DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 8, 2008 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 8, 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, 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; Ms. Daphne Snook, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology; Mr. Craig Burger, Principal, High School; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Assistant Principal, High School; Mrs. Cynthia Hutchinson, Principal, Middle School; Ms. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Principal, Liberty-Valley Elementary; Mr. David Becker, Acting Principal, Mahoning Cooper and Riverside Elementary; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; Mr. Timothy Bowers, school solicitor, and approximately 30 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2008 and March 25, 2008.

Motion: (To approve minutes of the March 11, 2008 and March 25, 2008 School Board meetings)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2008 and March 25, 2008 meetings.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

RECOGNITION

Dr. Bickford recognized the Boy Scout troop attending the Board meeting and introduced Rebecca Pritchard, Director of the High School Chorus. Ms. Pritchard introduced the students who performed in the PMEA District Choral Festival, Patrick

Wagner, Sara Robbins and Tyson Schrawder. She also noted that Nora Dennehy (not present) participated in the Region Choral Festival as well, and explained the process by which students qualify for these events.

Penney Gaughler and Laura Long, Reading Specialist Teachers, presented a video from the Dr. Seuss Night and thanked all who participated.

Mr. Burger announced that there would be a presentation at the Middle School on internet safety. Mr. Burger also recognized Mike Maize, Intervention Specialist, and Gary Grozier, Guidance Counselor, for their work with DASD students.

Mike Maize presented information about the Youth In Philanthropy Program (Y.I.P.), and introduced Rachel Miller, High School Y.I.P. president, who explained the work of this organization. Jesse Gronsky, Vice President of the group, was also present.

At 7:23 p.m. Steve Schooley requested an executive session, which was granted by the board, to meet with counsel regarding a legal matter.
The board reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCMENTS

Mr. Schappert gave a brief overview of the discussions and actions in the progression of the new elementary school project and suggested that Kellie Krum and Jim Moser lead a subcommittee to re-evaluate the direction of this project. Mr. Schooley expressed support of this suggestion. Mr. Schappert requested that they present an informal report tentatively at the April 22, 2008 meeting, but no later than the May 13, 2008 meeting.

Tim Bowers outlined the procedure for selection of a board member to fill the vacant seat.

Motion: (To open nominations for vacant School Board seat)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to open nominations to appoint a board member to fill the vacant seat.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

Nominations for vacant School Board seat:
Doug Bastian was nominated by Steve Schooley.
The nomination was seconded by Megan Raup.

Jennifer Henning was nominated by Jamie Hosterman.
The nomination was seconded by Dawn Gill.

Michael Benjamin was nominated by Megan Raup.
The nomination was seconded by Jim Moser.

Motion: (To close nominations)
A motion was made by Barb Boyer to close the nominations.
The motion was seconded by Megan Raup.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

Mr. Bowers explained that a voice vote would be conducted and that the nominee must have five (5) votes to be seated in the office.

First Round of Voting:
Bastian – 2 (Schappert, Schooley)
Henninger - 4 (Hosterman, Boyer, Gill, Krum)
Benjamin – 2 (Raup, Moser)

Discussion on candidates:
Steve Schooley spoke on behalf of Doug Bastian, Megan Raup spoke on behalf of Michael Benjamin, and Dawn Gill spoke on behalf of Jennifer Henning.

Second Round of Voting:
Bastian – 2 (Schappert, Schooley)
Henning – 5 (Hosterman, Boyer, Gill, Moser, Krum)
Benjamin – 1 (Raup)

Jennifer Henning was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Board.

Nominations for School Board Vice President
Kellie Krum nominated Jim Moser as Board Vice President.
The nomination was seconded by Dawn Gill.

Jamie Hosterman nominated Kellie Krum.
Kellie Krum declined.

