DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 24, 2007

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 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. Randy Keister, were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

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; Mr. Scott Zimmerman, Principal, Mahoning Cooper and Riverside Elementary; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mrs. Daphne Snook, Director of Technology; Mr. James Garringer, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; Mr. Timothy Bowers, School Solicitor; and approximately 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2007 and June 26, 2007.

Motion:
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2007, and June 26, 2007 Board meetings.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

I. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

A. Mrs. Belding made the following announcements:

- New teacher induction is scheduled for August 9, 2007, where new teachers will meet with their mentors and take part in activities to

introduce them to the district. A mentor training session will be held on August 2, 2007, to begin development of a mentor cohort group designed to provide support during the three-year induction period.

- All buildings in the district made AYP on the PSSA tests taken by 3rd, 8th and 11th grade students during the past school year. Mrs. Belding explained the criteria required to receive AYP in the areas of graduation and attendance rate, test participation rate, and performance on test.

Mr. Snodgrass made the following announcements:

- Negotiations with support staff and teachers will continue in August, with meeting dates to be announced.

- Sessions are scheduled at the Danville Middle School from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on July 26th, July 31st and August 2nd for the public to meet and ask questions of the superintendent candidates.

B. Mrs. Belding noted that the current overall projected 2007-2008 Enrollment remains fairly stable. Mr. Snodgrass reported that, based on the projected enrollment for the Third Grade class at Mahoning Cooper, the Administrative Team has recommended that an additional teacher be hired for this grade.

Motion: (To hire additional 3rd Grade teacher at Mahoning Cooper Elementary)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to hire an additional teacher for Third Grade at Mahoning Cooper Elementary.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Schappert, Schooley).

C. There was an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. And on July 2, 2007, there was an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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

David Payne of PNC Capital discussed the process of preparing for the second bond issue scheduled for next summer. Mr. John Fry of Public Financial Management described the interest rate management plan, explaining that after approval of debt is received in August, then the SWAP rate can be locked in that will become effective next summer. Tom Smida of Mette, Evans & Woodside discussed the SWAP resolution.

Motion: (To approve the Forward Bond Issue Resolution #07-07-01)
A motion was made by Sis Hause to approve the Forward Bond Resolution.
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Schappert, Schooley).

Motion: (To approve the SWAP Resolution #07-07-02)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve the SWAP Resolution.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Schappert, Schooley).

Motion: (To move submission of PlanCon A, School Property & Supplies Item A., to this point in the agenda)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to move School Property & Supplies Item A. to this point in agenda.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

Rick Witt of L. R. Kimball Associates presented PlanCon A for the new elementary building. Mr. Witt discussed the items included in this document and explained its importance in determining district reimbursement from Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Motion: (To approve submission of PlanCon A)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve submission of PlanCon A for the new elementary building.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 6 yes, 1 no (Krum), 2 absent (Schappert, Schooley).

II. BOARD AFFILIATION REPORTS

- CSIU Board Report - Carol Bisordi noted that CSIU updates are in board members' folders.
- Vo-Tech Board Report - Megan Raup reported that the Vo-Tech Board did not meet in July.
- EI Tax Board - Filiberto Martinez reported that the EI Tax Board will meet in August.
- Head Start Policy Council Report - Randy Keister reported that the Head Start Policy Council will meet in August.
- Legislative - Helen Hause noted that board members should refer to Allan Schappert's e-mails regarding legislative updates.

III. Student Representative Report

There was no student representative report at this time.

IV. Public Comment

James Gulliver asked questions regarding the 2007-2008 budget format. Mr. Snodgrass explained that the budget is made available in the format required by the PA Department of Education.

Dawn Gill also spoke regarding the 2007-2008 budget.

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

Motion: (To approve Personnel Item D.)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Personnel Item D.

D. Board take action on the recommendation to grant the approval of the employment of Carla Horne as an Elementary School Librarian at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, MS, Year 19, effective August 23, 2007.

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

V. Curriculum and Management Report

A. Mrs. Belding noted that Elementary, Middle School and High School Handbooks were distributed to Board members to review for approval requested in August.

