DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 25, 2008

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, March 25, 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. Carol Bisordi, 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; Mr. Richard B. Snodgrass, Business Administrator; 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; Mrs. Molly Nied, Principal Danville 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 Services; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITION

Kate Bassett – Kelly Smith-Wells - FFA

Kate, ninth grade, competed in public speaking and qualified to Penn College to participation in competition, which includes the northern tier. She will be competing against 14 other students. Kate recited the Agriculture Creed. Kate did an excellent job.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Schappert spoke about Carol Bisordi and presented her with gifts from the board in appreciation of her time serving on the School Board.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bickford spoke briefly about the deadline for submitted a letter of interest of the vacant school board position is March 26, 2008.

III. BOARD AFFILIATION REPORTS AND BOARD BUSINESS

Carol Bisordi noted the need to place a representative on the CSIU board due to her resignation. Carol - IU replacement
Megan Raup noted there was nothing to report from the Columbia Montour Vo-Tech meeting last week.
Dr. Moser announced the Spring Legislative meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 with a light meal served at 6:30 followed by the business meeting at 7:00 pm at the Danville High School Library.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Kyle Miller and Joe Cabral reported on High School activities including FCCLA Basket Bingo being held on March 29, Forensics team will be participating in the PHSSL State Tournament March 28 and 29 at Susquehanna University; FBLA has 17 students attending the state conference March 31 through April 2 in Hershey, Drama and Pit Orchestra will be holding their spring production The Sound of Music April 3 through 6 at the Danville Middle School auditorium, Student Government will be holding a Coffee House on March 29 which benefits the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and finally news from the guidance office - ACT testing on April 12, Math and Reading PSSA testing March 31 through April 11 and comprehensive scholarships – April 1.
Kyle and Joe also thanked Mrs. Carol Bisordi for her many years of service and dedication to the students of the Danville Area School District and wished her the best in all future endeavors. They also presented her with a gift.

V. Public Comment

Mr. James Gulliver asked about the world language curriculum for middle school for next year. Mr. Schappert said at this time the board has not taken any action to approve this curriculum.

VI. Curriculum / Management Reports

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. Finance

IX. Personnel

Motion: **(Approving personnel changes)**
A motion was made by Mr. Steven Schooley to approve Personnel Agenda Items IX B, C, E and F.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no.

A motion was made by Mrs. Megan Raup to table Item D under Personnel agenda items IX until further information is given.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dawn Gill.

X. School Property and Supplies

XI. Policy & Insurance

A motion was made by Mrs. Carol Bisordi to approve an out-of-state trip for the Danville Ironbots to Duke University for the Robocup Junior Open April 18, 19 and 20, 2008.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no

A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve an out-of-state trip for the Danville High School Art Department to Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York..

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no

A motion was made by Mr. Steven Schooley to approve an out-of-state trip for the Danville High School Key Club to travel to Denver Colorado on July 9 through July 15, 2008.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Paul Moser.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Raup), 1 abstention (Schappert).

Mrs. Marcia Kouf spoke about the Key Club accomplishments at district convention at Hershey. Some of the awards received at district convention were distinguished officer to all 5 officers, youth serving club – 3rd place, YSY average service hours, YSY total money raised – 3rd in state, YSY average money – 3rd, Kayla Baylor – individual service hours – 2nd place, scrapbook – 1st place in state, and banner patch for builders club at middle school

XII. Athletics
A motion was made by Mrs. Carol Bacardi to approve Brian Albertson as volunteer coach for Danville High School baseball.

Mrs. Kellie Krum seconded the motion.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no

XIII. Transportation
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve Barry B. Border as a bus driver with Amity Leasing and Edward Sons as a bus driver with Dell Richard

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carol Basordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no

XIV. Board Items for Next Meeting Agenda

XV. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>

A question arose pertaining to the progress of the teachers' contract. Mr. Schappert reported that they are working on the issue of salaries at this time. The next negotioation meeting will be held on April 14, 2008. Another question asked was regarding tuition for teachers furthering education. Mr. Schappert noted that this was not being discussed at this time.

Mr. Randy Keister thanked Mrs. Carol Bisordi for her time served on the school board and expressed that she would be missed. He also wished her the best in her future.

Mr. Michael Benjamin questioned the progress of the building project. He asked if we had a time frame. Mr. Benjamin also asked if the decision has been made to close Danville Elementary and refurbish Mahoning Cooper and Riverside. Mr. Schappert said that decision has not been made.
Other members of the public then began sharing concerns about the building project which led to a lengthy discusion on this issue.

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ADJOURNMENT
At 8:43 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Dawn Gill and seconded by Mr. 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