DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 27, 2007

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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, 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; Mrs. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mrs. Molly Nied, Principal, Danville Elementary; 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 15 members of the staff and public, and news media.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Keifer made the following announcements:

A. Through their recent Bowl-a-thon, FBLA raised $650 to donate to the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

B. Nominations for the Arbor Day Program, which will be held on April 27, 2007, can be submitted through the end of March.

C. The Montour-Columbia-Northumberland Counties' Legislative meeting will be held on March 29, 2007 at the High School Library.

D. The 2007-2008 Goals were revised with two additional goals.

E. Suggestions may be made for items to be included in the 2005-2006 Annual Report.

F. The High School Drama Club will perform the musical, Wizard of Oz, on March 29-31, 2007, at the Danville Middle School auditorium.

   Michael Nailor, High School Librarian and Forensics Coach, was recently awarded the Rosa Parks award.

   Board members are invited to attend the National Honor Society Induction program on April 25, 2007.

G. DEA negotiations will be held on April 2, 2007.

H. There was an Executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and contract negotiations.

II. Board Affiliation Reports

- CSIU Board - Carol Bisordi reported that there were no updates at this time.
- Vo-Tech Board - Steve Schooley reported that several area businesses have made donations to the Vo-Tech school.
- EI Tax Board - Filiberto Martinez reported that there was no meeting of the EI Tax Board.
- Head Start Policy Council - Kellie Krum reported that the Head Start budget was discussed and explained to parents.
- Legislative - Allan Schappert reported that there are several bills in the house and legislature, including one regarding a task force on school cost reduction.

III. Student Representative Report

There was no student representative report

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Motion: (To move Items VI.A. and VII. A. to this point in the agenda)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to move School /Community Relations Item VI. A. and Finance Item VII. A. to this point in the agenda.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

Craig Burger introduced Avery Bishop, Member Service Representative, and Roger Sheesley, Financial Service Specialist, both of Service 1st Credit Union, who reviewed the history of Service 1st in Danville High School, presented the plan for a new Service 1st location in the High School near the cafeteria, and discussed educational opportunities and services that could be provided by the proposed new location, the Ironmen Hub, which would be completed at no cost to the school district.

Motion: (To allow Service 1st to proceed with plans for new location within the High School)
A motion was made by Sis Hause to allow Service 1st to proceed with plans for a new location within the High School.
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

Motion: (To bring CMVT motion off the table)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to bring the motion to approve the 2007-2008 Columbia-Montour Vocational Technical School Budget off the table.
The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

> 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.

Representatives from the Columbia-Montour Vocational Technical School, Mr. Cosmas Curry, Administrative Director, and Mr. Michael Sokoloski, Business Manager responded to questions from the board regarding the 2007-2008 Vo-Tech Budget.

The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

IV. Curriculum and Management Report

A. There were no questions or comments on the building Calendars of Events.

B. Gwen Belding reported on the Meaningful Watershed Grant that will be awarded to the district, pending the Board's acceptance. Funds from the

grant will be used primarily for 6th grade science classes, and will include a mini environmental education curriculum unit and hands-on training at the environmental center at Camp Victory

Motion: (To approve Meaningful Watershed Grant)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the Meaningful Watershed Grant.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

C. Craig Burger introduced Ron Freeman, Human Resource Manager of Grandview Nursing Home, to discuss a new Co-op option for seniors at Danville High School that would allow students to work at the nursing home while also completing coursework to become certified as a Certified Nurse Aid (CAN).

Motion: (To approve Grandview CNA Co-op Program)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve the Grandview CAN Co-op Program.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 12 absent (Raup).

D. To introduce part one of a report on Technology in Danville Schools, Daphne Snook presented several video clips of teachers and students using Smart Boards in their classrooms at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Anne Marie Yost, Second Grade Teacher at Mahoning Cooper Elementary, explained the uses and benefits of the Smart Board within her class. Melissa Boonie, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, and Dave Yost, Middle School Math Teacher, demonstrated the use of the smart board and discussed the impact of this technology on education and learning. Mrs. Snook reviewed 4Sight test results of classes using and not using Smart Boards, and results of a teacher survey on the use of Smart Boards. Part two of the report will be presented at a future board meeting.

E. Gwen Belding announced that the district's Strategic Plan has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This makes the district an approved Act 48 provider and allows the district to proceed with plans for revised mentor selection, a three-year induction program, and professional development under new guidelines.

V. School and Community Relations

VI. Finance

VII. Personnel

Motion: **(Approving Personnel Items A through G.)**
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Personnel Agenda Items A. through G.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Elizabeth McDonough as a Special Education Teacher at Danville Elementary School, effective March 23, 2007.
B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the revision of the job description for the position of Aide.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Patricia Dill as a Learning Support Teacher at Liberty Valley Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school year.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Cynthia Forney Walzer as a Third Grade Teacher at Danville Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school year.

E. Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Karen Lesher as a Librarian, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school year.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Patricia Stryker as a First Grade Teacher at Danville Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school year.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the disability retirement of David Robinholt as a Middle School Assistant Principal, effective June 29, 2007.

The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved by voice vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

Motion: **(Approving Personnel Items H through J.)**
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to approve Personnel Agenda Items H. through J.

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.).

I. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Jennifer Vanborg as an

instructional aide at $7.51 per hour, effective March 28, 2007.

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the change of status of Nancy Conner from Substitute Cafeteria Worker to Cafeteria Worker at $7.51 per hour, effective April 2, 2007.

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

VIII. School Property and Supplies

Motion: **(To approve School Property and Supplies Item A.)**
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve School Property and Supplies Item A.)

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Right-of-Way agreement at Danville Elementary School with PPL Electric Utilities Corporation. (Enclosure Y)

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

IX. Policy & Insurance.

Motion: **(To approve Policy & Insurance Items A. through J.)**
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve Policy & Insurance Items A. through J.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the second reading of Policy #204 – Pupil Attendance.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the second reading of the 2007-2008 District Calendar.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for the Danville Forensics Team to travel to Houston, TX May 25, 2007 through May 28, 2007.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for the Danville Forensics Team to Wichita, KS June 16, 2007 through June 23, 2007.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant

the approval of the Diane Booth Memorial Scholarship.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the Cotner Family Fund Scholarship.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the Danville Area Community Foundation Scholarship in memory of Richard Brittain.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the Danville Area Community Foundation Scholarship in honor of Robert H. Cannard.

I. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the Danville Area Community Foundation Scholarship in honor of Jay F. Livziey.

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the Danville Rotary Scholarship.

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

X. Athletics

XI. Transportation

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Jeff Reichenbach of 624 Cameltown Hill Road, Danville as a van driver for Joe & Jans.

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

XII. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this point in the meeting.

Carol Bisordi inquired as to the location of defibrillators in the school gymnasiums.
Allan Schappert thanked Daphne Snook for the excellent technology presentation.

Adjournment:
At 9:55 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