B. Craig Burger discussed proposed revisions to the High School Attendance Policy and requested Board approval of this change at the August 14, 2007 school board meeting. He also noted that this revision would require a revision to the School Board Attendance Policy #204.

C. Cynthia Hutchinson reported on the progress of the Alternative Education Program at Danville High School from the time the classroom was moved on-site at the High School to present, noting the change in philosophy of the program from a punishment/consequence for behavior problems to providing education for those who learn in different ways. Mrs. Hutchinson

explained future plans for the Alternative Education Program in the areas of staffing, academic rigor, referral process and facilities.

Megan Raup left the meeting.

VI. School and Community Relations

VII. Finance

Motion: (Approving financial reports and bills for payment)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Finance 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 – June 7, 2007 through July 13, 2007

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent (Schappert, Schooley, Raup).

Motion: (To approve Finance Items G. and H.)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to approve Finance Items G. and H.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation to grant the approval of the Act 93 salaries for the 2007-2008 school year.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation to grant approval of the non-bargaining unit administrative assistants salaries for the 2007-2008 school year.

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 5 yes, 1 no (Moser), 3 absent (Schappert, Schooley, Raup).

Motion: (To approve Finance Item I.)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Finance Item I.

I. The Board take action on the recommendation to authorize administration to make all necessary year-end transfers and to pay remaining invoices for the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent (Schappert, Schooley, Raup).

VIII. Personnel

Motion: (To approve Personnel Items A. through I.)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Personnel Items A. through I.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation to accept the resignation of LeeAnn Ritchie as an 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Danville Middle School and as Language Arts Department Chairperson, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school year.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation to accept the resignation of Jennifer Allen as a Language Arts Teacher at Danville Middle School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school year.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation to grant the approval of the following Mentors for the 2007-2008 school year.

- Elaine Balum for Jennifer Sykora and Jennifer Mohr
- Dawn Haas for Emily Foresman
- Brenda Bond for Bryan Walter
- Barb Morgan for Daniel Beyer and Sarah Kennedy

D. The Board take action on the recommendation to grant the approval of the employment of Carla Horne as an Elementary School Librarian at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, MS, Year 19, effective August 23, 2007.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation to grant the approval of a 3.5% salary increase for Jack Bower, Band Director, from $6,711 to $6,946, effective for the 2007-2008 school year.

F. Board take action on the recommendation to grant the approval of a 3.5% salary increase for Michael Maize, Intervention Specialist, from $41,376 to $42,825, effective for the 2007-2008 school year.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation to grant the approval of a 3.5% salary increase for Michelle Clemens, Assistant Food Service Director, from $23,000 to $23,805, effective for the 2007-2008 school year.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation to approve a sabbatical leave of absence for Darby McDonnell for restoration of health for the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

I. The Board take action on the recommendation to accept the resignation of Timothy Morgan as a Guidance Counselor at Danville High School, effective August 13, 2007.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent (Schappert, Schooley, Raup).

IX. School Property and Supplies

Mr. Snodgrass noted that more information will be available at future meetings regarding Construction Manager selection.

X. Policy & Insurance

Motion: (To approve Policy & Insurance Items A. and B.
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Policy & Insurance Items A. and B.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation to grant the approval to have Aaron Trate attend the Danville High School as a 9th Grade tuition paying student for the 2007-2008 school year at an approximate fee of $7,270.12.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation to grant the approval to have Katelyn Poling attend the Danville High School as an 11th Grade tuition paying student for the 2007-2008 school year at an approximate fee of $7,270.12.

The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent (Schappert, Schooley, Raup).

XI. Athletics

Motion: (To approve Athletics Item A.)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Athletics Item A.

A. Board take action on the recommendation to appoint Amanda Mohr as a volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.

XII. Transportation

XIII. Public Comment

(There was no public comment at this time.)

Sis Hause thanked district for allowing the Iron Heritage Committee to use school grounds during the Iron Heritage Festival.

Adjournment:
At 9:00 p.m. a motion was made by Carol Bisordi and seconded by Kellie Krum 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