DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 25, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, September 25, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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. 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, Principal, Middle School; Ms. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Principal, Liberty-Valley Elementary; 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; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 10 members of the staff and public, and news media.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Mr. Snodgrass announced that the Elementary Building Committee will meet on October 27th at 6:00 p.m. and will make a presentation at the next School Board meeting regarding the status of the elementary building plan development. He noted that the Facilities Committee plans to meet on October 18th at 6:00 p.m. Board members discussed the number of committee members needed and advertisements for additional members. Mr. Snodgrass also reported that teacher and support staff negotiations continue with meetings scheduled on October 1st for DAEA and October 4th for DAESPA.

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

Mr. Keister presented a photo of teachers at Liberty Valley given to the School Board.

II. Board Affiliation Reports

- CSIU Board - Carol Bisordi reported that the CSIU held their first meeting after the summer and noted that 167 teachers are employed by the IU to provide instruction to students in the region.
- Vo-Tech Board - Megan Raup reported that the Vo-Tech board is considering a fifteen-year vision for that school and will be reviewing this with all districts involved.
- EI Tax Board - Fil Martinez reported that there was no meeting of the EI Tax Board.
- Head Start Policy Council - Kellie Krum reported that meeting times were changed to every third Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m.
- Legislative - Allan Schappert reported that Governor Rendell has proposed statewide health care for school employees, but many details need to be refined. He also noted that several house bills have been introduced to call for more accountability of cyber schools and to bring their requirements into alignment with those of public schools.

Mr. Kanaskie and team physician, Dr. Dan Feldman, spoke regarding the staff infection that has spread among the football team, explaining that ten team members have been infected with Staphylococcus bacteria which is highly contagious, but very treatable with antibiotics. They stressed that this is not a MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus)* infection which is much more serious and difficult to treat. Team members and their parents were notified of the situation and were given information regarding the treatment and prevention of the infection. The district is taking a proactive approach to stop any further infection. Mr. Kanaskie expressed his appreciation of Dr. Feldman and other medical personnel that serve our district's sports teams.

III. Student Representative Report

Kyle Miller reported on High School events including the start of nominations for homecoming court, upcoming class elections, athletic events and, no classes on Friday, September 28.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. James Gulliver asked questions regarding the approval process of classes for teachers and administrators.

V. Curriculum and Management Report

A. Calendars of Events for all district buildings were distributed.

VI. School and Community Relations

VII. Finance

VIII. Personnel

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Catherine Billhime as a Cafeteria Worker, effective September 14, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Nikki Doebler as a Cafeteria Worker, effective August 27, 2007.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Sherri Winger as a Cafeteria Worker, effective August 31, 2007.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Matthew Koehler as a Guidance Counselor at Danville Middle School at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, MS, Step 4, effective date contingent on receipt of Praxis scores from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Ann Bristow as an Aide at Liberty Valley Elementary at $7.51 per hour, effective October 1, 2007.

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

Motion: (Approving Personnel Item F.)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Personnel Agenda Item F.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Cynthia Hutchinson as Principal at Danville Middle School at a salary of $72,720, prorated, effective August 16, 2007.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 6 yes, 2 no (Martinez, Raup), 1 absent (Schooley).

Motion: (Approving Personnel Item G.)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Personnel Agenda Item G.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Charles Smargiassi as Assistant Principal at Danville High School at a salary of $64,000, prorated, effective date to be determined upon receipt of Principal K-12 Certificate from Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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

Motion: (Approving Personnel Items H. and I.)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Personnel Agenda Items H and I.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Kim Jenkins as a Cafeteria Worker at $7.51 per hour, effective September 17, 2007.

I. 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.).

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

IX. School Property and Supplies

X. Policy & Insurance.

Motion: (Approving Policy & Insurance Item A.)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Policy & Insurance Agenda Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for Danville High School students in Journalism, Yearbook and DTV to travel to New York City on November 5, 2007.

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

XI. Athletics

XII. Transportation

XIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Kellie Krum requested that the schools hold Open Houses for Board members to visit classrooms.

Dr. Moser requested an update regarding student use of the lathe purchased at the start of the 2006-2007 school year.

Adjournment:

At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Allan Schappert 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