DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 28, 2008 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Allan Schappert followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL - Board Members

Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Jennifer Henning, Mrs. Kellie Krum, Dr. Paul Moser, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Mr. Allan Schappert were present. Mrs. Barbara Boyer, Mr. Jamie Hosterman and Ms Megan Raup were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Susan Bickford, Superintendent; Ms. Daphne Snook, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology; Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Business Administrative/Board Secretary; Mr. Craig Burger, Principal, High School; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Assistant Principal, High School; Mrs. Cynthia Hutchinson, Principal, Middle School; Mr. Edward Sanders, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mrs. Molly Nied, Elementary Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Elementary Principal; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Elementary Principal; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mrs. Pamela Burrows, Food Service Director; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Special Education; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 30 members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITIONS

NEA's Read Across America "Most Parents Involved" Award – Molly Nied Elementary Reading Specialists
Molly Nied thanked the elementary reading specialist for a job well done and presented them the certificate for NEA's Read Across America "Most Parents Involved" Award. The elementary reading specialists were Laura Long, Mary Jo Baum, Susanne Urick, Penny Gaugler, Elaine Balum, Kay Shulski, Lisa Coyne, and Peggy Wagner.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Motion: (To Approve amend the agenda to add two items under Personnel)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve senior class trip

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Henning
The motion was approved by a voice vote.

II. BOARD AFFILIATION REPORTS

- CSIU Board Report – Jennifer Henning
  Jennifer reported the meeting was for normal business. They also discussed using common in-service days with other districts in the area so that districts could get together and share speakers, etc.
- Vo-Tech Board report – Steve Schooley
  Steve reported the meeting was normal business. He also shared that Vo-Tech is doing a great job searching for grants.
- El Tax Board – Barbara Boyer
  No meeting
- Head Start Policy Council Report – Kellie Krum
  Elizabeth Rathfon took another position; Head Start is not replacing her at this time. Also, Susan Blake did a good job encouraging families to vote.
- Legislative – Dawn Gill
  Nothing to report

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Executive session was held at 6:00 pm this evening. Discussion included personnel and real estate

Calendar of Events are included in the board packets.

The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of an out-of-state trip for Danville High School Senior Class of 2009 Trip to Orlando, Florida in March 2009.

Class officers came to the meeting to take questions from the board.
Fundraising is being done to cover most of the cost. The estimated cost of the trip is $150 per person. Depending on the fundraisers students may need to pay a small fee towards the cost of the trip.

Motion: (To Approve the senior class trip)
A motion was made by Mr. Steve Schooley to approve senior class trip

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 3 Absent – Barbara Boyer, Jamie Hosterman, and Megan Raup.

Dr. Bickford also congratulated Tyler Rosini for the work he has completed for his Eagle Scout Award.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Tyler Rosini reported the following

- Trick or Treat Night – was held by FCCLA, Key Club and some other clubs. Provided safe environment for children to come and have fun.
- Forensics – had first timers' tournament. Had four or five place in events. Upper classmen judged. Next tournament is on November 8 in Scranton
- Parade – Band, FFA, key club, queen
- Key Club – International Week, Week of November 3 – Blue and Gold day, Favorite Cartoon Character day, tie dye day, orange and purple day
- Mock Election – High School Social Studies
- DTV will be running a special broadcast on the school election
- Foresight Test – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Parent/Teacher Conference - Thursday

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. Presentation – Skip Lee, Cherokee Presentation concerning Keystone Opportunity Zone (Enclosure C)

Justin Noll and Skip Lee from Cherokee were present at the board to make a presentation of the KOZ program Cherokee is developing. They are planning to develop more of their land in Riverside. This is to increase the job market and business in the community Mr. Lee said 70% of the land would remain taxable. They have had some interest in bringing business to the area. The types of businesses are life science businesses – research and pharmaceutical. The goal is to have at lest 650 jobs in the complex.

B. Presentation – Pat Higgins on expansion of KOZ in Danville

Pat Higgins from MBC development – owners of TRW plant spoke at the meeting regarding their KOZ plan. They are seeking support from the School Board.

Allan Schappert explained that the board needed more information before the board would support this KOZ plan. Mr. Higgins assured the board he would have the information they have requested in a week.

