DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 22, 2008

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 22, 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. Dawn Gill (left at 8:10 pm), Mrs. Jennifer Henning, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mrs. Kellie Krum, Dr. Paul Moser, Mrs. Megan Raup, Mr. Steve Schooley, Mr. Allan Schappert were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Susan Bickford, Superintendent; Mrs. Daphne Snook, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; 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; Mr. David Becker, 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 Service; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; Mrs. Susan Hancock, Accountant and approximately 10 members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITION

James Gulliver – Allan Schappert
Mr. Allan Schappert recognized Mr. James Gulliver on behalf of the Danville Area School Board.

Cynthia Hutchinson, Middle School Principal read a letter from Mr. And Mrs. Yumen, middle school parents, thanking the district for having the speaker on internet safety in the middle school. They thought the program was very informative. Ms Hutchinson also stated Kelly Mahaffey, middle school parent, attended the afternoon session and went out and encouraged parents to attend the evening session.

Mr. Craig Burger spoke about the Latin students at Danville High School. They recently took National exam and 23 students earned awards. The Latin teacher at Danville High School is Mrs. Sandy Gilmore.

Mr. Craig Burger also congratulated Tina Bartholomew for competing in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 21, 2008. She finished the run in 3:15:15.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Schappert welcomed Ms Jennifer Henning to the Danville Area School Board.

- Ms Jennifer Henning volunteered to fill the vacancy on the CSIU Board of Directors.

- Mr. Schappert reminded everyone to make sure they speak directly into the microphones so that everyone can be heard.

- Mr. Schappert also announced that the board received a thank you note from Carol Bisordi for the gifts she received when she resigned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Dr. James Moser reminded everyone of the Legislative county meeting being held May 8 at 6:30 in the Danville High School Library. Dr. Moser will be sending an email to all board members to remind them to let him know if they are planning on attending the meeting.

- Kellie Krum announced the next Head Start meeting will be held on May 15 at 11:30am at Mulberry's.

- Megan Raup reported the Vo-Tech board is currently working in Act 93 salaries and benefits.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bickford announced the next teacher negotiation meeting will be held on June 2, 2008. She also informed the board there would be an informal work session the end of the month.

Enclosed in the board packets was each building's calendar of events for the month of May.

Dr. Bickford also announced Friday, April 25, 2008 at 1:00 PM we will be having an Arbor Day Celebration at the Danville High School.

There was an executive session tonight at 6:00 pm to discuss real estate, labor relations and personnel.

III. BOARD AFFILIATION REPORTS AND BOARD BUSINESS

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Kyle Miller and Joe Cabral made the following announcements

- PLANET – Adopt-A-Highway - Route 11 (April 19) and also help DES with recycling
- PROM – Tickets go on sale April 25, 2008 - $25.00 per person. The theme of the prom this year is *All That Jazz*
- FFA – 6th grade Safety Day Camp and also Tractor Pull Benefit on April 26
- GUIDANCE – Comprehensive Scholarships are due May 1; Science PSSA are being held April 29 – May 1; AP Exams begin May 7 (11 exams)
- ALL-STATE BAND – April 16-19, 2008 at Hershey – 4 students
- HIGH SCHOOL BAND Concert is May 3, 2008 at the Danville Middle School. Tickets are $6.00
- FCCLA is preparing for Nationals. The are having a candy sale, will have a stand at the Spring Fling and are having a car wash.

V. Public Comment

No public comment at this time

VI. Curriculum / Management Reports

Ms. Cynthia Hutchinson, middle school principal and Ms. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, middle school assistant principal presented 2008-2009 middle school schedule revision proposal. In order for this proposal to work we would need to hire 7th grade social studies and science teacher and 8th grade social studies and science teacher. This type of schedule changes focus from “teaching” to “learning”; allows for more engaging work, deeper inquiry, practice in class when teacher is available to assist; supports teaming by providing time for planning, collaboration and problem-solving regarding students concerns, instructional practice and ongoing curriculum development and it also affords time flexibility for teams.

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. Finance

Motion: **(Move Finance up to follow public comment)**
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to move finance to follow public comment

The motion was seconded by. Jim Moser
The motion carried and finance was moved up following public comment.

Mr. David Payne from PNC Capital made the presentation regarding Series 2007 Financing. $15,000,000 closed on July 17, 2007, with an average yield of 4.634%. Series 2008 Financing, if transaction completed by June 1, 2007. Mr. Payne spoke about SWAP transactions and termination. He spoke about the costs to the district because of not having a plan in motion for a construction project. The board has 3 months to make a decision on a project and what to do with the bond situation.
Mr. Thomas Smida, bond council, explained the consequences because of voting down our original plan of building a new elementary building.
Mr. Payne announced they will be back to the board meeting on May 13,2008 for further discussion.

IX. Personnel

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

The motion was seconded by. Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes 0 no.2 Absent – Barbara Boyer and Dawn Gill-Koons

X. School Property and Supplies

Mr. Schappert suggested that no action be taken on the selling of the Schler barn until we decide what we are doing with our building project.

Mr. Harding spoke regarding the barn. Harding owns the Schler home and would like to buy the barn for historical reasons. He asked that if we do not sell at this time to possible board it up to try and stop vandalism to the barn and parties in the barn.

No action was taken on the sale of the Schler barn at this time.

XI. Policy & Insurance

XII. Athletics

XIII. Transportation

XIV. Board Items for Next Meeting Agenda

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Gulliver said he never saw any problems at the Schler barn. He also said Kennedy Van Saun owned the barn at one time.

Mr. Michael Benjamin spoke about our financial issues. He said that the board did not follow procedure in rescinding its decision to consolidate. He said he feels the board could find itself facing a legal challenge if it moves ahead with plans to renovate existing schools. He claimed the vote was not consistent with board by-laws or Title 24.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15p.m. a motion was made by Kellie Krum and seconded by Steven Schooley 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