DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 12, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their first regular meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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. Steve 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; Mrs. Molly Nied, Principal Danville 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; Timothy Bowers, District Solicitor, and approximately 30 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2007 and May 22, 2007

Motion: (To approve May minutes)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2007 and May 22, 2007 Board meetings, as revised. (Raup & Moser removed from 5/22/07 roll call.)
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

B. Mr. Keifer made the following announcements

- Danville High School graduation ceremonies were held out of doors for one hundred-ninety eight students receiving diplomas.

- An American Red Cross exercise took place at Danville High School last night to familiarize volunteers with the building because it is a major shelter area for the community in the event of an emergency. Mr. Burger will be the temporary contact person for the Red Cross, until a representative from the community is available for this position.

- Construction Manager Interviews will be conducted on June 20, 2007. Kellie Krum, Fil Martinez and Carol Bisordi volunteered to join Mr. Keifer and Mr. Snodgrass for the interviews starting at 8:00 a.m.
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- DAEA Negotiations are scheduled for June 27, 2007.

- Mr. Keifer presented the 2007 PICA Award to Le Tressor staff and advisor, Deb Burger. Only three out of 2,500 schools receive this award each year. The yearbook staff was commended for meeting all yearbook publishing deadlines for twelve consecutive years.

- Surveys for public input regarding the new superintendent search can be picked up at the business office and sent to Tom Templeton at PSBA.

Motion: (To move the Curriculum and Management Item IV. A. to this point in the agenda)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to move Curriculum and Management Item IV. A. to this point in the agenda.
The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

A. Classrooms For the Future Update

Four graduates of the class of 2007 and former students of Mr. Matt Bloom, High School English Teacher, shared their experiences with the Classrooms For the Future program. Aaron Dietz, Josh Woodruff, Rachel Mott and Carl Loomis all explained how this use of computers in the classroom made class much more interesting and helped prepare students for the future by teaching

computer skills like creating spreadsheets and slideshows to name a few. Some of these students, who admittedly often skipped school, were motivated to attend school and complete assignments because of this program. They also explained that the computer software, Moodle, gave students the ability to conference with other students.

Darien Perez and Caitlin Ingraham, who recently completed Eleventh Grade at Danville High School, discussed the use of the Classrooms For the Future resources in the AP American Government class taught by Mr. Michael Mast. They also explained how the use of Moodle opened up a realm of possibilities within and outside the classroom for their project which compared the United States National government with the Pennsylvania State government. Because two different classes were working on this project simultaneously, the Classrooms For the Future resources were especially helpful in allowing collaboration with students in another class through a web-based forum and in providing a level of independence that would not have been possible without the computers and software available.

C. Ricki Boyle introduced representatives from Scientific Learning Corporation, Jaime Ressin and Brian Gresser, who congratulated Danville Area School District for being named a National Reference Site for Fast ForWord, a very powerful software program that builds cognitive skills to help children become successful readers. Requirements for becoming a National Reference Site include using Fast ForWord for at least one year, following the designated schedule and environment protocol, and using progress tracker reports. The implementation consultants commented that in the use of Fast ForWord, Danville Schools provide an excellent example to which other districts should aspire. The representatives also noted that there are currently only five National Reference Sties in the area from Maine through Virginia.

Motion: (To move School Property & Supplies Items VIII. B., C. and D. to this point in the agenda)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to move School Property & Supplies Item VIII. B., C. and D. to this point in the agenda.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

B. Mr. Rick Witt, of Kimball Associates, presented the report from the Educational Specifications Committee. He explained that the committee first considered very broad-level planning, brain storming requirements for high quality education, safety, security, community use, etc., and then considered current and future needs. The committee outlined the ideas and then voted on them to determine the assets critical to the facility. Mr. Witt noted that technology was one of the foremost considerations along with flexibility within adequate size spaces.

Motion: (To approve the Educational Specifications Committee Report)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the Educational Specifications Committee Report.
The motion was seconded by Jim Moser.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

C. Mr. Keifer and Mr. Witt explained the need for completion of a demographic study of the district for purposes of planning and reimbursement that is based on pupil capacity.

