DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 28, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, August 28, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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

Dr. Susan Bickford, Superintendent; Mr. Richard B. Snodgrass, Business Administrator; Mrs. Gwen Belding, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Craig Burger, Principal, High School; Ms. Cynthia Hutchinson, Acting Principal, Middle School; Ms. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mrs. Molly Nied, Principal, Danville Elementary; Mr. Dan Rathfon, Principal, Liberty Valley 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. 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, and approximately 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Dr. Bickford announced that the Building Committee Meeting will meet on September 6, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. to continue progress on the elementary building project. She noted that all buildings will be hosting Open House or Orientation Events and that Teacher and Support Staff Negotiation Meetings will be scheduled soon. Dr. Bickford expressed appreciation to the Board for supporting and sponsoring the Faculty Luncheon this past Monday, and to the Administrative Team for the excellent professional development programs. She also noted that the first day of school went well and all building principals gave a brief review of activities in each of their buildings.

B. There was an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Motion: (To move agenda Item IX. B. to this point in the agenda)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to move School Property & Supplies Item B. to this point in the agenda.
The motion was seconded by Helen Hause.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

A presentation was made by a representative from Reynolds Construction Management, Inc. regarding their proposed services as construction manager for the Elementary School building project.

Motion: (To table School Property & Supplies Item B.)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to table School Property & Supplies Item B.
The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion failed by voice vote.

Motion: (To approve School Property & Supplies Item B.)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve School Property & Supplies Item B.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Reynolds Construction Management, Inc. as construction manager for the elementary school project.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes; 1 no (Schooley).

II. Board Affiliation Reports

- CSIU Board - Carol Bisordi reported that there were no updates at this time.
- Vo-Tech Board - Steve Schooley and Megan Raup reported that CMVT has reached a contract agreement with teachers, and that the principal position is vacant.
- EI Tax Board - Fil Martinez reported that EI Tax Board meeting for August was cancelled.
- Head Start Policy Council - Randy Keister reported that there had not been a meeting of the Head Start Policy Council. Susan Blake provided an update on grants awarded to Head Start and noted that their next meeting will be held on September 20th.
- Legislative - Allan Schappert reported that that discussion continues on House Bill 446 regarding state funding of charter schools, and that the Act I index was set at 4.3% for next year. Sis Hause noted that she will be attending the PSBA Leadership Conference in October.

III. Student Representative Report

Kyle Miller reported that the first day of school ran smoothly at the High School and that students are adjusting to the revised High School schedule. He also noted upcoming athletic events.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. James Gulliver requested clarification on the budget report format.

V. Curriculum and Management Report

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

VI. School and Community Relations

VII. Finance

VIII. Personnel

Motion: (Approving Personnel Items A. through O.)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Personnel Agenda Items A. through O.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Linda Sickora as an Aide at $7.51 per hour, effective August 28, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Donna Heim as a Language Arts Teacher at Danville Middle School at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, MS+15, Step 12, effective August 23, 2007.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Elena Krick as a Long-Term Substitute Science Teacher at Danville Middle School at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, MS, Year 1, effective August 23, 2007.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Lauretta Ferris as an Aide, effective August 18, 2007.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Kaitlin Huber as a Business Teacher at Danville High School at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, MS, Year 1, effective August 23, 2007.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of LuAn Keller as an English Teacher at Danville High School at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, BS, Step 1, effective August 23, 2007.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the following Mentors for the 2007-2008 school year.
   - Merry Hackenberg for Amy Fronhofer and Jessica Russell
   - Mike Nailor for Kaitlin Huber and LuAn Keller

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the revised mentor assignment for Jennifer Sykora and Jennifer Mohr from Elaine Balum to Cheryl Cooper.

I. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Susan Mordan as a Part-time Cafeteria Worker at $7.51 per hour, effective September 4, 2007.

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the change of status of Debra Barker from Part-time Cafeteria Worker to Full-time Cafeteria Worker, effective August 20, 2007.

K. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Cheryl Gower as an Aide, effective August 28, 2007.

L. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Kim Jordan as a Head Start Education Aide at $8.50 per hour, effective August 29, 2007.

M. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Cynthia Stump as a Head Start Education Aide at $7.77 per hour, effective August 29, 2007.

N. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of additions to the 2007-2008 Substitute List (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Secretaries, etc.).

O. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Mary Ann Smith as an Aide at $7.51 per hour, effective August 28, 2007.

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

Motion: (Approving Personnel Items P. through S.)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Personnel Agenda Items P. through S.

P. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Denise May as a Head Start Teacher at a salary of $31,768.00, effective August 29, 2007.

Q. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Ann Kay as a Head Start Family Case Manager at $15.00 per hour, effective August 29, 2007.

R. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of addition to the 2007-2008 Substitute List (teacher, secretary).

S. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Judith Gooderham as Substitute Assistant Food Service Director at a salary of $108.00 per day. This position is as substitute assistant food service director while searching for a replacement, effective August 27, 2007.

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

IX. School Property and Supplies

Motion: (To approve School Property and Supplies Item A.)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve School Property and Supplies Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to authorize L. Robert Kimball & Associates to meet with the Pennsylvania Department of Education for discussions regarding PlanCon A and B for purposes of obtaining PlanCon B approval from the department.

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

X. Policy & Insurance.

XI. Athletics

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Amanda Cropf as Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Advisor at a salary of $1,079, Step B, effective Fall 2007 season.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of John Lipsey as Assistant Football Coach at a salary of $2,272, Step D, effective Fall 2007 Season.

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

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

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the move of the players on the Freshman Football roster to the JV roster for the Fall 2007 season.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 2 no (Hause, Martinez)

XII. Transportation

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Kelly Ann Carnevale of 98 Derrs Road, Bloomsburg, PA, as a Head Start bus driver for Fishing Creek Transportation.

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

XIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Adjournment:

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Steve Schooley 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