DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 10, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their first regular meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 10, 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, Mrs. Megan Raup, Mr. Allan Schappert, 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; Mr. Kevin Duckworth, Principal, Middle School; Ms. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Principal, Liberty-Valley Elementary; Mrs. Molly Nied, Principal Danville 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; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 10 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2007 and March 27,2007

Motion:
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2007 and March 27, 2007 Board meetings.

The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
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:

- During the Week of the Young Child, April 22-28, 2007, Elementary School principals and other volunteers will participate in reading activities for pre-school children in our community on the Montour County courthouse steps.
- The Arbor Day Program will be held on April 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
- National Honor Society Induction will be held at the Danville Middle School auditorium on April 25, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
- At the next board meeting, PNC Bank will present possible financing strategies for the new school construction.

C. There was an Executive Session held at 5:30 for Grievance # 2006-3 and for personnel issues.

II. Student Representative Report

There was no student representative report at this time

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

IV. Curriculum and Management Report

A. Technology Report – Part II

Daphne Snook reported on the progression of the Classrooms for the Future program from preparation to student use to the official opening to Apple professional development. Alice Buehner, Ninth and Tenth grade English teacher, described how the Classrooms for the Future program has enhanced her classes. Nishi Elangbam, Tenth grade student, presented his English class project on censorship in news reporting which he created using the Classrooms for the Future resources. Mrs. Buehner presented another student project, created by Tenth grade students Kelsey Stayer and Laura Cook, on political censorship in literature. Mrs. Buehner commented on the high level of student motivation, project quality and student knowledge acquired through the process of creating these projects. She explained that Classrooms for Future provides the resources students need to conduct research and Mr. Smargiassi, Technology Coach, provides valuable instruction on using these resources. Mr. Smargiassi discussed the process of acquiring 127 new computers and providing the necessary training, and he further explained the role of the Technology Coach. Kevin Duckworth discussed potential advantages of

employing this technology at the Middle School. Craig Burger discussed goals for the High School Social Studies department to implement plans for using this technology in the classroom. Daphne Snook summarized technology plans for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, which include making permanent Mr. Smargiassi's position as Technology Coach, acquiring additional mobile carts and Classrooms for the Future, and implementation of STEALTh by 2009-2010.

Motion: (To approve head start application for funds for extended year program)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Curriculum and Management Item B.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Danville Head Start's application to the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program in the amount of $17,871 to fund a forty-day extended year program for twenty children during June, July and August.

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

V. School and Community Relations

VI. Finance

Motion: (Approving financial reports and bills for payment)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez 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 – March 8, 2007 through April 3, 2007

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

VII. Personnel

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of William Hudock as a Music Teacher effective the last day of school of the 2006-2007 school year.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Charles Yost as a Science Teacher effective the last day of school of the 2006-2007 school year.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of transferring Amy Wieand aide at Liberty Valley to High School Guidance Secretary at $9.50 per hour, effective Wednesday, April 11, 2007.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Betsy Deal as a Guidance Counselor, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school year.

E. The Board take action of the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the change of status of Carol Burke from a Substitute Aide to an Aide at $7.51 per hour, effective April 11, 2007.

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

VIII. School Property and Supplies

IX. Policy & Insurance

Motion: (To deny Grievance #2006-3)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to deny Grievance #2006-3.

B. Action on DEA Grievance #2006-3.

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

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to enter into a contract with L. Robert Kimball Associates as the architect for the school district.

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

X. Athletics

XI. Transportation

XII. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Motion: (To approve support of resolutions)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve support of two resolutions regarding start date of school term and funding of cyber charter schools.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

An Executive Session will be held after the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Adjournment:
At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by Megan Raup 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