DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 22, 2008

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, January 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. 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; 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; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 150 members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITION

I. Superintendent's Report

A. Dr. Bickford announced that PSSA test for writing assessment for Grades 5, 8, and 11 will be given on February 11 – 22. She also provided an update on Teacher and Support Staff Negotiations, and noted that a draft of the 2008-2009 District Calendar was distributed to board members for review.

B. There was an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

II. Board Affiliation Reports

- CSIU Board Report - Carol Bisordi had no report.
- Vo-Tech Board Report - Steven Schooley, Megan Raup, Jamie Hosterman (Alternate) had no report.

- EI Tax Board - Barbara Boyer had nothing to report.
- Head Start Policy Council Report - Kellie Krum reported that at it's recent meeting, the Head Start Policy Council explained the Head Start funding and budget process to parents, noting that the meeting was well attended.
- Legislative - Allan Schappert and Dawn Gill reported that graduation assessment is being discussed.

III. Student Representative Report

Student Representatives, Kyle Miller and Joe Cabral reported on High School activities including the District Choral Festival hosted by the Troy Area School District; FFA participation in Food Check Out Day and other FFA events; Forensics Team successes in recent competitions; and the Ski Club trip to Jack Frost.

IV. Public Comment

The following individuals spoke regarding the unsettled Support Staff Contract: Pam Hoover, DAESPA President; Russ Ackley, former district employee; Diane Stonier, parent of Danville student; Kelly Berry, parent of Danville student; Sara Zettlemoyer, DASD senior; Nicole Burke, daughter of support staff worker; James Gulliver, Danville resident; Mark Moser, spouse of support staff worker; Rob Baylor, Danville resident; Roberta English, support staff cafeteria worker; Sarah Mareski, Danville resident; Barb Morgan, DASD teacher; Herbert Ingraham, parent of Danville student; High School student, Junior; Rikki Bankus, parent of DASD student; Elaine Balum, DASD teacher; Troy Blue, Danville district resident; Sean Moyer, Danville district resident; Bob Brady, Danville district resident; Orville Shultz, Danville district resident; Dennis Derr, pastor, Trinity U.M. Church; Mark Harper, Danville district resident; Virginia Cowley, PSEA representative; Christina Brady, parent of Danville student.

V. Curriculum / Management Reports

A. There were no questions or comments on the building Calendars of Events.

Motion: (To take ten minute break)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to take a ten-minute break.
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

The meeting reconvened at 8:14.

VI. School/Community Relations

VII. Finance

Motion: (Approving adoption of preliminary 2008-2009 budget)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve adoption of the 2008-2009 preliminary budget
The motion was seconded by Carol Bisordi.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no.

VIII. Personnel

Motion: **(Approving personnel changes)**
A motion was made by Carol Bisordi to approve Personnel Agenda Items A. through N.

A. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a leave of absence for Molly Nied from approximately March 31, 2008 through June 23, 2008, using twenty-one and one-half sick days, four personal days, twenty-four vacation days and nine and one-half days of uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy #339

B. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of John Bickhart as an Elementary Principal Intern at Danville Elementary School from approximately March 31, 2008 through June 23, 2008.

C. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Jennifer Kessler as High School Secretary at $9.50 per hour, effective January 23, 2008.

D. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the change of status of the employment of Lisa Zechman from Part-time Cafeteria Worker to Full Time Cafeteria worker, effective January 14, 2008.

E. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Madison Ernest as an Instructional Support Aide at Riverside Elementary School at $7.51 per hour, effective January 23, 2008.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the request for uncompensated FMLA for Tracy Shaffer from March 3, 2008 through March 14, 2008.

G. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Matt Koehler as the National Junior Honor Society advisor at a salary of $750, prorated, effective for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

H. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a leave of absence for Dawn Haas from approximately March 10, 2008 through May 12, 2008, using twenty-four sick days, four personal days, and the remaining days as uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy #439.

I. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Cathie Mathias as Co-advisor for the Class of 2011 at a salary of $562.50, prorated, effective the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

J. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a change of status for Lori Sees from Advisor for the Class of 2011 to Co-advisor for the Class of 2011 at a salary of $562.50, prorated, effective the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

K. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Kelly Michaels as Co-advisor for the Class of 2010 at a salary of $562.50, prorated, effective the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

L. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a change of status for Alice Buehner from Advisor for the Class of 2010 to Co-advisor for the Class of 2010 at a salary of $562.50, prorated, effective the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

M. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Diana Alichnie as a Long-term Substitute Business Teacher at a salary to be determined per negotiated contract, effective January 23, 2008.

N. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of additions to 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: 9 yes, 0 no.

IX. School Property and Supplies

Mr. Snodgrass reviewed progress to date on the Elementary School Building project, explaining that the district is losing money by delaying construction of the new building. Steve Schooley requested that other available real estate be researched before proceeding with the project. Dr. Bickford will get information on the parcel of land under discussion by or before the next school board meeting.

Rick Engle presented information on playground size. Kellie Krum requested additional information to include Danville Elementary in the data presented.

X. Policy & Insurance

XI. Athletics

XII. Transportation

XIII. Board Items for Next Meeting Agenda

XIII. Public Comment

Allan Schappert expressed appreciation of professional behavior throughout the meeting.

Randy Keister asked questions regarding air conditioning being installed in Middle School.

Chad Holmes, parent of Danville student, and Kelly Berry spoke regarding the unresolved support staff contract.

Mr. Burger invited school board members to attend a luncheon and program hosted by the Student Government Association at the High School on January 30th.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Steve Schooley and seconded by Carol Bisordi to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session.
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