DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 26, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, June 26, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Randy Keister 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. Steve Schooley, Mr. Randy Keister, were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Steven Keifer, Superintendent; Mr. Richard B. Snodgrass, Business Administrator; Mr. Craig Burger, Principal, High School; Ms. Cynthia Hutchinson, Assistant Principal, High School; 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; Mr. James Garringer, Director of Network Administration; and approximately 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Mr. Keifer made the following announcements:

- The next School Board meeting will be on July 24, 2007.
- Negotiations meetings for DEA will be held June 27 and for ESPA on June 28.
- The administration is monitoring the number of 3rd Grade students enrolled at Mahoning Cooper and other buildings in the district.

B. There was an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and the Act 93 agreement. Grievance #2007-2 was not discussed.

Motion: (To move Finance Item D. to this point in the agenda)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to move Finance Item D. to this point in the agenda.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

D. Presentation by Public Financial Management, district SWAP advisor, and PNC Capital Markets, LLC on SWAP transaction planned for finalization at the July 24, 2007 school board meeting.

David Payne of PNC Capital Markets, LLC presented information on the district's proposed forward SWAP. Mr. John Fry of Public Financial Management (PFM) explained that PFM will work with PNC when locking in the rate on the bond issue. He also discussed the SWAP process of switching from variable rates to fixed rates and explained the requirements of the law, fees, and risk summary.

II. Board Affiliation Reports

- CSIU Board - Carol Bisordi reported that there were no updates at this time.
- Vo-Tech Board - Megan Raup reported that CMVT hired David Bacher as director of student services and that negotiations continue with teachers and support staff, with the next meeting scheduled in August.
- EI Tax Board - Fil Martinez reported that there was no meeting of the EI Tax Board.
- Head Start Policy Council - Randy Keister reported that there had not been a meeting of the Head Start Policy Council.
- Legislative - Allan Schappert reported that state contributions funding public schools reached a historic low. He also mentioned that discussion continues on a post-Labor Day school start date and on House Bill 446 regarding state funding of charter schools.

III. Student Representative Report

Kyle Miller reported that Danville High School students are involved with summer activities such as band sectionals and rehearsals, and Robotics Smartworks which will be held at the High School. He also made a presentation to Mr. Keifer, thanking him for his contributions to the Danville School District over the last thirty-three years.

IV. Public Comment

A parent of a Mahoning Cooper student entering third grade for the 2007-2008 school year spoke regarding enrollment for the third grade class.
Dawn Gill asked questions regarding the budgeted amount for purchase of laptop computers.

Mr. Gulliver asked questions regarding the district's need for laptop computers.

IV. Curriculum and Management Report

A. Craig Burger announced that the PA Department of Education has awarded to Danville Schools a $4,700 - $5,000 Dual Enrollment Grant which provides funding for high school students to take courses at area colleges during the regular school year.

V. School and Community Relations

Motion: (To approve agreements with Danville American Red Cross and Service 1st Federal Credit Union)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve School and Community Relations Items A. and B.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of agreements with the Danville Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the agreement with Service 1st Federal Credit Union regarding the Danville High School Branch location.

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.

Motion: (To amend previous motion regarding agreement with Danville American Red Cross)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend the agreement with Danville American Red Cross to include 1) other equipment as mutually agreed upon, 2) requirement of a certificate of insurance from Danville American Red Cross, and 3) requirement of Danville District personnel to operate district equipment.
The motion was seconded by Jim Moser.
The motion to amend was approved by voice vote.

The motion as amended was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 1 no (Krum).

VI. Finance

A. Mr. Snodgrass discussed the proposed compensation of tax collectors due to the increased work required by the acceptance of installment payments for real estate taxes as required by Act I.

Motion: (To approve compensation of tax collectors)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Finance Item A.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.

Motion: (To amend previous motion regarding compensation of tax collectors)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to amend previous motion regarding compensation of tax collectors by setting compensation change from $2.50 per bill paid to $3 for the first payment either as the first installment or the entire bill, and $1 each for payment of second and third installments received.
The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion to amend was approved by voice vote.

The motion as amended was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes; 0 no.