Motion: (To approve authorization to conduct demographic study)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve authorization of a demographic study of the district to be conducted by Pennsylvania Economy League.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

D. Mr. Keifer noted revisions to members of the Elementary School Building Committee.

Motion: (To approve revised Elementary Building Committee)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve the revised Elementary Building Committee.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

Motion: to move Finance Item VI. G. to this point in the agenda)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to move Finance Item VI. G. to this point in the agenda.
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

Mr. David Payne of PNC Capital presented information regarding the district's proposed $15,000,000 bond issue. Mr. Bill McLanahan of Public Financial Management, the District's financial advisor, discussed bond market conditions. And Mr. Robert Moore, bond counsel from Mette, Evans & Woodside, discussed the resolution distributed to the board regarding the bond issuance.

Motion: (To approve adoption of resolution for $15,000,000 Bond Issue)
A motion was made by Sis Hause to approve adoption of the resolution for a $15,000,000 bond issue to partially finance the elementary school project.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

D. There was an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Personnel and Real Estate.

Motion: (For brief recess)
A motion was made by Sis Hause for a ten minute recess.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

The Board reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

II. Student Representative Report

Kyle Miller, introduced himself as one of three Danville High School seniors and members of Student Government who will be sharing the role of student representative to the school board for the upcoming school year. The other representatives are Patrick Wagner and Joseph Cabral. Kyle reported that the High School students very much appreciate the recent technology enhancements.

III. Public Comment

Cathy Chayko Wassmer, parent of a Mahoning Cooper student, spoke regarding the size of the Third Grade class and asked the board to consider changes to reduce class size.

Sharon Smith presented information on class sizes for neighboring school district.

The Board will consider the Mahoning Cooper enrollment situation at the July meeting.

IV. Curriculum and Management Report

V. School and Community Relations

VI. Finance

Motion: (Approving financial reports and bills for payment)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Finance 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 – May 3, 2007 through June 6, 2007

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

Motion: (To approve adoption of Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Finance Item VI. H.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan resolution.

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 approve CMVT Bond Issue/Lease Agreement)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Finance Item VI. I.

I. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the resolution regarding the Bond Issuance/Lease Agreement for the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School.

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

J. Mr. Snodgrass discussed the 2007-2008 budget, reviewing costs for staffing, retirement, health insurance and other benefits. He also reviewed major maintenance projects at several district school buildings, technology projects and local, state and federal revenues.

Mr. Schooley left the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

VII. Personnel

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Jennifer Sykora as a Middle School Science Teacher at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, BS, Year 1, effective August 9, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Linda Hafer as Business Teacher, effective June 6, 2007.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the following transfers effective the 2007-2008 school year:

John Bickhart – from MC 4th Grade to DES 3rd Grade
Stephanie Miller – from LV Kindergarten to DES Kindergarten

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Emily Foresman as an elementary teacher at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, BS, Year 1, effective August 9, 2007.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Bryan Walter as an elementary teacher at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, BS, Year 2, effective August 9, 2007.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Jeremy Merrell as an elementary teacher at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, BA, Year 4, effective August 23, 2007.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of John Styer, Jr. as a Custodian at $9.29 per hour, effective June 13, 2007.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a twelve week, uncompensated leave of absence under FMLA for Edward Wolfe from June 1, 2007 through September 1, 2007.

I. Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Jennifer Mohr as a Learning Support Teacher at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, BS, Year 1, effective August 9, 2007.

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Julie Petrin as a Special Education Teacher at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, MS, Year 8, effective August 23, 2007.

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.

The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Raup, Schooley).

VIII. School Property and Supplies

A. James Garringer presented information on various Student ID options.

IX. Policy & Insurance

Motion: (To approve second reading of policies)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Policy & Insurance Item IX. A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the second reading of the following policies.

#302 – Administrative Employees - Employment of Superintendent/ Assistant Superintendent
#303 – Administrative Emloyees - 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

The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Raup, Schooley).

X. Athletics

XI. Transportation

XII. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Adjournment:
At 10:52 p.m. a motion was made by Carol Bisordi and seconded by Sis Hause 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