C. Memorandum of Understanding between Columbia/Montour Animal Response Team (CART) and Danville High School (Enclosure D)

Dr. Bickford explained the memorandum of understanding between CART and Danville High School. This is to house pets (dogs and cats) in our building in case of an emergency where folks need to be evacuated.

Motion: (To approve CART)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to take a ten-minute recess.

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Henning
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 Yes, 0 no. Barbara Boyer, Jamie Hosterman and Megan Raup were absent.

VIII. FINANCE

A. Bond Update – Mr. David Payne

Mr. David Payne and Attorney Tom Smida were present to discuss the market at present and the need to extend the bond and swap transaction date to April 29, 2009.

Motion: (To extend the bond and swap transaction date to April 29, 2009)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the extension of the bond and swap transaction date to April 29, 2009.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no. Barbara Boyer, Jamie Hosterman and Megan Raup were absent.

Motion: (To take a 10-minute recess)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to take a ten-minute recess.

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Henning
The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Allan Schappert called the meeting to order after a 10-minute recess.

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resolution adopting the 403(b) plan document. (Enclosure E)

Motion: (To Approve the resolution to adopt the 403(b) plan)
A motion was made by Dr. Paul Moser to approve the resolution adopting the 403(b) plan

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no. Barbara Boyer, Jamie Hosterman and Megan Raup were absent.

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Debra Barker, cafeteria worker in the Danville Middle School, effective May 23, 2008. (Enclosure F)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of family medical leave for Jennifer VanHorn from approximately December 4, 2008 through March 27, 2009, using 10 vacation days and the remaining sick days until January 22, 2009 and from that point until Match 27, 2009 using Family Medical Leave of Absence. (Enclosure G)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2008-2009 substitute list (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure H)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a 4.0% salary increase for Michael Maize, Intervention Specialist, from $42,825 to $44,538, effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a 4.0% salary increase for Janice Ackerman, Assistant Food Service Director, from $26,000 to $27,040, effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

F. The Board take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a 4.0% salary increase for Lisa Kipple, Drop-out Prevention Case Manager, from $25,000 to $26,000, effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of a 4.0% salary increase for Jack Bower, Band Director, from $6,946 to $7,223, effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Anne McCormick as SADD Advisor at the high school, effective October 29, 2008. (Enclosure I)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the employment of Paulette McGinniss as Advisor to SADD at the high school, effective October 29, 20008. (Enclosure J)

J. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the status change of Jennifer Bunce from Administrative Assistant to the Director of Transportation to Administrative Assistant to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology effective October 29, 2008. (Enclosure K)

K. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the employment of Karen Watkins as an Instructional Aide at an hourly rate of $8.85 effective October 29, 2008. (Enclosure L)

ADDENDUM:

L. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the resignation of Doris Lucas, as a cafeteria worker at Danville High School, effective October 22, 2008.

M. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Kurtis Jones, as long-term special education sub at the Danville Middle School, effective October 29, 2008.

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items)

A motion was made by Dr. Paul Moser to approve Personnel.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes,0 no. Barbara Boyer, Jamie Hosterman, and Megan Raup were absent.

X. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. Discussion item: Elementary Building Project

Allan Schappert said there are no new developments on the building project.

Kellie Krum feels we need to look at Mahoning Cooper. Mr. Snodgras suggested that we look at Riverside Elementary school again, especially with the KOZ with Cherokee.

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the second reading of revised Policy #004, *Membership*. (Enclosure M)

Motion: (To Approve second reading of Policy #004)
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve the second reading of Policy #004

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dawn Gill.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no. Barbara Boyer, Jamie Hosterman and Megan Raup were absent.

XII. ATHLETICS

XIII. TRANSPORTATION

XIV. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- KOZ
- Presentation by Daphne Snook
- Presentation by Ricki Boyle – Update to Gifted Program

Dawn Gill asked if budget information could be put on the web site. Mr. Snodgrass said he would take care of putting the budget information on the website.

Ms Gill also questioned if the district had a grant writer or if they could have a grant writer. Dr. Bickford assures Dawn that collectively we are always looking for grants and writing grants. It is of greater value to have different folks learn to write grants rather than have one person designated to write a grant. You need to know what the needs are and this makes the person writing the grant own it.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 pm motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum and seconded by Mrs. Dawn Gill 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