DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 29, 2008

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 29, 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, Mrs. Megan Raup, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Mr. Allan Schappert were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Daphne Snook, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Business Manager; Ms Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Assistant Principal, High School; Ms. Cynthia Hutchinson, Principal, Middle School; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Principal, Liberty-Valley Elementary; Ms. Molly Nied, Principal, Danville Elementary; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mr. Tim Bower, Solicitor and approximately 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Allan Schappert welcomed Mr. Snodgrass back after medical absence. Allan also announced Dr. Bickford is on vacation and Ms. Snook would be setting in for her for this meeting.

II. READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING

The Danville Area School District's School Board will have a meeting April 29, 2008, 7 pm, in the high school cafeteria for general purposes and discussion of the elementary building project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

III. TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS FOR WHICH MEETING WAS CALLED

Dr. Moser and Ms Krum did a PowerPoint presentation regarding the building project. This presentation reviewed the original six options and continued through to discuss option E-2 as possibly the option to adopt.

Ms Krum thank Dr. Moser for putting together the PowerPoint presentation and Mr. Schappert also thanked both Ms Krum and Dr. Moser for their time and efforts into putting this presentation together.

Mr. Schooley asked Mr. Tim Bower if the vote to rescind our original vote to consolidate was done properly.

Mr. Bower explained that the vote was valid under Robert Rules of Order newly revised edition.

Mr. Schooley then asked Mr. Snodgrass what the cost of incurring an additional bond to fund anything above the 15M. Mr. Snodgrass said, "Issuance cost of another 8M would be in the ballpark of 150,000 to 200,000.

Ms. Raup asked if we go with Option E-2 would we need to increase taxes? We can go to around 30M, but it will depend on which option of E02 we use. Mr. Snodgrass discussed the options and number of E-02.

Mr. Schappert said tonight was just for information purpose so that everyone could look over and review all options for a vote later.

Motion:
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to vote to stop option E-03 and proceed with option E-02.

The motion was seconded by Megan Raup.

This motion was followed by discussion

- Ms Jennifer Henning supports option E02, but thinks we should wait to vote – to be faithful and fair to public
- Mr. Steve Schooley is in favor of option E05 but if we go with option E02 he does not want to take away from one school to give to another
- Mr. Jamie Hosterman is not in favor of option E-03, can live with E02 but doesn't think we should vote tonight. Jamie wants to do it right.
- Ms Kellie Krum feels everyone should digest the information given tonight so that when we vote we will be doing it right the first time
- Ms. Jennifer Henning feels we need to be fair in each building
- Mr. Allan Schappert said we all need to agree on an option. Mr. Schappert is in favor of consolidation, but can support option E02. He

feels we should not vote tonight and get input from friends, neighbors and community

- Ms Barbara Boyer is in favor of neighborhood schools and feels we need to step back and take a deep breath and absorb the information

Public input –

- Randy May asked if everyone toured each building and was told they have.
- Mr. Greg Hein asked how current the figures were on the handouts. Mr. Snodgrass told him they were last run between December 2007 and February 2008. Mr. Schappert also explained that the figures are estimates. Asked if a second floor could be added to Mahoning Cooper and was told that would not be feasible.
- Mr. Randy May asked how the construction schedule would work with the student schedule if Option E-02 were chosen. Mr. Schappert said that needed to be worked out. Schappert also said he spoke with Dr. Bickford regarding that issue and they both agreed it would be a challenge,
- Mr. Dan Rathfon sees problems at MC and DES, especially because the plan does not address class size.

Steve – move the motion be postponed indefinitely –second Dr. Moser
Motion:
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to postpone the vote indefinitely.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Moser.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes 1 no.

IV. Personnel

Motion: **(Approving personnel changes)**
A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve Personnel Agenda Items A

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes 0 no.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Edward A'Zary asked if the board ever considered putting in a walk path from town to the high school. Mr. Snodgrass commented that in the past it was considered and dropped because of upkeep costs and permissions with the borough.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Jim Moser and seconded by Ms Jennifer Henning 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