DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 27, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. 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; Mr. Scott Zimmerman, Principal, Riverside Elementary; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services; Mrs. Daphne Snook, Director of Technology; 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 January 9, 2007 and January 23, 2007.

Motion:
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2007 and January 23, 2007 Board meetings.

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Mr. Keifer reviewed the Enrollment Report noting that the number of students remained about the same as reported last month.

B. Announcements

- Mr. Keifer explained that school will be in session for a full day on June 4, 2007 and a half-day on June 5, 2007, to make up for school days cancelled on February 14 and 15, 2007.

- Mr. Keifer also noted that elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held March 15, 2007 and secondary Parent-Teacher conferences have been postponed until March 15, 2007.

- Donna Counterman described three events planned for the "No Place for Hate" program. The first activity held February 23 included a movie, "A Place at the Table," shown in homerooms and a resolution of respect that students could sign if they so desired. On March 16, 2007, a dance will be held to raise awareness and money for people in Darfur. The third event will be a Week of Awareness held March 26-30, focusing on a different theme each day.

- Penney Gaughler spoke about the Dr. Seuss reading night scheduled for Title I students and their families on March 5, 2007. The evening will include pizza and several craft/reading rooms.

- Mr. Keifer reported that the recent band trip to Florida went very smoothly, and commended the students for representing the district well.

- Mr. Keifer briefly described the 1-2-3- Magic program recently presented to parents and students by Ricki Boyle and Jolee Djaraher. The program is designed to promote positive communication and eliminate arguing at home and in the classroom.

- Employee Recognition

  Marie Dryer made a presentation to William Klein who has been a school bus driver and contractor for Danville Area School District for the past 60 years.

  Craig Burger recognized Kelly Smith-Wells who has been an Agriculture teacher at Danville High School for eleven years. Mrs. Smith-Wells spoke about the articulation agreement that she is working on with Johnson College (Scranton PA) which has a Veterinarian Technician degree program. Mrs. Smith-Wells also discussed a state FFA grant that would provide funds to build a permanent pole building at Montour Delong fair where students could house animals to be shown at the fair.

C. Mr. Keifer reviewed contents of the Annual Report on Teaching and Learning for 2005-2006. He would like this report to be produced on an annual basis and to be made available to the public.

D. Mr. Keifer also reviewed the 2006-2007 Goals Review which provides information on progress made toward goals for this school year. He noted that of the twenty-two goals, some have been completed and some are still in process, but progress has been good so far on all of these goals. He would like this report to be part of next year's Annual Report on Teaching and Learning.

E. Preliminary 2007-2008 Goals for next year were discussed. The final list of goals for next school year should be ready by end of March.

F. Dick Snodgrass conducted a public hearing for the Act I May Primary Election Ballot referendum question. He reviewed the background and requirements of Act I, and the recommendation of the local tax study commission. There will be an Act I informational meeting on March 6, 2007 at 6:30 in the Danville Middle School cafeteria. The Board must finalize the ballot question at their next meeting on March 13, 2007.

G. Mr. Keifer opened a discussion on Facilities by summarizing points discussed at the Public meeting held on February 20, 2007, and by presenting a recommendation to the board from the Danville District Administrative Team indicating their support of a consolidated Elementary School. Various members of the Administrative Team spoke to the following benefits that could be achieved through a consolidated elementary school.

Consolidating schools would:

- "Allow teachers to plan and grow together to support learning." - Scott Zimmerman
- "Promote learning through the safety, appearance & comfort of the building." – Dan Rathfon
- "Provide a greater opportunity for growth in individuals through a more diversified student population." – Kevin Duckworth
- "Increase the education efficiency and effectiveness by educators." – Gwen Belding
- "Support more effective communication." – Daphne Snook
- "Offer a continuity of services for students with special needs." – Ricki Boyle
- "Grant students equitable access to resources and programs." – Susan Blake
- "Not disrupt education during the construction." – Steve Keifer

Board members and members of the public discussed the information presented by the administrative team, land options and other facilities issues.

Motion: (To recess for 10 min.)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to recess for ten minutes.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

The board reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

After additional discussion on Facilities issues it was decided that there will be a decision regarding selection of land in two weeks.

H. There was an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. for personnel issues, DESPA Grievance #09-29-06, and DESPA Grievance #01-03-07.

II. BOARD AFFILIATION REPORTS

A. Reports

- CSIU Board Report - Carol Bisordi reported that the CSIU has a new website, www.csiu.org.
- Vo-Tech Board - Representatives were not present at the most recent Vo-Tech meeting.
- EI Tax Board - Filiberto Martinez reported that there was no meeting.
- Head Start Policy Council - Randy Keister reported that the Head Start Policy Council will not be meeting again until March.
- Legislative - Allan Schappert reported that there is still a lot of discussion on Act I and its implementation.

