# DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## September 9, 2008 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, September 9, 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. Barbara Boyer, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Jennifer Henning, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mrs. Kellie Krum, Dr. Paul Moser, Ms Megan Raup, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Mr. Allan Schappert were present.

**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. Ed 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. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Special Education; and Mr. James Garringer, Director of Network Administration and approximately 15 members of the staff and public, and news media.

**Motion: (To Approve Minutes from August meetings)**
A motion was made by Barbara Boyer to approve the minutes.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

**I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Additions and changes to the agenda

- Under Personnel add Doris Lucas
- Under Athletics add Swim and move Cheerleader presentations to the beginning of the agenda.

**Motion: (To amend the agenda)**
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend the agenda.

The motion was seconded by Barbara Boyer
The motion was approved on a voice vote

## II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Executive session was held at 6:00 pm this evening. Discussion included personnel, labor relations.

Enrollment Report is included in board packets.

Key Club Convention Report – International Key Club report
Marsha Kouf and two students thanked the board and community for the opportunity to attend and also come back and share the experience with everyone. They shared a PowerPoint presentation of the trip. The group had a wonderful time and shared many great experiences.

## III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Tyler Rosini reported many clubs at the high school held their opening meetings. Tyler also announced the football boosters will providing a bus to Athens. The cost will be $15.00 per person.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

**Motion: (To amend the agenda – move cheerleading trip to follow public comment)**
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend the agenda.

The motion was seconded by Barbara Boyer
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

The senior cheerleaders and advisors asked the board for approval for an out-of-state trip to the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Florida December 29 through January 2. The cheerleaders were invited to attend the Capital One Bowl as a result of being camp champs at cheerleader camp held in Gettysburg this past summer. They are asking to take the seven senior cheerleaders. They decided to only take the senior cheerleaders because of the cost. They will do fundraising to raise the money to go.

Also, parents have agreed to help with cost for their daughter if enough money is not raised. It will cost $1100 per person for this trip. They are not requesting any funding from the school district.

The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the senior cheerleaders out-of-state trip to Orlando, Florida to the Capital One Bowl on December 29 and returning on January 2. (Enclosure W)

**Motion: (To approve the trip to Orlando)**
A motion was made by Jennifer Henning to approve the trip.

The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 2 no – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Ms Megan Raup.

## VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

## VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

## VIII. FINANCE

Mrs. Gill left the meeting approximately 7:45 pm
**Motion: (To Approve Finance A-F)**
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Finance Items A-F.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill

Mrs. Gill returned to the meeting approximately 7:50 PM

Item G. - Bond Issue Update
There was a brief discussion regarding the bond issue. The new timeline is to have the bond buy (lock-in rates) on October 14, October 28 is the swap date and November 20 would be the closing date.

**Motion: (To Approve Bond update – move bond buy date and closing date)**
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve bond update.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Barbara Boyer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote yes, 1 no – Ms Megan Raup

## IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Christina Kerr, aide at Danville Elementary, effective September 18, 2008. (Enclosure H)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Joan Fox, cafeteria worker at Danville Senior High School, effective August 26, 2008. (Enclosure I)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the resignation of James Garringer, Director of Network Administration in the Danville Area School District, effective September 12, 2008. (Enclosure J)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Nina Myers, part-time cafeteria worker in the Danville Area School District, at an hourly rate of $8.85, effective September 9, 2008 (Enclosure K)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Tiffany Bugg, part-time cafeteria worker in the Danville Area School District, at an hourly rate of $8.85, effective August 25, 2008 (Enclosure L)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the employment of Sandra Loeb as an Education Assistant at Head Start in the Danville School District, at an hourly rate of $8.85, effective August 25, 2008. (Enclosure M)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the employment of Mary Fallon-Shultz as advisor and Jon Vella as co-advisor for the high school Ski Club. They would split the advisor's pay, effective the 2008-2009 season. (Enclosure N)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Doris Lucas, part-time cafeteria worker in the Danville Area School District, at an hourly rate of $8.85, effective August 25, 2008 (Enclosure L)

I. 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 O)

**Motion: (To Approve Personnel A-I)**
A motion was made by Mr. Steve Schooley to approve Personnel Items A-I.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Henning
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

## X. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. Elementary Building Project Schedule Update

Architects working on schematics for three buildings and asked for committee to meet on either September 19 or 22 to present first schematics of how the three buildings look.

The Meeting will be held Monday evening September 22 at 6:00 pm in the high school library. It is open to the public.

Environmental study is currently in progress and should have a report in October meeting.

B. Update on PPL Energy Audit

Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Mr. Rick Engle and Ms Dawn Gill met with PPL today to go over expectations. Rick Engle and the PPL engineers will schedule a date to do a walk-thru at Liberty Valley Elementary School. They will than comeback with a proposal with how to save energy.

## XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the first reading of revised Policy #206, Assignment within District. (Enclosure P)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the first reading of revised Policy #218.1, Assignment within District. (Enclosure Q)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the first reading of revised Policy #249, Bullying/Cyberbullying. (Enclosure R)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the first reading of revised Policy #800, Records Management. (Enclosure S)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the first reading of revised Policy #801, Public Records. (Enclosure T)

F. Discussion on Public Comment at Board Meetings (Policy 006) (Enclosure U)

The board discussed each policy. A change to policy 249 was made. Second paragraph under 3. Authority should read: The Board encourages students who have been bullied **or observed bullying** to promptly report such incidents to the building principal or designee.
Policy 800 and 801 were also revised

**Motion: (To Approve first reading of policies)**
A motion was made by Mr. Steve Schooley to approve first reading of policies

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Barbara Boyer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0no

## XII. ATHLETICS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Dr. Joel Klena as an Assistant Field Hockey Coach for 2008 season at a salary of $863.00. (Enclosure V)

**Motion: (To Approve athletics Item A)**
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve Personnel Items A

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Henning
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

C.The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the contract with Danville Area Community Center for the rental of the swimming pool and locker room facilities for the Swim Team.

Some board members feel it needs to be negotiated. Mr. Snodgrass told them it was already negotiated and budgeted for. It is the same as last year. After more discussion the board would like Mr. Snodgrass to work on a multi-year contract for next year.

**Motion: (To Approve athletics Item C)**
A motion was made by Ms Megan Raup to approve Personnel Items A

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kellie Krum

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 1 no – Mrs. Dawn Gill

## XII. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following bus drivers for the 2008-2009 school year. Both drivers are Derl Reichard, Contractor

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| Robert L. Martz | Beth Chambers |
| 16 King Street | 308 Bald Top Road |
| Turbotville, PA 17772 | Danville, PA 17821 |

**Motion: (To Approve bus drivers)**
A motion was made by Ms Megan Raup to approve bus drivers

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

## XIV BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Mrs. Ricki Boyle – Overview on Gifted Program
Administration to come up with a plan to poll the community regarding consolidation

October meeting
Mrs. Ricki Boyle - Olweus

Craig Burger thanked James Garringer for all he has done and wished him luck in his new endeavor.

## XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gallagher asked the board to please make sure they are using the mikes so they can be heard and also said the traffic control at the Middle School needs to be addressed.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 pm motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum and seconded by Mr. 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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Bonnie A. Edmeads
Assistant Board Secretary