DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 9, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Assistant Principal, High School; Ms. Cynthia Hutchinson, Principal, Middle School; Ms. Abby 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; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mrs. Pamela Burrows, Director of Food Service; 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.

Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2007 and September 25, 2007

Motion: (To approve minutes of the September School Board meetings)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2007 and September 25, 2007 Board meetings.
The motion was seconded by Megan Raup.
The motion to approve the minutes was approved by voice vote.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Dr. Bickford reviewed the enrollment report with the Board.

B. Dr. Bickford reported that DAEA and ESPA negotiations continue. She announced that the Elementary Building Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. She also noted that the Facilities Committee will meet on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library and will be reviewing the original Feasibility Study and curriculum needs.

C. Sis Hause reported that she attended the PSBA Conference to vote on the PSBA platform for the coming year. She explained that Dr. Moser will arrange a meeting at the county level to review the platform and select priorities for the county. Susan Bickford reported that while at the PSBA conference she attended several sessions that made her aware of the need to review and revise some district policies that will be presented to the Board for approval.

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

II. Student Representative Report

Patrick Wagner, a member the High School Student Government Association (SGA) Reported that the school year has started off well. He reviewed upcoming athletic events and preparations for homecoming activities, which will include spirit week, the homecoming carnival, an after-school tailgating party, and a semiformal dance hosted by the National Honor Society.

Motion: (To move Athletics to this point in the Agenda)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to move section X. Athletics to this point in the Agenda.
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

X. Athletics

Mr. Kanaskie, Athletic Director, provided an update on the Staph infection situation discussed at the September 25, 2007 Board meeting, reporting that there are now no cases of Staph infection among members of the football team. He also discussed ongoing measures to prevent any further occurrences of infection.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time

IV. Curriculum and Management Report

V. School and Community Relations

Craig Burger presented information regarding student interest in starting a Junior R.O.T.C. Club at Danville High School. Adam Alessi, a Danville High School Student, presented the proposed goals and activities of this club. Sgt. Copeland, Army recruiter, reviewed classes and programs that would be offered through this club.

Motion: (To approve Jr. R.O.T.C. Club)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve School and Community Relations Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the establishment of a Junior R.O.T.C. club.

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

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 – September 7, 2007 through October 4, 2007

The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes, 0s no.

G. Mr. Snodgrass presented information regarding House Bill 1841 that has been introduced to the State House of Representatives. Mr. Snodgrass explained that the purpose of this bill is to establish a statewide health care plan for public school employees, with the intent of reducing healthcare costs for school districts through increased purchasing power, and removing healthcare from district negotiations. The proposed plan would be managed by a twelve-member board, comprised of four members from the Governors office, four members from PSEA, and four members from PSBA. The board will conduct a study to determine if there are savings to be realized, and within ten months

after its establishment, the board must decide whether to implement a statewide health benefits program or to implement an alternative measure regarding health care. Within three months, the board must determine statewide eligibility requirements for school employee participation, benefits included, and definition of health care regions in a statewide health plan. Mr. Snodgrass explained that it is difficult to evaluate the plan at this point because so many of the key issues will be decided by the board but he questions whether there will be real savings realized since a bureaucracy will need to be established to maintain the program and we already have reduced district health care costs through membership in a very cost-efficient consortium, Central Susquehanna Region School Employees Health and Welfare Trust. With the information currently available, Mr. Snodgrass estimates that the passage of House Bill 1841 would result in a $250,000 to $750,000 increase per year in health care cost to our district.

VII. Personnel

Motion: **(Approving personnel changes)**
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Personnel Agenda Items VII A. through G.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Miki Starks as Part-time Cafeteria Worker at $7.51 per hour, effective October 1, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Michael Mast as advisor for P.L.A.N.E.T. at a salary of $1,125, effective for the 2007-2008 school year.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an uncompensated medical leave of absence for Edward Wolfe from September 7, 2007 through January 1, 2008.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Tiffany Holdren as a Part-time Cafeteria Worker at $7.51 per hour effective October 1, 2007.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Danelle Herman as a Part-time Cafeteria Worker at $7.51 per hour, effective October 3, 2007.

F. 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.).

G. 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.). (Addendum)

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

VIII. School Property and Supplies

IX. Policy & Insurance

Motion: (To approve Policy & Insurance Item A.)
A motion was made by Sis Hause to approve Policy & Insurance Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the first reading of revised Policy #113.1 and Policy #216.

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

X. Athletics

(Moved to follow Section II. in the agenda)

XI. Transportation

Motion: (To approve 2007-2008 Bus Contracts)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Transportation Item A.)

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Bus Contracts for 2007-2008 in the amount of $1,526,749.37.

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

XII. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Carol Bisordi thanked Key Club members and their advisor, Marsha Kouf, who helped with the recent Geisinger Auxillary fundraising event.

Fil Martinez relayed positive remarks regarding building principals in our district, specifically Molly Nied and Cynthia Hutchinson.

Fil Martinez also asked questions regarding the senior citizen admission rates for athletic events.

It was also requested by board members that reserved seats in the stadium be marked more clearly as reserved.

Adjournment:
At 8:21 p.m. a motion was made by Sis Hause and seconded by Jim Moser 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