DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 11, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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. 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, 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. Daphne Snook, Director of Technology; Mr. James Garringer, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 10 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2007 and August 28, 2007

Motion: (To approve minutes of the August School Board meetings)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2007 and August 28, 2007 Board meetings.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
Steven Schooley noted that the minutes for August 28, 2007, should be revised under Item II. Board Affiliation Reports, to reflect that the Columbia Montour Vo-Tech teachers' contract was approved, but the support staff contract was not yet approved.

The motion to approve the minutes as revised was approved by voice vote.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Dr. Bickford noted that the enrollment report indicates some decline in the numbers from the previous school year.

B. Dr. Bickford announced that a DAEA negotiations meeting was held last night, an ESPA negotiations meeting is scheduled for September 13th, the Elementary Building Committee will be meeting September 12th, and the Facilities Committee we reconvene sometime later in October to discuss secondary school building needs.

C. There was an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel.

II. Student Representative Report

Joe Cabral, a member the High School Student Government Association (SGA) reported on High School athletic events. He also announced that SGA will host an assembly to increase interest in student government and that SGA representatives will meet weekly with Mr. Burger to exchange ideas and increase mutual understanding. He noted that the first two weeks of school have gone well.

III. Public Comment

Mr. James Gulliver asked a question regarding the relationship between class size and student performance.

IV. Curriculum and Management Report

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve revisions to the 2007-2008 School Calendar to include Act 80 Days on October 12, 2007, November 2, 2007 and February 15, 2008

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 2 no (Schappert, Raup).

B. Gwen Belding presented the 2007 PSSA results. Dr. Bickford commented that the district can be proud of these very strong PSSA test results.

V. School and Community Relations

VI. Finance

Motion: (Approving financial reports and bills for payment)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Agenda items VI A. through F.

A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary
B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget
C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget
D. Cash Receipts
E. Investments
F. Bills for Payment – August 9, 2007 through September 6, 2007

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

G. The Board considered appointment of Board Members to a Budget Strategic Planning Committee. After discussion regarding the need for Board members to be more involved in the budget process, Steve Schooley and Allan Schappert volunteered to serve on this committee. They should meet with Mr. Snodgrass and Dr. Bickford to determine procedures for communicating with the District Administrators and the Board.

VII. Personnel

Motion: **(Approving personnel changes)**
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Personnel Agenda Items VII A. through L.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Jennifer Vandborg as an Aide at Liberty Valley Elementary, effective September 3, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Delores Sees as Class Advisor for the Class of 2011 at a salary of $1,125, effective at the start of the 2007-2008 school year.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the revised mentor assignment for Kaitlin Huber from Michael Nailor to Michael Mast.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Michael Nailor as a mentor for Bradley Whitenight.
E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the 2007-2008 Substitute List (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Secretaries, etc.).

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the change of status for Janice Ackerman from Administrative Assistant to Assistant Food Service Director at a salary of $26,000, effective September 12, 2007.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a military leave of absence for Pershing Markle.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Donna Wood as a Long-term Substitute Science Teacher at Danville High School at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, BS, pro-rated, effective September 12, 2007.

I. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Nicole Diehl as an Aide at Liberty Valley Elementary School at $7.51 per hour, effective September 12, 2007.

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Harold Buch as an Aide at Danville Middle School at $7.51 per hour, effective September 12, 2007.

K. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Gwen Moyer as an Aide at Liberty Valley Elementary School at $7.51 per hour, effective September 12, 2007.

L. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a compensated professional leave for Beth Rogowsky, a Middle School Language Arts Teacher, in accordance with Board Policy 438.1 for the purpose of continuing her Educational Leadership doctoral program at Wilkes University. The leave will be for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year beginning on January 21, 2008.

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

Rick Engle presented information on the Recycling pilot program at the High School.

IX. Policy & Insurance

Motion: (To approve discontinuation of fluoride treatment)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Policy & Insurance Item A.

A. Discontinuation of school administered Fluoride Treatment

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

Kellie Krum suggested that the letter notifying parents/guardians of this change require a signature of receipt from parents/guardians.

X. Athletics

Ron Kanaskie, Athletic Director, spoke regarding changes to the Football Team roster that were approved at the previous Board meeting.

XI. Transportation

Marie Dryer presented an update on pupil transportation in the district, explaining that the buses transport students to six district buildings and twelve non-district schools. She noted that although there were some first-day adjustments, the bus system is running smoothly. She reported that generally the maximum ride time is 45 minutes, and that the very skilled and caring drivers are driving much newer buses than in previous years.

XII. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Adjournment:
At 8:55 p.m. a motion was made by Megan Raup 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