DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 26, 2008

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, February 26, 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, Mr. Steve Schooley, Mr. Allan Schappert were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Susan Bickford, Superintendent; Mr. Richard B. Snodgrass, Business Administrator; 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. Scott Zimmerman, 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; Ms. Daphne Snook, Director of Technology; Mr. James Garringer, Director of Network Administration; and approximately 25 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2008 and January 22, 2008

Motion: (To approve minutes of the January 8, 2008 and January 22, 2008 School Board meetings)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 and January 22, 2008 meetings.
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

RECOGNITION

- Cynthia Hutchinson recognized Jesse Carl for raising funds for Geisinger Medical Research Center by collecting over one hundred pounds of soda can tabs.

- Craig Burger introduced Jack Bower, Danville High School Band Director who recognized students participating in District, Regional, and State Band or Orchestra, and explained the process by which students compete and qualify for these music festivals.
- Dr. Bickford recognized Ron Kanaskie for his 600th win as Wrestling coach.
- Dr. Bickford also noted that the Danville High School FFA chapter collected $1,274 for Food Check Out Day benefiting the local Ronald McDonald House, and the High School Band raised funds for The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCMENTS

Motion: (To accept letter of resignation)
A motion was made by Barb Boyer to accept with regret the resignation of Carol Bisordi as School Board Director and Vice President.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

Mr. Schappert noted that board members should contact Susan Hancock with any changes to their preferred e-mail contact and also to register for the Ready, Set Govern orientation for new board members if interested in attending.

I. Superintendent's Report

A. Dr. Bickford noted that enrollment numbers are down slightly.

B. Penny Gaughler, Reading Specialist, announced that Dr. Seuss Night will be held on Monday, March 3rd at Liberty Valley Elementary School.

C. Dr. Bickford made the following announcements:
- DAEA Negotiations – Meeting February 28th at 6:00 p.m.
- ESPA Negotiations – PSEA is drafting support staff contract
- Elementary Building Committee – No meeting scheduled
- Facilities Committee Meeting – Meeting February 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Danville Middle School Library. The public is welcome.
- Board Member School Visits – February at Danville Middle School, March at Liberty Valley Elementary

Roger Hulsey of L. R. Kimball Associates Dr. Bickford commented on the Playground summary information requested by Kellie Krum.

D. Ron Kanaskie, Athletic Director, introduced, Courtney Boedker, Danville High School Senior, who presented a request to establish a Volleyball Club at the Danville High School and Middle School, explaining the format and the approximate number of students that will be involved.

Motion: (To approve Volleyball Club)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the establishment of a Volleyball Club at Danville High School and Middle School.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

E. There was an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel, grievance, and real estate.

II. Board Affiliation Reports

- CSIU Board Report - Carol Bisordi reported that the CSIU Board reviewed the budget and noted that Danville will need to select another board member as CSIU representative.
- Vo-Tech Board Report - Steven Schooley reported that the budget was completed and discussed the use of moodle in the classroom.
- EI Tax Board - Barbara Boyer reported that the audit was completed and that a fraud policy was enacted. She also discussed the state proposal to collect EI Tax on a countywide basis rather than on an individual basis.
- Head Start Policy Council Report - Kellie Krum reported that the Selection Committee met last Thursday to review criteria used to determine eligibility of students to participate in the Head Start Program. The Nominating Committee also met. Susan Blake is currently developing the budget and applying for grant money to fund additional students in the Pre-K Counts Program.
- Legislative - Allan Schappert and Dawn Gill reported that Act 3 of 2008 Open Records Law has been passed by the legislature and that the General Assembly is in recess until March 10, 2008. It was also noted that districts are being urged to oppose the graduation assessment tests since districts will bear the cost of the testing.
- Jim Moser announced that it is time to plan the county meeting with Columbia County and possibly Northumberland County, and discussed possible dates for this meeting.

III. Student Representative Report

Student Representative, Kyle Miller, reported on High School activities including FFA events, Key Club District Convention in Hershey, Ski Club trip to Camelback, recent Forensics Club competitions, upcoming Blood Drive sponsored by SGA , upcoming Band and Choral Festivals, P.L.A.N.E.T.'s efforts to incorporate recycling programs in Elementary School buildings and curriculum, and upcoming Guidance events.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Motion: (To move Policy & Insurance Item B)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to move Policy & Insurance Item B to this point in the agenda.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

Carrie Mensch and Emily Slaughter, Danville High School Seniors, presented information on the proposed Senior class trip.

Motion: (To approve Senior Class Trip)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Policy and Insurance Item B.

B. 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 Senior class to travel to Williamsburg, VA on April 12, 2008 through April 14, 2008.