The nomination of Jim Moser as Board Vice President was approved by voice vote.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bickford reviewed the enrollment report and announced that the next meeting for Teacher Negotiations will be on Monday, April 14, 2008. She also noted that anyone interested in the Seedlings for School Program should contact Mr. Schappert.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Kyle Miller reported that the Volleyball Club met for the first time last week with 47 students attending; tomorrow night is National Honor Society Induction at 7:30 p.m. at the Middle School auditorium; and this weekend the Senior Class will be traveling to Busch Gardens.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Stonier spoke regarding the educational program for her son.

Jean Knouse, director of the Danville Area Community Center, asked the board to approach further discussions on the new elementary school project with creativity, and to focus on doing what is best for the children of the community.

Joan Kessler, resident and retired DASD teacher, noted that she had acquired 453 signatures in support of keeping Danville Elementary School open.

Dale Myers, instructional aide, announced that he was elected president of the support staff union at their meeting earlier that night.

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Motion: (To approve Curriculum & Management Item A.)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Curriculum and Management Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Fashion Marketing, a new course in business technology, for the 08-09 school year.

The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes; 1 no (Raup).

VI. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Motion: (To approve School/Community Relations Item A.)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve School/Community Relations Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval for Susquehanna Valley Community Education Projects to request for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 to complete their informational survey.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes; 0 no.

VII. FINANCE

Motion: (Approve Financial Reports and Bills for Payment)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Finance Items A. through E.

A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary

B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget

C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget

D. Cash Receipts

E. Bills for Payment – March 6, 2008 through, April 2, 2008

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

VIII. PERSONNEL

Motion: (To Approve Personnel changes and additions)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Personnel Items A through J.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Paul Breon as the district's new Webmaster, at a pay of $20.00 per hour as per teacher's contract.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the retirement of Lois Baylor, fifth grade teacher at Danville Elementary School, as of June 30, 2008. She has been teaching in the Danville Area School District for 33 years.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the retirement of Pershing Markle, a science teacher at Danville High School, at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the retirement of Michael J. McDevitt, science teacher at Danville High School, effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the retirement of Deborah Noll elementary music teacher at Danville Elementary, Riverside Elementary and Mahoning Cooper Elementary, effective June 27, 2008.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Anne McCormick transfer from Guidance Career Assistant to Administrative Assistant to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology effective April 2, 2008 at the salary of $13.00 per hour.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Jennifer Bunce to Administrative Assistant to Director of Transportation effective April 2, 2008 at the salary of $11.00 per hour.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an educational sabbatical for the 2008-2009 school year for Shelly Craig, math teacher at Danville Middle School. Mrs. Craig meets the eligibility requirements for this leave.

I. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an extension for uncompensated medical leave of absence for Bonnie High through June 30, 2008.

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the 2007-2008 Substitute List (Teachers, Teacher Para-Professionals, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Secretaries, etc.).

The motion was seconded by Barb Boyer.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no.

IX. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. A presentation was made by Ricki Boyle and Ron Kanaskie regarding Sports Physicals Procedural

Steve Schooley left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

B. Craig Burger and Charlie Smargiassi presented information regarding the proposed revision of the High School Handbook for Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Administrative Procedures

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

C. The Board take action on the recommendation to grant the first reading of revised Policy #227, Controlled Substances.

The motion was seconded by Jim Moser. .
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

Motion: (To approve Policy & Insurance Item D.)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Policy & Insurance Item D.
Dawn Gill amended the motion to include funding from the District up to $3,481.48.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for the Danville High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America to travel to Orlando, Florida on July 12 through July 18, 2008 with funding from the district up to $3,481.48.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum. .
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 5 yes, 2 no (Boyer, Raup), 1 absent (Schooley).

Motion: (To approve Policy & Insurance Item E & F.)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Policy & Insurance Items E and F.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for the Danville High School Forensics Team to travel to Appleton, Wisconsin for competition on May 23-27, 2008.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for the Danville High School Forensics Team to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada for competition on June 14-21, 2008.

The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman. .
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

XI. ATHLETICS

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

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Melissa Brandt as an assistant Middle School Track and Field Coach at a salary of $1,000.

The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 p.m. a motion was made by Barb Boyer and seconded by Megan Raup 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