Motion: (To approve the 2007-2008 Budget Resolution)
A motion was made by Sis Hause to approve Finance Item B.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the 2007-2008 Budget Resolution for the Danville Area School District General Fund Operating Budget.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.

Motion: (To amend previous motion regarding the Budget Resolution)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend the previous motion regarding the Budget Resolution by limiting the budgeted expenditure on new computers to $400,000**.**
The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion to amend failed by a show of hands vote.

Motion: (To amend original motion regarding the Budget Resolution)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend the original motion regarding the Budget Resolution by eliminating six Smart Boards from the budget.
The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion to amend failed by a show of hands vote.

Motion: (To amend motion regarding the Budget Resolution)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to amend the original motion regarding the Budget Resolution by cutting $150,000 from the total budget.

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion to amend failed by a show of hands vote.

Motion: (To amend motion regarding the Budget Resolution)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to amend the original motion regarding the Budget Resolution by cutting the budgeted amount for Projects by 15%.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion to amend failed by show of hands vote.

The original motion to approve the 2007-2008 Budget Resolution was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 2 no (Martinez, Schooley).

Motion: (To approve the Tax Resolution in support of the 2007-2008 Danville Area School District General Fund Operating Budget)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Finance Item C.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the Tax Resolution in support of the 2007-2008 Danville Area School District General Fund Operating Budget.

The motion was seconded by Allan Schappert.

Motion: (To amend motion to approve Tax Resolution)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to amend the previous motion by reducing the Tax Resolution percentage to 2.8%.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion to amend failed by a show of hands vote.

The original motion to approve the 2007-2008 Tax Resolution was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 2 no (Martinez, Schooley).

Motion: (To approve increases in school meals)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve Finance Item E.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following increases in school meals:
Secondary Breakfast from $0.90 to $0.95
Elementary Breakfast from $0.75 to $0.80
Elementary Lunch from $1.60 to $1.65
Milk at all schools from $0.40 to $0.45
Adult meal w/ beverage from $2.80 to $3.00

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

VII. Personnel

Motion: (To table Personnel Item E.)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to table Personnel Item E.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Daniel Beyer as a Special Education Teacher at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, MS, Year 1, effective August 9, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Sarah Kennedy as a Special Education Teacher at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, MS, Year 1, effective August 9, 2007.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Vera Stellfox as a Cafeteria Worker, effective March 31, 2007.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a leave of absence for Jennifer Neuhard, beginning approximately on September 4, 2007, compensated for forty-four days using twenty-seven sick days, fifteen vacation days and two personal days, and uncompensated for the remaining days through December 21, 2007.

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

Kellie Krum left the meeting room.

Motion: (Approving Personnel Items F. and G.)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to approve Personnel Agenda Items F. and G.

F. 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 Custodian.

G. 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 Director of Building and Grounds.

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

Motion: (Approving Personnel Item H.)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to approve Personnel Agenda Item H.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Act 93 plan effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

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

Motion: (Approving Personnel Items I through M.)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to approve Personnel Agenda Items I. through M.

I. 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.).

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Joel Holmes, Brandon Walls and Mark Horvath as Summer Computer Technicians at $7.50 per hour.

K. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of David Bacher as an English Teacher at Danville High School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school year.

L. 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.).

M. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the following Summer Reading and Math Camp Staff:

Rebecca Perruquet	Pre-Kindergarten
Michelle Swank	Kindergarten
Stephanie Miller	Kindergarten
Coty Koser	Kindergarten
Emily Foresman	1st Grade
Katie Heim	2nd Grade
Valerie Hess	3rd Grade
Jennifer Herr	4th Grade
Joy Smith	5th Grade
Elizabeth Hubicki	Nurse
Diane Erdley	Aide
Deb Carper	Aide

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

Kellie Krum returned to the meeting room.

VIII. School Property and Supplies

IX. Policy & Insurance.

Motion: (To approve Policy & Insurance Item A.)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Policy & Insurance Item A. as amended.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the first reading of revised Policy #246, Student Wellness.

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

X. Athletics

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the 2007 Fall Coaches and salaries.

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes; 1 no (Moser).

XI. Transportation

XII. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Adjournment:

At 9:45 p.m. a motion was made by Allan Shappert and seconded by Megan Raup 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