DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 11, 2008 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, March 11, 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; Ms. Daphne Snook, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology; Mr. Craig Burger, Principal, High School; Ms. Abbey Walshaw-Wertz, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Principal, Liberty-Valley Elementary; Mrs. Molly Nied, Principal Danville Elementary; Mr. Scott Zimmerman, 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; Mr. James Garringer, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 30 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2008 as amended.

Motion: (To approve minutes of the February 26, 2008 School Board meeting)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the minutes as amended of the February 26, 2007 meeting.
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

RECOGNITION

Mr. Burger recognized Mike Nailor, High School Librarian, for the work he has done in the district as an English Teacher, Librarian and Forensics Coach.

Mr. Nailor introduced students of the Forensics Team who have qualified for the national level of competition.

Dr. Bickford thanked the Reading Specialist Teachers and others involved in the recent Dr. Seuss reading and activity night.

Scott Zimmerman recognized Patti Wolfe, a recently retired aide at Mahoning Cooper Elementary School, for her years of service to the district.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCMENTS

Mr. Schappert announced that there will be a public announcement and advertisement for the Board Director position that will be open as a result of the relocation of current board member, Carol Bisordi. He also explained that applicants should submit a letter of interest by March 26, 2008, interviews will be held on April 1, 2008 and the candidate selected will begin service on the Board at the first meeting in April.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bickford noted that the enrollment report numbers showed a slight decrease, and that DAEA negotiations were held on February 28 and March 6, 2008, with the next meeting scheduled for April 14, 2008. She announced that the Arbor Day program will be held on April 25, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., and Dr. Moser announced that 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 p.m. at the Danville High School Library. Dr. Bickford explained that because March is National Nutrition month, Pam Burrows has been providing daily nutrition information to all district employees and holding special events in the schools to increase nutrition awareness. Dr. Bickford also noted that an Executive Session was held at 5:30 to discuss personnel.

III. ATHLETICS

Mr. Kanaskie, Athletic Director, gave a brief report on the winter sports teams' performances and a review of spring sports that started last week.

Motion: (Approve additional coach for Middle School Track Program)
A motion was made by Barb Boyer to approve Athletics Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval to add one additional coach to the Danville Middle School Track Program.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Schooley).

Mr. Kanaskie gave a brief introduction about the growth of Lacrosse as sport nation wide and introduced Darius Gorman, High School senior, who introduced other

members of the Lacrosse team and explained the need to have Lacrosse as a school district affiliated sports club at Danville .

Motion: (Approve Lacrosse as an affiliated sports club)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Athletics Item B.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the Boys Columbia Montour Lacrosse Club as a school affiliated sports club, effective the 2009 Spring Season.

The motion was seconded by Jim Moser.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 1 no (Raup).

Carlene Klena discussed a proposal to introduce a girls Lacrosse Club.

Motion: (Approve Women's Lacrosse Club)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Athletics Item C.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the introduction of Women's Lacrosse to the Danville student population.

The motion was seconded by Jim Moser.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 1 no (Raup).

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Kyle Miller and Joe Cabral reported on High School activities including the Ski Club trip to Stowe, Forensics team recent accomplishments, French Club Relay for Life fund raising events, Spanish Club events celebrating National Foreign Language month, Volleyball Club sign-ups and PMEA Region Choral Concert.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke regarding the elementary school consolidation: Kim Schooley, Montour County Treasurer; James Gulliver, resident; Diane Stonier, parent; Greg Heim, parent; Peggy Vitale, parent; Joanne Gray, parent; Joan Kessler, resident and retired teacher; Carol Kronnenwetter, parent; Martin Kessler, resident; Jim Vitale, parent; Crystal Blackburn, parent; Roxanne Patton, parent; Ed Izarry; resident; and Ollie Wagner, resident.

Steve Schooley left the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Motion: (Ten minute recess)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to take a ten minute recess.
The motion was seconded by Jim Moser.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

The board reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

A. Ricki Boyle presented information regarding a research program on the effectiveness of the use of technology to be conducted by Bloomsburg University, explaining that the program would involve only a few students and assuring the board that all student information would be kept in confidence.

B. Daphne Snook, Molly Nied, Scott Zimmerman, and Ricki Boyle presented a report on staffing needs for the next school year, which included the addition of another School Psychologist, several Academic Coaches and an Intervention Specialist.

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. FINANCE

Motion: (Approve Financial Reports and Bills for Payment)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Finance Items A. through F.

A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary

B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget

C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget

D. Cash Receipts

E. Investments

F. Bills for Payment – February 7, 2008 through, March 5, 2008

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

Motion: (Approve ESPA contract)
A motion was made by Barb Boyer to approve Finance Item G.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval, subject to sign-off by legal counsel of final contract wording, of the Educational Support Personnel Association contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.

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

Motion: (Approve CSIU Budget)
A motion was made by Barb Boyer to approve Finance Item H.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the CSIU's General Operating Budget for 2008-09 in the amount of $1,996,419.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

Carol Bisordi noted that a replacement Board representative to the CSIU will need to be appointed.

IX. PERSONNEL

Motion: (To Approve Personnel changes and additions)
A motion was made by Jaime Hosterman to approve Personnel Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to change the status of Bonnie Edmeads from Administrative Assistant for Director of Curriculum and Instruction to Superintendent's Administrative Assistant at $13.50 per hour.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

Motion: (To Approve Personnel changes and additions)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Personnel Items B. through D.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Paige Blickley as Education Assistant at Head Start effective March 7, 2008.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of David Becker as Acting Principal for Mahoning Cooper Elementary and Riverside Elementary Schools at $250 per day, effective March 17, 2008 through June 6, 2008.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the 2007-2008 Substitute List (Teachers, Teacher Aides, 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, 1 absent (Schooley).

X. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

Motion: (To approve bid for air conditioning at Middle School)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve School Property & Supplies Items A. and B.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval to award bid of $199,100 to Master Mechanical Corp. for the air conditioning project for the 1989 wing at the Danville Middle School.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval to award bid of $32,200 to Siemens for the building automation system and controls for the Danville Middle School air conditioning project.

The motion was seconded by Barb Boyer.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

Motion: (To approve phone system)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve School Property & Supplies Item C.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval to acquire a telephone system for the district from 3Com/Dauphin DataCom at an initial cost of $178,985.78 and an annual maintenance cost of $4,000.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

Motion: (To approve Calendar and Board meeting schedule revision)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Policy & Insurance Items A. and C.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the second reading of the 2008-2009 District Calendar.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to move the December reorganization meeting from Monday, December 1, 2008 to Wednesday, December 3, 2008, with a backup date of Thursday, December 4, 2008 at the Columbia-Montour Vocational-Technical School at 7:00 p.m. (Enclosure S)

The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

Motion: (Approve letter to Danville Borough)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve a letter to be sent to the Danville Borough regarding the proposed Halfway House to be located on the State Hospital Property.
The motion was seconded by Barb Boyer.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Schooley).

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT
At 10:39 p.m. a motion was made by Carol Bisordi and seconded by Jim Moser to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

_____
Richard B. Snodgrass
Board Secretary

_____
Susan B. Hancock
Assistant Board Secretary