DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 13, 2007

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, 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. 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 and Riverside Elementary; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mrs. Daphne Snook, Director of Technology; Mr. James Garringer, Director of Network Administration; and approximately 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Approval of Minutes of October 9, 2007 and October 23, 2007

Motion: (To approve minutes of the October School Board meetings)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2007 and October 23, 2007 Board meetings.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion to approve the minutes was approved by voice vote.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bickford discussed the enrollment report and reviewed recent meetings of the Elementary Building Committee, Facilities Committee, DAEA Negotiations and ESPA negotiations. She also presented AYP awards to building principals, Molly Nied, Dan Rathfon and Scott Zimmerman. Dr. Bickford made special

presentations to Fil Martinez, Randy Keister and Sis Hause for their four, five and fourteen years of service, respectively, on the Danville School Board.

Mr. Keister noted that there was an Executive Session at 6:00 to discuss personnel.

Motion: (To appoint Steve Schooley to fill a three-year term as Columbia-Montour AVTS Joint Operating Committee member)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to appoint Steve Schooley to fill a three-year term as Columbia-Montour AVTS Joint Operating Committee member from December 1, 2007 through November 30, 2010.
The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved by voice vote

II. Board Affiliation Reports

- CSIU Board - Carol Bisordi had no updates from the CSIU.
- Vo-Tech Board - Steve Schooley had no updates from the VoTech School.
- EI Tax Board - Fil Martinez had no updates from the EI Tax Board
- Head Start Policy Council - Randy Keister noted that the Head Start Policy Council will meet this Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

  Susan Blake introduced Kim Jordan, Head Start Pre-K Counts instructor, and several children from the Pre-K Counts class who demonstrated one of their learning techniques. Susan Blake explained how students learn concepts through play in the Pre-K Counts class, and how student eligibility is determined for this state funded program.

- Legislative - Allan Schappert reported that the student cost study is scheduled to be published next week. Paul Moser explained that PSBA will offer a webinar on legislative issues for school board directors even if only a few are interested in attending.

III. Student Representative Report

Kyle Miller and Joe Cabral used a power-point presentation to report on the following High School activities: Students in Honors English classes attended a play at Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble; High School classes participated in the SGA sponsored Feed-a-Friend program; the Forensics Team have been very successful in recent competitions; National Honor Society students will be working at the Jubilee Kitchen this Saturday; High School Drama Club will be performing Frankenstein this weekend at Danville Middle School Auditorium; P.L.A.N.E.T is participating in a roadside clean-up program and is also starting a newspaper and white paper recycling collection program; and SGA is helping to coordinate a Blood Drive at the High School on November 29th.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

V. Curriculum and Management Report

A. Daphne Snook introduced Donna Counterman, High School Science Teacher, who demonstrated the use of Elmo in the classroom. She explained how Elmo enhances classroom presentations and class participation in projects and experiments. She also discussed other possible classroom applications of this equipment.

Motion: (To move Item IX. School Properties & Supplies to this point in agenda)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to move Item IX. to this point in the agenda.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Carol Bisordi expressed concern regarding the absence of large group rooms in the new elementary building design and regarding availability of land for athletic fields.

The Board discussed the cost implications of adding the large group rooms to the new elementary building plan, reconsideration of the location of the new elementary building construction, the possibility of a modified consolidation, potential sites for athletic fields, anticipated results of the demographic study, and the time required to request and receive updated information on various aspects of the project.

Motion: (To obtain additional information regarding the Elementary Building Project)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to 1) request updated cost information for the elementary building with the addition of large group rooms, 2) request updated costing for various building options, 3) reconsider athletic fields location, and 4) request a traffic study in the new elementary building area.
The motion was seconded by Allan Schappert.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

Motion: (To hold a regular Board meeting immediately after the reorganization meeting)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to hold a regular Board meeting immediately after the Reorganization meeting on December 3, 2007, eliminating the meeting scheduled for December 18, 2007.
The motion was seconded by Jim Moser.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

VI. School and Community Relations

Motion: (To approve the Pride & Promise Resolution)

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 Pride & Promise resolution. (Enclosure B)

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

Motion: (To Approve Spanish Club)
A motion was made by Sis Hause to grant the approval of the establishment of a Spanish Club at Danville High School with John Keller as advisor at a salary of $400, Curricular, Level 2.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

Kellie Krum left the meeting room.

VII. Finance

Motion: (Approving financial reports and bills for payment)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve VII. Items 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 – October 5, 2007 through November 7, 2007

The motion was seconded by Sis Hause.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Krum, Raup).

Kellie Krum returned to the meeting room.

Mr. Snodgrass presented information regarding the Common Cents program noting its good intentions, but also its lack of clear definition in process and outcome.

Motion: (To not accept the Common Cents Program)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to not accept the Common Cents Program.
The motion was seconded by Allan Schappert.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

VIII. Personnel

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

A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve Personnel Agenda Items A. through L.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Jennifer Quinn as a Technology Coach, effective November 1, 2007.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Kerry Gordon as a Long-term Substitute Elementary Technology Teacher at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, BS, Step 1, prorated, effective November 1, 2007.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Lori Miller as a Part-time Cafeteria Worker at Danville Middle School at $7.51 per hour, effective October 23, 2007.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a leave of absence for Kaitlin Huber from approximately February 8, 2008 through April 25, 2008, using nine sick days, two personal days, and nine weeks of uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy #439.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Lalonie Tucker as a Part-time Cafeteria Worker at Danville Middle School at $7.51 per hour, effective November 27, 2007.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Nancy Miller as a Cafeteria Worker at Danville High School at $7.51 per hour, effective November 12, 2007.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Julie Stetler as a Part-time Cafeteria Worker at Danville High School at $7.51 per hour, effective November 12, 2007.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a change of status for Susan Mordan from Part-time Cafeteria Worker at Danville Middle School to Full-time Cafeteria Worker at Liberty Valley Elementary, effective to be determined.

I. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Mandi Cropf as Varsity Cheerleading Advisor for Wrestling at a salary of $1079, Step 2.

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Amy Temmel as Middle School Cheerleading Advisor for Wrestling and Basketball at a salary of $540.

K. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Kathleen Riegel as an Education Assistant at Danville Head Start, effective November 15, 2007.

L. 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.).

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

IX. School Property and Supplies

X. Policy & Insurance.

Motion: (To approve Policy & Insurance Items A. and B.)
A motion was made by Fil Martinez to approve Policy & Insurance Items A. and B.

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

B. The Board take action on the recommendation to grant approval of an out-of-state trip for students in the High School Ski Club to travel to Stowe, VT, on March 14, 2008, through March 16, 2008.

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

XI. Athletics

XII. Transportation

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Gulliver spoke regarding the location and traffic considerations of the new elementary school.

Out-going Board members, Fil Martinez, Sis Hause and Randy Keister, expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to work with the district staff and administration and with the School Board.

Adjournment:

At 9:01 p.m. a motion was made by Sis Hause and seconded by Fil Martinez 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