DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 24, 2008 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, June 24, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Allan Schappert followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL - Board Members

Mrs. Barbara Boyer, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Jennifer Henning, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mrs. Kellie Krum, Dr. Paul Moser, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Mr. Allan Schappert were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Susan Bickford, Superintendent; Ms. Daphne Snook, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology; Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Business Administrative/Board Secretary; Mr. Craig Burger, Principal, High School; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Assistant Principal, High School; Mrs. Cynthia Hutchinson, Principal, Middle School; Mr. John Bickhart, Principal, Mahoning Cooper and Riverside; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services; Mr. James Garringer, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCMENTS

Mr. Allan Schappert announced there would only be one meeting in July. The date for that meeting is July 22, 2008 at 7pm in the high school cafeteria.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bickford announced there was an executive meeting at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel, labor relations and real estate.

The next teacher negotiations meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 6 pm.

Dr. Bickford also gave an update on building project planning. Several administrators and school board members met with architects last Tuesday, June 17, 2008 to dis-

cuss the overview for all three elementary projects. Dr. Bickford, Mrs. Snook and the elementary principals are having a planning session next week to discuss needs for the projects.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Tyler Rosini

Tyler Rosini announced the Forensics Team returned home from Las Vegas on Sunday, June 23. Only three students went. Joe Cabral competed on day two and placed in the top 32 in the nation.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver - Ask about the school nurses situation in the district. Dr. Bickford told him we need a RN for every 1500 students. We employee three RN's and three LPN's in our district.

Donna Heath asked if the school board had plans to cut the sports programs. Mr. Schappert assured her the board has no formal initiative to change sports at this time.

Jim Dragano asked if the board was going to ask booster clubs to fund buses for away games. Mr. Schappert said it is not on the board agenda to make any changes at this time.

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Approval of the 2008 graduation list

Motion: (To approve the 2008 graduation list)
A motion was made by Dr. Paul Moser to approve the graduation list
The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Henning.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Ms. Megan Raup

VI. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VII. FINANCE

Motion: (Approve the 2008-09 General Fund Budget, Tax and Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolutions)
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve the 2008-09 General Fund Budget, Tax and Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolutions

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Henninger
Steve School ask several questions regarding items on the budget – money for fitness center at middle school, computer labs at high school and middle school, and funds for Civil War event at the middle school.
Barbara Boyer is questioning $16,000 for sports uniforms, and $3500 for transportation to BTE.
Mr. Snodgrass announced that funding for Homestead/Farmstead exemptions funded with gaming revenues has been received from the state. Those properties that have been approved for the exemptions will receive an approximately $119 reduction on their tax bill.

The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 6 yes, 2 no, 1 Absent – Ms Megan Raup

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Assistant Principal at the Middle School, effective June 30, 2008. (Enclosure B)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the week of June 9 to 13, 2008 without pay for Howard Knapp. (Enclosure C)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Ian Sweeney, as student technician for the summer, at $7.75 per hour, effective June 9, 2008. (Enclosure D)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Brandon Walls, as student technician for the summer, at $7.75 per hour, effective June 9, 2008. (Enclosure E)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Carla Maize, Speech/Language Teacher, at a salary of $43,546, effective August 20, 2008. (Enclosure F)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Andrea Shriner, 4th grade teacher at Liberty Valley, at a first year teacher salary ($34,402 under the contract that expired June 30, 2007 to be updated when the contract is settled), effective August 20, 2008. (Enclosure G)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Stacey Erdman, 5th grade teacher at Danville Elementary, at a first year teacher salary ($34,402 under the contract that expired June 30, 2007 to be updated when the contract is settled), effective August 20, 2008. (Enclosure H)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Edward Sanders Jr., as assistant principal at the Danville Middle School, at a salary of $66,000, effective July 1, 2008. (Enclosure I)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the change of status of Kerry Gordon from elementary computer teacher to 2nd grade teacher at Danville Elementary, at a second year teacher salary ($36,990 under the contract that expired June 30, 2007 to be updated when the contract is settled), effective August 20, 2008. (Enclosure J)

J. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the following transfers

- Amanda Anderson from 5th grade at Liberty Valley to 4th grade at Danville Elementary
- Molly Raup from kindergarten at Mahoning Cooper to 1st grade at Liberty Valley
- Gary Reichard from 4th grade at Danville Elementary to 4th grade at Liberty Valley
- Laura Long from reading specialist at Mahoning Cooper and Riverside to 4th grade at Mahoning Cooper
- Paula Noll from 4th grade at Liberty Valley to 4th grade at Riverside
- Emily Foresman from 1st grade at Danville Elementary to 3rd grade at Danville Elementary
- Melissa Ferguson from 4th grade at Liberty Valley to 5th grade at Liberty Valley
- Melissa Shipman from Life Skills at Liberty Valley to Life Skills at Mahoning Cooper
- Colleen Huss from ½ time guidance at Mahoning Cooper to ½ time guidance at Danville Elementary
  Jo'ell Brouse from guidance at Danville Elementary and Riverside to guidance at Mahoning Cooper and Riverside.

Motion: (To Approve Personnel)
A motion was made by Mr. Steven Schooley to approve Personnel Items A through J.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jamie Hosterman.

A motion was made by Mr. Steven Schooley and seconded by Mrs. Kellie Krum to add the following clause to Item E.
After the salary it should read – "under the contract that expired June 30, 2007 to be updated when the contract is settled".

The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Ms Megan Raup

Mr. Allan Schappert introduced Mr. Edward Sanders, the new assistant middle school principal.

Mr. John Bickhart introduced Mrs. Stacy Erdman, the new 5th grade teacher at Danville Elementary School.

VII. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

IX. POLICY & INSURANCE

X. ATHLETICS

XI. TRANSPORTATION

XII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Barbara Boyer asked the board review the transportation for the district.
Dr. Jim Moser said the board needs to make sure we have safe routes to school.
Mrs. Dawn Gill asked that the board review the possibly of charging a minimal fee for participation in clubs and sports.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 pm motion was made by Mr. Steven Schooley and seconded by Mrs. Dawn Gill to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Richard B. Snodgrass
Board Secretary

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Bonnie A. Edmeads
Assistant Board Secretary