussion:

SATs will be conducted tomorrow.

III.b. Derby Middle School Principal

Discussion:

Mr. Gildea stated that there were 3 incidents recently that involved physical altercations between students. He did not provide the dates or names of students involved. He asked why there were two different punishments issued. Mr. Vitelli said that he could not speak specifically because he didn't know the details of the incidents based on the information Mr. Gildea provided. Mr. Vitelli said they would have followed the Board policy. Mr. Gildea didn't believe a bus suspension would be sufficient for a physical altercation. There was one student who had several behavioral issues and the highest discipline was a parent conference. The policy needs to be revised. He said he has had multiple parents complaint about bullying and as of now one of those students has dis-enrolled. Mr. Vitelli said that in that case the school was not notified and any time an issue is brought to their attention, it is investigated and handled thoroughly.

Dr. Conway stated maybe a committee needs to be formed to look into the policy further.

Ms. Netto discussed Edgenuity's My Path program for ILP's. She doesn't feel that there is communication to the students or parents and is concerned that this is the same way the Edgenuity program is being run at the high school. Dr. Conway explained that My Path is not part of the curriculum. It is a tool to assist students during intervention and it doesn't affect their grade. It is just a different form of intervention.

Ms. Netto expressed her displeasure with the half year Spanish / half year Italian course. The Board is going to discuss this issue further in the Academic Committee.

III.c. Irving School Principal

Discussion:

CT Food Bank started providing 7-8 bags of food (now it's up to 35 bags) that come to the school to be sent home with needy students. They have now created a training program for these parents. Parents are being trained on nutrition, budgeting, etc. After the training session 100lbs of food was given to 25 Irving School families. Mr. Marcucio said that city hall is also running a food bank for St. Vincent de Paul.

III.d. Bradley School Principal

Discussion:

The report was not discussed.

III.e. Special Education Report

Discussion:

The Board did not have any questions.

III.f. Early Childhood Program Director

Discussion:

Ms. Conway stated that once the Smart Start Grant is completed they will be able to hold three classes of 18 students each next year.

III.g. Athletic Director

Discussion:

Winter sports are almost complete. Dr. Conway thanked Coach Bainer for the fundraiser that he put together at the AM Club to kick off the season.

IV. Derby High School Graduation – moving the scholarship awards from graduation night to the academic awards night event

Discussion:

The Board discussed moving approximately 46 of the scholarships to the academic awards night. Mr. Marcucio thought it was a good idea. The 5 major (traditional) scholarships would still be given out at graduation. The Board is all in agreement and Mr. Pascale will forward Dr. Conway a draft letter.

V. Approval of Overnight Field Trip - Natures Classroom

Discussion:

Ms. Netto asked if there were any students with behavior / disciplinary issues attending. Mr. Ciccarini stated that there were no issues with last year's trip and that they do review the students' behavior. As of right now there is no 5th grade student that would be excluded.

Motion Passed: Motion: That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for fifth grade students at Bradley School to attend the Natures Classroom from May 25, 2016 to May 27, 2016, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mr. Andy Mancini and a second by Mrs. Christine Robinson.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Absent
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Absent
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

VI. 2016-2017 Budget Presentation

Discussion:

Dr. Conway said that this is National Board of Education month. He thanked the members of the Board for all their work. A short break was held and cake served. Mr. Izzo reviewed the superintendent's BOE budget.

\$17,823,203 (3.5% increase)
minus E-RATE: \$17,688,203 (2.7% increase)

VII. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Motion: That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 8: PM. passed with a motion by Mr. George Kurtyka and a second by Mrs. Christine Robinson.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Absent
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Absent
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Absent
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

Terri Kuskowski
Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at the next Board meeting.