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

V. Curriculum / Management Reports

John Keller, High School Spanish Teacher, Tina Bartholomew, High School Spanish Teacher, and Cathy Petruncio, Middle School Spanish Teacher, presented information on a proposed World Language program for 6th Grade Danville Middle School Students.

Motion: (For ten minute recess)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to recess for ten minutes.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

The Board reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Molly Nied gave a brief description of the Success Plus Program and presented a video prepared by the CSIU demonstrating the benefits of the program.

Dr. Bickford noted that the school buildings' Calendars of Events were distributed.

Motion: (To approve PSSA Attribution Resolution)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve the PSSA Attribution Resolution.
The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

VI. School/Community Relations

VII. Finance

Motion: (To approve Finance reports and Bills for Payment)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley 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 – January 3, 2008 through February 6, 2008

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

Motion: (To approve CMAVT Budget)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Finance Item G.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2007-2008 Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Budget in the amount of $6,635,902. The Danville Area District's share is $1,113,680.

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

VIII. Personnel

Motion: (To approve Personnel Items A. through E.)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Personnel Agenda Items A. through E.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Steven Smith as a Math Teacher, effective at the close of the 2007-2008 school year.

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an uncompensated medical leave of absence for Bonnie High from January 15, 2008 through approximately April 8, 2008.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a leave of absence for Jennifer Fisher from approximately March 26, 2008 through May 5, 2008, using fourteen and

one-half sick days, two personal days, and the remaining days as uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy #439.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a family medical leave in accordance with Policy #435 for Andrea Lowe from approximately April 16, 2008 through November 24, 2008, using twenty-eight and one-half sick days, three and one-half personal days, and the remaining as uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy #439.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the job description for Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology.

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

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

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Daphne Snook as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology at a salary of $93,000, effective January 21, 2008.

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Boyer), 1 absent (Raup).

Motion: (To approve Personnel Items G. through S.)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Personnel Items G. through S.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Lydia Moyer as a mentor for Debra Parker at a salary of $634, prorated, for the second half of the 2007-2008 school year.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Mary Kelly as a Part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective February 18, 2008, at an hourly rate per contract.

I. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Penny Zimmerman as a Part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective February 29, 2008, at an hourly rate per contract.

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a medical leave of absence for Vicki Sawyer from February 11, 2008 through approximately March 14, 2008, using five and

one-half sick days and the remaining days as uncompensated leave in accordance with Policy #539.

K. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Scott Zimmerman as Elementary Principal at Mahoning-Cooper and Riverside Elementary Schools, effective March, 12, 2008.

L. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Mary Rea Pipa as Boys and Girls Tennis Coach, effective at the close of the 2007 Fall Season.

M. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Dawn Doran as Field Hockey Coach, effective at the close of the Fall 2007 Season.

N. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Jon Cook as High School Boys' Tennis Coach, at a salary of $759, effective 2008 Spring Season.

O. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Edward Wolfe as Custodian, effective February 29, 2008.

P. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the job description for Accountant.

Q. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Susan Hancock as Accountant, at a salary of $42,000, effective February 27, 2008.

R. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Gail Pursel as Communication Facilitator at $13.25 per hour, effective February 27, 2008.

S. 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 (Raup).

It was noted that Grievance #12-04-07 was withdrawn by the ESPA.

IX. School Property and Supplies

Motion: (Approve Green Grant application)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve School Property and Supplies Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of submission to Pennsylvania's State Public School Building Authority for a High-Performance Green Schools Planning Grant.

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Raup).

Motion: (To withdraw approval of Option 5 and Proceed with Option 3)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to withdraw the approval of Feasibility Option 5 and proceed with Feasibility Option 3 to close Danville Elementary and upgrade Riverside Elementary and Mahoning Cooper Elementary.
The motion was seconded by Barb Boyer.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 5 yes, 3 no, 1 absent (Raup).

Steve Schooley left the meeting at 10:02pm

X. Policy & Insurance

Motion: (Approve Student Wellness Policy)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Policy & Insurance Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the second reading of revised Student Wellness Policy #246.

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Raup, Schooley).

Motion: (Approve first reading of 08-09 District Calendar)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Policy & Insurance Item C.

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

The motion was seconded by Barb Boyer.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Raup, Schooley).

XI. Athletics

Motion: (Approve 2008 Spring Coaches and Salaries)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Athletics Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the Spring Coaches and Salaries.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Raup, Schooley).

XII. Transportation

Motion : (Approve Head Start Bus Driver)
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Transportation Item A.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Lonnie Shires of 1103 Ridgeview, Danville, as a bus driver for Head Start.

The motion was seconded by Jim Moser.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote : 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent (Raup, Schooley).

XIII. Board Items for Next Meeting Agenda

XIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:49 p.m. a motion was made by Carol Bisordi and seconded by Jamie Hosterman 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