Jim Moser announced that the County Legislative meeting that will be held on March 29, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Danville High School library will include Columbia, Montour and Northumberland counties.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Greg Titman and Mr. Deal, High School Physics Teacher, presented the Physics lab he developed based on an NFL video game. He also reported on the Forensics team's recent district competition results.

Motion: (To move Policy & Insurance and Transportation Items to this point in the agenda)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to move Policy & Insurance Item A. and Transportation Item B. to this point in the agenda.
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

Motion: (To approve Policy & Insurance Item A.)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Policy & Insurance Item A.

IX. A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for the Danville High Senior Class to travel to New York City, NY and Meadowlands, NJ from April 29, 2007 through April 30, 2007.

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Hause).

Motion: (To approve Transportation Item B.)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Transportation Item B.

XI. B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the request for Keith Hilkert to assume the William Klein school bus contract.

The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Hause).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment occurred during the Facilities Discussion.

V. Curriculum and Management Report

A. Gwen Belding presented the Secondary Science Task Force Report, explaining the taskforce timeline, the Danville Area School District Science philosophy, factors influencing science curriculum revisions/decisions, and the FOSS program. Craig Burger spoke on how this curriculum would complement the Academies Program. The Board was asked to make a decision on the proposed Science curriculum at their next meeting.

B. There were no questions or comments regarding the buildings' Calendars of Events.

VI. School and Community Relations

VII. 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 – January 5, 2007 through February 7, 2007

The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Hause).

VII. Personnel

Motion: **(Approving Personnel Items A. through L.)**
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve Personnel Agenda Items A. through L.)

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Dana Earnest as an Administrative Assistant for the Business Office at $11.08 per hour, effective February 14, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the request of Michelle Swank for a Family Medical leave for the period February 22, 2007 (one-half day) through March 23, 2007, a total of twenty-one and one half work days. She will utilize three and one half personal days, eight sick days and have ten uncompensated days of leave.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Billie Jo Wintersteen as an Aide at $7.51 per hour, effective February 14, 2007.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Roberta Coulter as a Mentor for Robert Maurer at a salary of $634, prorated, for the second half of the 2006-2007 school year.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Nicole Bottomley as a part-time cafeteria worker at $7.51 per hour, effective February 14, 2007.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Laurie Olszewski as a part-time cafeteria worker at $7.51 per hour, effective February 14, 2007.

G. 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.).

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Wilma Spicer as a Cafeteria Worker, effective February 8, 2007.

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J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Molly Decoteau as Career/Guidance Assistant at the High School, effective Friday, February 9, 2007.

K. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Anne McCormick as a Career/Guidance Assistant at the High School at $12.50 per hour, effective February 28, 2007.

L. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Charles Eckenroth as Elementary Principal, effective March 13, 2007.

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Hause).

VIII. School Property and Supplies

Motion: **(Approving School Property and Supplies Items A. through D.)**
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Property and Supplies Items A. through D.)

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval to award bid of $36,678 to Sargent Enterprises for the Danville Elementary School asbestos floor tile removal.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a three-year lease with CATV Service, Inc., to provide fiber optic cable between the district's buildings for network and telephone connectivity at a cost of $23,400 per year and $11,700 per year respectively.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the State Contract #AEPA-05-S500-PA for Spectra Flooring to replace flooring after asbestos removal at Danville Elementary School at a cost of $45,705.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the State Contract #AEPA-005A-W500-PA for Weatherproof Technologies to replace the roof over the southeast portion of Danville Middle School at a cost of $150,472.70.

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Hause).

IX. Policy & Insurance.

Motion: (To approve Policy & Insurance Items B. and C.)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Policy & Insurance Items B. and C.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval to host the PMEA Region IV Band Festival on March 4 – 7, 2009.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the first reading of revised Policy #204 – Pupil Attendance.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Hause).

Motion: (To Deny Grievance #09-29-06)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to deny Grievance #09-29-06.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 6 yes, 2 no (Martinez, Schooley), 1 absent (Hause).

Motion: (To Deny Grievance #01-03-07)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to deny Grievance #01-03-07.
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Hause).

X. Athletics

Motion: (To approve Athletics Items A. and C.)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Athletics Items A. and C.
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A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Dwayne Heeter as Head Girls Softball Coach at a salary of $1,765, Step A, effective spring 2007 season.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the 2007 Spring Sports coaches and salaries.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Hause).

Motion: (To approve Athletics Item B.)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Athletics Item B.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Devin Knorr as Head Baseball Coach at a salary of $3,026, Step E, effective spring 2007 season.

The motion was seconded by Allan Schappert.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Hause).

XI. Transportation

Motion : (To approve Transportation Item A.)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve Transportation Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revised transportation contracts for Wayne Myers.

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Hause).

XII. Public Comment

Adjournment:
At 10:54 p.m. a motion was made by Steve Schooley and seconded by Carol Bisordi to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Richard B. Snodgrass
Board Secretary

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Susan B. Hancock
Assistant Board Secretary