**CITY OF DERBY**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING – DERBY HIGH SHCOOL MEDIA CENTER**

**November 19 2009**

**MINUTES**

**Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

all rose and pledged allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present: James Stadt, Ken Marcucio, Sheila Parizo, Chairwoman, Kim Kreiger and Jodi Chevarella. There is a quorum. Brad Tobin, and Rebecca O'Hara (arrived 8:00 p.m.).

Absent: Tillia Gjata (student representative), Tara Hyder, Casey Picheco, Fran Gallo - Principal of Irving School, and Linda Coppola - Principal of Bradley School.

Also Present: Dr. Tracy, Superintendent of Schools, Fran Thompson - Principal of DHS and Sally Bonina - Principal of DMS.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

Dr. Tracy has an addition of an action item; to authorize the Superintendent to appoint a custodian and a maintenance mechanic and report those appointments at the regular December meeting.

**MOTION** *to accept the agenda as amended by Ms. Kreiger, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

**Recognition**

*Recognition of Departing Members of the Board of Education*

A resolution was read into the record and accepted by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Marcucio for the departing members: Ms. Parizo, Mr. Stadt, Mr. Tobin and Ms. Hyder.

*Recognition of Anthony Brancato upon his Retirement*

Dr. Tracy recognized Mr. Brancato's many years of service.

*Recognition of Derby High School's 2009 CAPT Scholars*

Mr. Thompson recognized and introduced the scholars.

*Recognition of the members of the Derby High School Men's Soccer Team upon their having received the 2009 Sportsmanship Award.*

Mr. Orazietti recognized the team and introduced the two coaches.

**Public Participation**

Tom Lionetti - 79 Sunset Drive. Mr. Lionetti congratulated the men's soccer team on their reward. He also wishes the best for Chairwoman Parizo. He feels Bob Riggio should be considered as the basketball coach. He is 61 years old, coached high school, prep and college. He asks the board not to go on one recommendation and do not make any decision tonight.

Mr. Hyder - 51 Franklin Avenue. Mr. Hyder congratulated everyone who received an award. Mr. Hyder feels you shouldn't restore athletic programs, but should restore teachers.

Public Portion closed.

**Approval of Minutes**

September 15, 2009- **MOTION** *to approve by Mr. Stadt, second by Mr. Marcucio, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

October *15, 2009 -* **MOTION** *to approve (minutes submitted by Dr. Tracy and not the draft by Ms. Cesaroni) by Ms. Kreiger, second by Ms. Chevarella, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

**Student Representative Report** not present

**Chairwoman's Report** Ms. Parizo read a statement of her time spent on the board.

**Committee Reports**

*A. Committee on Budget, Personnel & Facilities (Kim Kreiger, Chair).* The committee met on joining a consortium on the electricity with the help of Art Poole, the October financial statement and the addition and inclusion of a transfer report and check register.

*Next Scheduled Meeting: December 10, 2009*

*B. Committee on Policy & Communications (Brad Tobin, Chair)* The Committee did not meet in November.

*Next Scheduled Meeting: December 21, 2009*

*C. Committee on Teaching & Learning (Ken Marcucio, Chair)* The Committee did not meet in November.

*Next Scheduled Meeting: December 7, 2009*

**Principal Reports**

Ms. Bonina and Mr. Thompson presented their reports to the board.

**Superintendent's Report**

The new board members will be sworn in on December 5, 2009.

The board will hold a meeting on December 8, 2009 for orientation.

The Board's holiday party will be on December 17th, tentatively after the regular meeting to be held at a special time.

There are no flu issues at this time.

Enrollment is at 1466.

The Superintendent Association Award will be on December 10th.

The bid waiver for phone equipment and services was approved unanimously by the Tax Board.

**Vacancy Report**

The report reflects three open positions.

**Old Business**. no old business.

**New Business** The mail tracking system is not up to expectations.

Mr. Poole presented the Financial Report for September 2009.

**Action Items**

A. **MOTION** *that the Board of Education approve the October 31, 2009 Financial Report as recommended by the Superintendent by Ms. Kreiger, second by Mr. Stadt, all in favor,* **motion carries***.*

B. **MOTION** *by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Stadt that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to file the submission of the Consolidated Grant Application for 2010 to the Connecticut State Department of Education, all in favor,* **motion carries***.*

C. **MOTION** *by Mr. Stadt with a second by Ms. Kreiger that the Board of Education approves a Field Trip Authorization form for the 7th & 8th Grade Band/Chorus to attend the Adjudication at Six Flags in Agawam, MA on Saturday May 22, 2010, as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

D. **MOTION** by Mr. Marcucio with a second by Ms. Kreiger that the *Board of Education approve the resumption of the school district's membership in the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education for the balance of the 2009-2010 school year, at a cost not to exceed $7,000.00*

**Motion carries.**

E. **MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger, second by Ms. Chevarella that the Board of Education take action with respect to athletic programs*,* discussion; Mr. Orazietti explained there is money in the gate receipt account in the amount of $74,000.00, there was discussion regarding what other sports should be called back, there was also discussion regarding the use of the gate receipt account. There is a friendly amendment by Mr. Marcucio to bring back High School girls and boys indoor track, freshmen boys basketball, Middle School boys basketball and Middle School Cheerleaders to be paid out of the enterprise account. Ms. Kreiger and Ms. Chevarella accept the friendly amendment, Mr. Stadt recuses himself, all in favor*,* **motion carries.**

F. **MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Tobin to authorize the Superintendent to appoint a custodian and a maintenance mechanic and report those appointments at the regular December meeting, all in favor, **motion carries**.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION** *by Ms. Kreiger, second by Mr. Stadt at 8:51 p.m. that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel and contract issues and to consider a grievance filed by the Derby Educators Association inviting Dr. Tracy, Ms. Bonina, Shelley Sheridan, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Orazietti, all in favor,* **motion carries***.*

**MOTION** *that the Board of Education come out of Executive Session at 10:49 p.m. by Mr. Stadt, second by Ms. Kreiger, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kreiger with a second by Ms. Chevarella *that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Ms. Shelley Sheridan as Dean of Student Development at Derby Middle School as recommended by the Superintendent, Roll Call: Mr. Tobin - no, Ms. Chevarella - no, Ms. Kreiger - yes, Ms. Parizo - yes, Mr. Marcucio - no, Mr. Stadt - no, Ms. O'Hara - no. Five (5) opposed - Two (2) in favor,* **motion** fails*.*

Mr. Marcucio said his vote is strictly with the procedure that he is not happy with.

**MOTION** *by Mr. Stadt with a second by Mr. Tobin that the Board of Education approves the schedule of appointments as recommended by the Superintendent, all in favor,* **motion carries.**

**MOTION** *by Ms. Chevarella with a second by Mr. Stadt that the Board of Education deny the grievance filed by the Derby Education Association, Mr. Marcucio opposed, all others in favor. The vote is six (6) to one (1),* **motion carries.**

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** *by* Ms. Kreiger with a second by Mr. Stadt to adjourn at 10:52 p.m., all in favor, **motion carries.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Denise Cesaroni*

*Recording Secretary*

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