

DERBY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Meeting Minutes

Derby Middle School  
10 Nutmeg Avenue, Derby, CT 06418  
6:30 p.m.  
November 17, 2014

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**a. Opening Ceremonies**

**b. Roll Call**

Present were Mr. Drezek, Ms. O'Hara, Mr. Gildea, Mr. Kurtyka, Ms. Harris and Mr. Marcucio. Mr. Mancini, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Stadt were absent.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Netto - spoke about the Middle School incident. She would like a plan of action for the children tomorrow.

Dr. Conway said that they will be working on the plan after the meeting. A robo call will go out to parents notifying them of the plan.

Mr. Drezek feels the meeting should be cancelled and more time spent on the plan for tomorrow.

Dr. Conway said the parents left here feeling comfortably. Ms. Netto and another parent stated they are not comfortable.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report was discussed.

**IV. SUPERINTEDENT'S REPORT**

The preschool furniture invitation to bid went out today. Instructional rounds were held at Irving and High School. Dr. Conway attended several meetings and conferences. He thanked Ms. Harris, Mr. Marcucio and Ms. Robinson for attending the CAPSS conference. Parent teacher conferences were held at all schools. 15-16 draft budget was also forwarded to the Board members

**V. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

The administrators reports were not discussed.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of education approves the following minutes:

- a. October 15, 2014 – Student Matters
- b. October 23, 2014 – Board Meeting

Mr. Gildea asked to have the minutes reflect that it was held at the middle school. Ms. Harris provided the appointment list as follows:

*Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of Education approve the appointment list as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Gildea seconded and the motion carried.*

*Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Cheryl Lapointe, Speech Language Pathologist, with regret and best wishes. Mr. Gildea seconded and the motion carried.*

*Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Kim Ganley, Library Media Specialist at the Derby Middle School, with regret and best wishes. Ms. Robinson seconded and the motion carried.*

*Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jacqueline Martinelli, Math Tutor at Irving School, with regret and best wishes. Mr. Kurtyka seconded and the motion carried.*

*Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Eric O'Toole, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach at Derby High School, with regret and best wishes. Mr. Kurtyka seconded and the motion carried .*

Mr. Kurtyka seconded and the motion carried.

#### **VII. SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROPOSAL**

Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of Education approve the Scholarship Fund Proposal by the Valley Community Foundation for Derby High School, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Kurtyka seconded.

Mr. Gildea questioned the 7% and losing control of the funds. A representative from the community foundation stated that they are earmarked for Derby High School. The only way the funds would go somewhere else would be if Derby High School was no longer in existence or was to merge. In that case, they would come before the board to discuss options.

Mr. Gildea was not in favor. The motion carried.

#### **VIII. RESIDENCY AND TRUANCY ACTIVITY REPORT**

The report was not discussed.

#### **IX. DERBY ADMINISTRATOR ASSOCIATION CONTRACT**

Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of Education approve the Derby Administrator Contract for the period of July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Kurtyka seconded and the motion carried.

#### **X. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the period ending October 21, 2014, as recommended by the Business Manager. Mr. Kurtyka seconded and the motion carried.

#### **FOOD SERVICES UPDATE**

The Board reviewed the food services report.

**XI. INCREASE OF CURRENT POSITIONS**

**a. Alternative Education Tutor**

1. Wage Increase
2. Add tutor for Derby Neck Library

**b. Add .6 TESOL and .4 Interim AP Duties at Derby High School**

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the AD and AP duties.

Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of Education approve the proposed increases to the above noted positions as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Drezek seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Gildea opposed because of the less than honest way it was presented.

**XII. MATH/LITERACY INTERVENTION POSITION DERBY HIGH SCHOOL**

Mr. Gildea asked if the funding was through Alliance. Dr. Conway said yes.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Harris motioned that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 8:20 PM for discussion of personnel matters, and that Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Conway, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Chambers, and Principal Morrissey be invited to attend. Mr. Gildea seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 10:30 PM.

**XIV. PERSONNEL**

No action was taken.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Harris motioned to adjourn at 10:37 PM, Mr. Kurtyka seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kuskowski  
Recording Secretary

*These minutes are subject to the Board's approval at their next scheduled meeting.*