DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 9, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, January 9, 2006.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Randy Keister followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL - Board Members

Mrs. Carol Bisordi, Mrs. Helen Hause, Mrs. Kellie Krum, Mr. Filiberto Martinez, Dr. Paul Moser, Mrs. Megan Raup, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steven Schooley, Mr. Randy Keister, were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Steven Keifer, Superintendent; Mr. Richard B. Snodgrass, Business Administrator; Mrs. Gwen Belding, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Craig Burger, Principal, High School; Mrs. Cynthia Hutchinson, Assistant Principal, High School; Mr. Kevin Duckworth, Principal, Middle School; Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Principal, Liberty-Valley Elementary; Mrs. Molly Nied, Principal, Danville Elementary; Mr. Scott Zimmerman, Principal, Riverside Elementary; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services; Mr. James Garringer, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager, and approximately 25 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2006 and December 19, 2006.

Motion:
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2006 and December 19, 2006 Board meetings.

The motion was seconded by Allan Schappert.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Mr. Keifer noted that district enrollement continues to remain stable.

B. Mr. Keifer reviewed the following announcements:
   - January is School Director Recognition Month. Each Danville board member received a certificate of appreciation and Mr. Keifer thanked the board members for their service to the district and invited them to schedule visits to the schools during the week of January 16th-19th.
   - DEA Negotiations scheduled for January 10, 2007 have been postponed.
   - Kindergarten Registrations are scheduled for January 15-17, 2007.
   - Professional development day is scheduled for January 15, 2007.

C. Danville High School, Middle School and all elementary schools received Keystone Awards from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for meeting the AYP for two consecutive years. Mr. Keifer extended congratulations to administrators, teachers and students at all buildings.

D. Board Self-assessment materials were distributed to board members for their review.

E. Four teachers received certificates of appreciation for their outstanding work in the district. Craig Burger recognized Tammy Wislock, Special Education Teacher at Danville High School; Scott Zimmerman recognized John Bickhart, Fourth Grade Teacher at Mahoning Cooper; Ricki Boyle recognized Joyce Clayburger, Special Education Teacher at Danville Middle School; and Ron Kanaskie, athletic director, recognized Jeff Brandt, Math Teacher at Danville Middle School, Cross Country Coach and Track Coach. Mr. Keifer expressed his appreciation of having such fine, dedicated teachers in our district.

   Mr. Keifer also mentioned that he sent a letter to the Danville Borough Council requesting open discussion with the Borough on possible land sites for location of a new elementary school.

F. There was an Executive Session at 5:00 for expulsion hearings. Grievance #2006-3 was not discussed in Executive session tonight.

II. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student representative Greg Titman reported on drama club's preparation for the spring musical, forensics team events, and High School winter sports, noting that Caitlin Cavanaugh placed first overall at a recent Winter Track invitational. He also reported that the FFA attended the Pennsylvania State Farm Show where Shelly Woodruff won the Keystone Award and the Danville Chapter won a $1,000 Safety Grant.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Baubles, retired engineer, asked the board to review his written comments regarding the feasibility study.

Pat Donato requested that the board have a public meeting to review and discuss the feasibility study.

Dan Spickard related that Danville Borough Council rejected the district's request for discussion on possible building sites for an elementary school. He also asked the board to review his written suggestion for school building sites although his proposal would require borough cooperation.

A resident asked questions regarding the building time table and proposed costs savings. Mr. Keifer offered to meet with him and explain details of potential cost reductions. He also asked questions about the proposed elementary building size and security system.

Dan Spickard made comment on how costs savings could be realized.

Barb Moyer asked questions regarding the feasibility study options.

Mr. Baubles suggested that the board consider hiring a firm to provide projected growth information for the district.

Pat Donato asked questions regarding capacity of Liberty Valley Elementary School.

Scott Schultz asked about availability of other land near the High School.

Barb Moyer spoke regarding an elementary school location's proximity to NCSTU.

IV. Curriculum and Management Report

A. Craig Burger presented information on a Dual Enrollment Grant that would provide funds for high school students, regardless of income, to attend area college courses. Mr. Burger will provide additional information and request board approval at the next board meeting.

B. Gwen Belding presented 2005-2006 results of PSSA Writing tests and discussed areas for continued improvement.

V. School and Community Relations

VI. Finance

Motion: (Approving financial reports)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Finance Agenda items A. through F.

A. Financial Reports Summary

B. Treasurer's Report

C. Cash Status Report

D. Temporary Investments

E. Temporary Investments

F. Bills for Payment – November 29, 2006 through January 4, 2007

The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no.

VII. Personnel

Motion: **(Approving Personnel Items A through H.)**
A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve Personnel Agenda Items A. through H.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Jennifer Mohr as a long-term substitute Special Education Teacher at Danville Middle School at a salary of $34,402, BS, Year 1, Step 1, prorated, effective January 17, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Timothy Kline as a Special Education Aide at Danville High School, effective January 17, 2007.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Debra Long as an aide at Danville High School, effective December 18, 2006.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the change of status of Kaye James from part-time floating cafeteria worker to substitute cafeteria worker.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Jennifer Sykora as a long-term Science Teacher at Danville Middle School at a salary of $34,402, BS, Year 1, Step 1, prorated, effective January 10, 2007.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of additions to the 2006-2007 Substitute List (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Secretaries, etc.).

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Donald Geise as Head Cook at Danville High School at $10.40 per hour, effective date to be determined.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of additions to the 2006-2007 Substitute List (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Secretaries, etc.).

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no

VIII. School Property and Supplies

Motion: (To schedule open meeting)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to hold a public informational meeting on the Feasibility Study.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

Mr. Keifer will prepare a suggested agenda and possible dates for this meeting at the next board meeting.

IX. Policy & Insurance.

A. Title I Coordinator, Molly Nied, discussed Title I specialized reading programs, parent participation, parent-teacher meeting times availability and special reading events that are held in the district throughout the year. She reviewed the building specific and district parental involvement guidelines as well as the compacts signed by parents and teachers that help make the Title I program successful.

B. The board hearing regarding DEA Grievance #2006-3 was postponed.

C. Discussion and action on Expulsion Hearings #06-07-01 and #06-07-02

Motion: (Expulsion #06-07-01)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley, in the matter of #06-07-01, that the student be expelled through the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.
The motion was seconded by Allen Schappert.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes; 2 no (Bisordi, Raup).

Motion: (Expulsion #06-07-02)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley, in the matter of #06-07-02, that the student be expelled through the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.
The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes; 2 no (Bisordi, Raup).

X. Athletics

XI. Transportation

XII. Public Comment

Paul Moser tentatively scheduled a combined Montour and Columbia County legislative meeting at the High School library at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2007 to meet with legislators.

Adjournment:
At 9:49 p.m. a motion was made by Megan Raup and seconded by Fil Martinez to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

_____
Richard B. Snodgrass
Board Secretary

_____
Susan B. Hancock
Assistant Board Secretary