DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 24, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 24, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Vice-president Steve Schooley followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Steven Keifer, Superintendent; Mr. Richard B. Snodgrass, Business Administrator; Mrs. Gwen Belding, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Cynthia Hutchinson, Assistant Principal, High School; Mrs. Molly Nied, Principal, Danville Elementary; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Principal, Liberty-Valley 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; Mr. James Garringer, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 10 members of the staff and public, and news media.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Mr. Keifer made the following announcements

- Board members received invitations to attend the Spring High School Band Concert on May 5, 2007, 7:30 p.m. at the Danville Middle School.
- National Honor Society Induction has been rescheduled to May 10, 2007, 7:30 p.m. at the Danville Middle School Auditorium.
- The Wellness Committee will meet on May 7, 2007, 3:45 p.m. at the Administration Conference Room.
- Riverside Art Show will be held April 26, 2007, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- Danville students won many awards for their scores in the National Latin Exams.

- Sandy O'Rourke of the Good Samaritan organization received a grant from the Danville Foundation to purchase backpacks for elementary students with financial needs.

B. Mr. Keifer recognized Elaine Balum, Middle School Reading Teacher, for her outstanding service to the Danville Area School District during the past fourteen years, noting in particular student success achieved as a result of her implementation of the Read Naturally program. He also mentioned that Mrs. Balum recently received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Susquehanna Valley Reading Association. Mrs. Balum expressed appreciation of her recognition and invited the Board to attend the Celebrate PA day at the Middle School on May 11, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

C. Mr. Keifer reviewed a tentative timeline and two committees, Educational Specifications Committee and Building Committee, for the Elementary School building project. Three board members (Raup, Krum, Schooley) volunteered to serve on the Building Committee. Mr. Keifer plans to have the committee members established and a recommendation for the surveyor ready for the May 8, 2007 meeting.

D. There was an executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel.

II. Board Affiliation Reports

- CSIU Board - Carol Bisordi reported that there were no updates at this time.
- Vo-Tech Board - Megan Raup and Steve Schooley reported that the Vo-Tech budget was approved at their most recent meeting.
- EI Tax Board - Filiberto Martinez reported that there will be a meeting next month.
- Head Start Policy Council - No report
- Legislative - Allan Schappert reported the state legislature is working on a study to determine the cost of educating students in Pennsylvania.

III. Student Representative Report

Greg Titman reported on student activities at the High School: Spring Band Concert on May 5th at Danville Middle School; High School Jazz Band will perform at the Arbor Day program; High School student, Jillian Hancock, recently attended the PMEA State Band Festival; students are preparing for upcoming AP Tests; Forensics Team participating in upcoming tournaments; about seventy students will

be leaving this Sunday on the Senior class trip to New York City; and seven seniors attended a Young Americans Leaders Conference sponsored by the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce.

At 7:25 p.m. Mr. Keister arrived.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

IV. Curriculum and Management Report

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

V. School and Community Relations

A. Mr. Keifer announced that three people, Marge Szili, Francis Mahoney and Etheletta Charles, would be honored at the Arbor Day Program on April 27, 2007.

B. Mr. Keifer also noted that, as part of the Week of the Young Child being observed this week, April 23 – 27, 2007, district administrators are reading at preschool programs around the community, including a reading time with Mr. Keifer and preschool students today on the Montour County courthouse steps.

VI. Finance

A. David Payne of PNC Bank presented financing options for the building project. Mr. Payne discussed the district's current debt structure and several possible future financing scenarios.

Motion: (To take short break)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to take a short break.
The motion was seconded by Allan Schappert.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

The board reconvened at 8:44 p.m.

After board discussion and questions on the financing options, Mr. Snodgrass recommended scenario 3A and B.

Motion: (To move forward with financing for building project)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to move forward with scenario 3A & B as presented by PNC Bank to finance the building project.
The motion was seconded by Jim Moser.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no.

VII. Personnel

Motion: (Approving Personnel Items A and C. through E.)
A motion was made by Sis Hause to approve Personnel Agenda Items A. and C. through E.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Amy Wieand as an Aide, effective April 10, 2007.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the second reading of the revised job description for the position of Aide.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Sabrina Heywood as an Instructional Aide at $7.51 per hour, effective April 25, 2007.

E. The Board take action of the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Connie Charles as an Aide, effective May 3, 2007.

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

Motion: (Approving Personnel Item B.)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Personnel Agenda Item B.

B. The Board take action to accept the resignation of Steven Keifer as Superintendent, effective June 30, 2007.

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

VIII. School Property and Supplies

IX. Policy & Insurance.

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

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 School Key Club to Orlando, FL on July 9, 2007 through July 17, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for the Danville High School Key Club to New York City, NY on June 6, 2007.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for the Danville Robotics Club to Cambridge, MA on May 14, 2007 and May 15, 2007.

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

C. Mr. Keifer noted that the following policy updates recommended by PSBA were distributed to board members.

#302 – Administrative Employees - Employment of Superintendent/ Assistant Superintendent
#303 – Administrative Employees - Employment of Administrators
#324 – Administrative Employees - Personnel Files
#404 – Professional Employees - Employment of Professional Employees
#405 – Professional Employees - Employment of Substitute Professional Employees
#406 – Professional Employees - Employment of Summer School Staff
#407 – Professional Employees - Student Teachers/Interns
#424 – Professional Employees – Personnel Files
#504 – Classified Employees – Employment of Classified Employees
#505 – Classified Employees – Employment of Substitute and Short-term Employees
#524 – Classified Employees – Personnel Files
#805 – Operations – Emergency Preparedness
#806 – Operations – Child/Student Abuse
#807 – Operations – Opening Exercises/Flag Displays
#810 – Operations – Transportation
#818 – Operations – Contracted Services

Motion: **(To select PSBA to conduct search for new Superintendent, Item C.)**
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to select PSBA to conduct search for new Superintendent.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved by voice vote: 9 yes, 0 no.

X. Athletics

XI. Transportation

XII. Public Comment

Greg Titman spoke on the Day of Silence and its impact on education at the High School.

Megan Raup asked for information on a recent power outage at the High School.

Molly Nied announced that everyone is invited to attend the Danville Elementary May Fair on May 18, 2007. She also noted that volunteers are needed for the dunking booth at the May Fair.

Adjournment:
At 9:46 p.m. a motion was made by Fil Martinez 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