DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 23, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, October 23, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Vice-President Steven Schooley, 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, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, 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. 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 Elementary 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 40 members of the staff and public, and news media.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Susan Bickford noted that the Elementary Building Committee met on October 16, 2007, the Facilities Committee met on October 18, 2007, and Teacher and Support Staff Negotiations were held recently.

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

II. Board Affiliation Reports

- CSIU Board - Carol Bisordi had no updates from the CSIU.
- Vo-Tech Board - Steve Schooley reported that CMAVT continues the selection process for a new principal.
- EI Tax Board - Fil Martinez had no updates on the EI Tax Board.

- Head Start Policy Council - Kellie reported that the Head Start Policy Council held a reorganization meeting and elected new officers. She also announced that an Open House will be held at the Head Start classroom at Busy Little Beaver's, October 24, 2007, 10:30 – 1:30.
- Legislative - Allan Schappert reported that the results of the study on education cost per student will be released next month. He also noted that the House Education committee will start hearings on state heath care for teachers.

  Jim Moser explained that, per an e-mail from the PA Department of Education (PDE), priorities will not be selected at the fall meeting of school directors from Montour and Columbia counties. If the Board chooses to host a PDE webinar on school cost reduction and legislative updates, that decision will be made at the next School Board meeting.

III. Student Representative Report

There was no student representative report at this time.

IV. Public Comment

Pam Hoover, president of the Danville Support Staff Association, requested that the Board act to give members of the support staff association a fair wage.

V. Curriculum and Management Report

A. There were no questions or comments on the Calendars of Events.

B. Gwen Belding discussed a World Language Interest Survey to be conducted among parents of students who will be in sixth grade for the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Belding explained that the DASD World Language Committee recommended the survey to aid in determining languages of interest to students and parents. She noted that the survey will be completed on-line and that a hard copy of the survey will be available if internet access is not available.

VI. School and Community Relations

VII. Finance

VIII. Personnel

Motion: (Approving Personnel Items A. through H.)

A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Personnel Agenda Items A. through H.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to revise the mentor assignment for Jennifer Mohr from Cheryl Cooper to Joyce Clayberger.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Matthew Bloom as a Varsity Assistant Football Coach and as a Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective October 8, 2007.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Patricia Merrell as Wrestling Cheerleader Advisor, effective October 15, 2007.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Alice Buehner as an English Teacher at Danville High School, effective January 22, 2008, or the last day of the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Marie Fazio as a Cafeteria Worker at $7.51 per hour, effective October 17, 2007.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a change of status for Miki Starks from Part-time Cafeteria Worker to Full-time Cafeteria Worker at $7.51 per hour, effective October 22, 2007.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Kristina Brady as an Aide at Danville Middle School at $7.51 per hour, effective October 24, 2007.

H. 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 Allan Schappert.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes; 0 no, 2 absent (Keister, Raup).

IX. School Property and Supplies

Rick Witt of L. R. Kimball & Associates introduced Roger Hulsey and Henry Burnett, also from Kimball, and Walt Tack of Reynolds Construction

Roger Hulsey briefly reviewed the history of the Elementary Building project, starting in 2004 with the request for a Feasibility Study, which was completed in 2005 and then updated in 2006 with more specific options, through the formation of the Education Specification Committee and then the Building Committee. He noted that Plancon A has been filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), and Plancon B

was presented and is awaiting approval from PDE.

Henry Burnett discussed the contents of the schematic design, explaining that it is a very preliminary form of the plan development, and reviewed the floor plan and site plan.

Walt Tack reviewed the summary of costs, noting that the estimated cost is within seven percent of budget. Mr. Tack stressed that Reynolds Construction will continue to work with Kimball to reduce costs through design development.

Mr. Hulsey reviewed the schedule outlined in the schematic design from the design development phase estimated completion in January 2008 through projected building occupancy for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Burnett discussed the tenets that will be incorporated into the continued design and development of the project.

Mr. Witt responded to questions from the Board and the public regarding building size, site design, and cost increases. He emphasized that this plan is in the formative stages and is subject to revision by the Board and the Building Committee.

X. Policy & Insurance.

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for students in the High School American Government Classes to travel to Washington, D. C. on November 1, 2007.

The motion was seconded by Fil Martinez.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Keister, Raup).

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

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the first reading of revised Policy #103, Policy #209, Policy #626, and Policy #906.

The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

XI. Athletics

Mr. Kanaskie reported on DASD athletic teams' events and noted that there are no cases of staff infection among the athletes.

Motion: (To approve Winter Coaches and Salaries)
A motion was made by Sis Hause to approve Athletics Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the Winter 2007-2008 Coaches and Salaries.

The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Schooley), 2 absent (Keister, Raup).

XII. Transportation

XIII. Public Comment

Tim Leiby, district resident, requested that the Board do as much as possible to reduce costs of the Elementary Building Project.

Fil Martinez requested that the Building Committee communicate with the Board regarding changes to the building plan.

Jim Moser asked questions regarding procedures for the World Language Survey.

Pam Burrows announced that activities for the Great American Apple Crunch will be held tomorrow in all the district school buildings.

Adjournment:

At 8:57 p.m. a motion was made by Fil Martinez 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