DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 13, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their first regular meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, March 13, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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; Ms. Cynthia Hutchinson, Assistant Principal, High School; Ms. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Principal, Liberty-Valley Elementary; Mr. Scott Zimmerman, Principal, Riverside Elementary; Mrs. Molly Nied, Principal Danville Elementary; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; 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 10 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2007

Motion:
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007 Board meeting.

The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Mr. Keifer reviewed the Enrollment Report, noting that enrollment continues to remain stable.

B. Mr. Keifer made the following announcements:

- Parent Teacher conferences will be held on March 15, 2007.

- The Wellness Committee will meet on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 3:45 to discuss student wellness issues, including childhood obesity and recesses.

- DEA negotiations meetings will be held on March 22, 2007 and April 2, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Molly Nied reported on the Dr. Seuss Night that was held last week at Liberty Valley Elementary for Title I students. Mrs. Nied commended the efforts of the reading specialists who worked tirelessly to plan the program which was attended by two hundred parents and students. Those who attended enjoyed pizza and reading times in various rooms along with activities that complemented the books being read. Many teachers, administrators, community members and alumni volunteered time to read to students and their families.

Mrs. Nied recognized Kay Shulski, Reading Specialist at Danville Elementary School, for progress in her work with students and for her efforts in developing and planning the Dr. Seuss Night.

Mrs. Nied also recognized Sue Kline, Third Grade Teacher at Danville Elementary School, for her work with students and her positive influence at the school, noting that Mrs. Kline is also a Math Lifeguard at the school as well as the Danville Elementary Olweus Chairperson.

Mr. Keifer announced that the Arbor Day Program will be held on April 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. and that nominations for the Arbor Day Program are due by March 30, 2007. Nominees will be reviewed by a committee comprised of Randy May, who started the program, and representatives from the Danville Area School District, Danville Ministerium, Montour County Commissioners, FNB Bank and the Montour Recreation Authority.

Mr. Keifer reported that he met with the Foundation to discuss the Outstanding Alumni Program. Nominations can be given to Dr. Fred Miller or Randy May.

Daphne Snook announced that there will be a special program next Friday for the official opening of Classroom for the Future.

D. Facilities Update and Discussion

Motion: (To put school consolidation question on May election ballot)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to put a question regarding school consolidation on the May election ballot.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was not approved on a show of hands vote.

Motion: (To build consolidated elementary school on HS property)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to build a consolidated elementary school on the High School property.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.

Motion: (To table the motion to build an elementary school on HS property)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to table the motion to build a consolidated elementary school on the High School property.
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was not approved on a show of hands vote.

The motion to build a consolidated elementary building on the High School property was approved on a roll call vote: 6 yes, 3 no (Bisordi, Hause, Krum)

Motion: (To move athletic fields to Riverside)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to move the High School athletic fields to Riverside.
The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: (To direct DASD administration to contact Kimball Assoc. for contract)
A motion was made Megan Raup to authorize the Danville Schools Administration to request a contact from L. Robert Kimball and Associates to be reviewed and discussed with the school board, the school solicitor and Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP.

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

C. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz recognized Chuck Yost, Science Teacher at Danville Middle School, for his many years of teaching, his work with the Science Olympiad Program, and for receiving the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. (Molly Nied recognized Danville Elementary teachers during announcements.)

E. There was an Executive Session held at 6:00 to discuss personnel and negotiations.

II. Student Representative Report

Greg Titman expressed his appreciation of Mr. Yost's work with Science Olympiad. He reported that the Forensics Team was very successful at the District and State competitions, and several students qualified for the national competition. He also mentioned that Spring Sports practices began last week, auditions were held this week for a new High School Honors Choir, the Drama Club will perform The Wizard of Oz March 29, 30 and 31st, and Spectrum is selling armbands and hosting a dance this Friday to raise funds for the people of Darfur.

Motion: (To take ten minute recess)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to take a ten-minute recess.
The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

The board reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

IV. Curriculum and Management Report

Motion: (To approve Curriculum and Management Report Item A.)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Curriculum and Management Item IV. A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Science courses, Science textbooks and resources, Grades 6-12, for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

V. School and Community Relations

A. Daphne Snook reviewed classes being offered by the Community Education Program. Anyone interested in enrolling should contact Bonnie Edmeads in the Administration Office by April 2, 2007.

VI. Finance

Motion: (Approving financial reports and bills for payment)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Agenda items VI 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 – February 8, 2007 through March 7, 2007

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

Motion: (To accept Tax Study Commission recommendation)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to approve Finance Item G.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the Tax Study Commission recommendation. (Enclosure I)

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

Motion: (To adopt ballot question)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Finance Item H.

H. Adoption of Ballot Question for May 15, 2007 Primary Election (Enclosure J)

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

Motion: (To approve 2007-2008 Preliminary Budget.)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Finance Item I.)

I. Adoption of Preliminary 2007-2008 Budget (Enclosure K)

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

Motion: (To approve 2007-2008 C.S.I.U. Budget)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to approve Finance Item K.

K. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2007-2008 Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Budget in the amount of $1.8 million.

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

Motion: (To approve 2007-2008 CMVT Budget)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to approve Finance Item J.

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2007-2008 Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Budget in the amount of $6,363,158. The Danville Area District's share is $1,087,179. (Enclosure L)

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.

Motion: (To table previous motion)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to table the previous motion to approve the 2007-2008 CMVT Budget.
The motion was seconded by Megan Raup.
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

VII. Personnel

Motion: **(Approving personnel changes)**
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve Personnel agenda items VII A. and B.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Michelle Bickhart as an Aide, effective March 6, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of additions to the 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

IX. Policy & Insurance

Motion: (To approve first reading of 2007-2008 Calendar)
A motion was made by Sis Hause to approve the 2007-2008 school calendar Pre-Labor day calendar.

A. 2007-2008 Proposed Calendar

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

X. Athletics

Motion: (To approve additions to Spring Sports Coaches and Salaries)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Athletics Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of additions to 2007 Spring Salaries and Coaches.

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

XI. Transportation

XII. Public Comment

David and Diane McKinley asked questions regarding the number of homestead exemptions filed and the its effect on taxes. Mr. Snodgrass explained that there will be an opportunity to apply for homestead exemption again next fall.

Kellie Krum thanked the Key Club for volunteering their time at the recent Act I informational public meeting.

Adjournment:
At 9:32 p.m. a motion was made by Allan Schappert and seconded by Jim Moser 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