DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 14, 2008 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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, and Mr. Allan Schappert were present. Mr. Steve Schooley was 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. Ricki Boyle, Director of Special Education; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 30 members of the staff and public, and news media.

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

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

Motion: (Move agenda Items A and B from Policy and Insurance to follow public comment)
A motion was made by Dr. Moser to amend the agenda

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

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Teacher contract signed sealed by both parties.

League of voters offered to assistant and polling community in building project.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Enrollment Report

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Tyler Rosini, student representative spoke about Homecoming – Spirit Week last week. Friday they had the Homecoming carnival which held in the afternoo. It was very successful and a great time for everyone. Powder puff football game was played at 2:00 pm – senior and junior girls. The senior girls won 6-0.
Homecoming dance was held on Saturday.
PSAT will be held Wednesday October 15, 2008.
Also shared the following website with the board so that they could go on it and see what the high school students are doing - ironmen247.com

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Kitts representing Danville League of Women Voters spoke about possibly holding an open public forum to share the elementary building project progress and possibly let the public vote to see if they are for consolidation or renovating the three elementary schools.

Nick Butto, Nathaniel Kronenwetter, Kristy Oren, and Hannah Kronenwetter from-high school gifted class spoke about all the help Coach Kanaskie gave them in class work, college search, both academically and in social happenings, helped one-on-one with college, and time with coach was an enriching experience They described Coach as their advocate and mentor and said he was very valuable in their high school career.

Carlene Klena, high school field hockey coach, spoke about the benefit game Play for the Cure they are playing on October 16 at 4:15 pm. Donations can be made to the Play for the Cure benefit.

Dawn Gill left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Megan Carr a high school gifted student spoke about her experience in the gifted program. She feels Coach Kanaskie is her advocate and mentor as well. Megan said she would always remember her experience in the gifted program.

Pam Oren, parent of gift students spoke very highly of Coach Kanaskie as the gifted teacher. Coach Kanaskie is very intellectually stimulating Pam fells the students in Danville.

Carol Kronenwetter, parent of two gifted students, because of the AP classes these students are taking, she as a parent cannot help her students with homework for these classes. Gifted class with coach allows them to have help from coach and all with other gifted students. Coach talks to students when they are stressed. They need a place with their peers to relax, debate topics and even do homework.

Board Action on the 2 items from Policy and Insurance

A. 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 students in Journalism, Yearbook, and DTV to travel to New York City on November 3, 2008. (Enclosure S)

B. 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 students in American Government to travel to Washington DC on November 12, 2008. (Enclosure T)

Motion: (To Approve Item A)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve finance.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Steve Schooley

Motion: (To Approve Item B)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve finance.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Steve Schooley

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

A. Elementary Reading Focus – Daphne Snook

Daphne Snook had a presentation to show reading results, tutoring numbers, and

goal for tutoring in primary grade levels. She is recommending that we hire two reading specialist – one for Liberty Valley and one for Danville Elementary to be funding by Title I and EAP funds.
After the presentation the board made a motion to add these two new positions.

Motion: (To hire two Reading Specialist)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve reading specialist.

The motion was seconded by Megan Raup
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Steve Schooley.

VI. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VII. FINANCE

A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary (Enclosure B)

B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure C)

C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure D)

D. Cash Receipts (Enclosure E)

E. Investments (Enclosure F)

F. Bills for Payment – September 5, 2008 through October 8, 2008 (Enclosure G)

G. Bond Issue Update – David Payne

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept bid proposal for the 2008-2009 single audit. (Enclosure H)

Motion: (To Approve Finance A-F)
A motion was made by Ms Megan Raup to approve A-F.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Steve Schooley

Mr. David Payne gave an update on the bond issue. He noted there was very little change in the bond market since last meeting. David said there is no need for any action tonight on the bond buy and closing. He also spoke about the swap transaction, effective date October 28, 2008. There is also no action needed tonight on the swap agreement. David said he would be present at the October 28 board meeting to give another update.

Mr. Snodgrass presented the 2008-2009 bid proposal for the single audit for 2-year contract.

Motion: (To Approve the single audit bid proposal)
A motion was made by Dr. Jim Moser to H.

The motion was seconded by Ms Megan Raup
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Steve Schooley

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Anne McCormick, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology at the Danville Area School District, effective October 24, 2008. (Enclosure I)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of family medical leave in accordance with Policy #435 for Tiffany Reidinger from approximately November 27, 2008 through February 23, 2009, using sick days and uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy #439. (Enclosure J)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Penny Lewis, as a part-time cafeteria worker in the Danville Area School District, at an hourly rate of $8.85, effective September 29, 2008. (Enclosure K)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Diane Zettlemoyer, as a medical assistant aide at Danville Middle School, at an hourly rate of $16.49, effective October 15, 2008. (Enclosure L)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Carol Kronenwetter, as a part-time substitute aide in the Danville Area School District, at an hourly rate of $8.85, effective October 15, 2008. (Enclosure M)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Sarah Maciejewski, as a part-time cafeteria worker in the Danville Area School District, at an hourly rate of $8.85, effective September 29, 2008 (Enclosure N)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Nina Myers, cafeteria worker at the Danville Area School District, effective September 19, 2008. (Enclosure O)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the employment of Jeffrey Ryan, as Director of Network Administration at the Danville Area School District, at a salary of $72,000, effective, October 27, 2008. (Enclosure P)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the transfer of 80 sick days from Central Columbia for Ed Sanders. (Enclosure Q)

J. 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 R)

Motion: (To Approve Personnel A-J)
A motion was made by Mrs. Jennifer Henning to approve Personnel.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Moser
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Steve Schooley

Daphne introduced Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, the new Director of Network Administration.

IX. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval to proceed with the bidding process for Phase II of the HVAC renovation project at Danville Middle School. Rick Engle and Cynthia Hutchinson

B. Discussion item: replacement of bleachers in the high school gymnasium. Rick Engle

C. Discussion item: the fire alarm system at the high school. Rick Engle

D. Status reports on the energy audit for Liberty Valley. Rick Engle

E. Report on receipt of a PPL grant for upgrading interior lighting in the district. Rick Engle

F. Update on emergency preparedness with our local agencies. Rick Engle

G. Discussion item: elementary building project

Motion: (To approve item A - HVAC)
A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Boyer to approve item A - HVAC

The motion was seconded by Ms Megan Raup
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Steve Schooley

Rick Engle spoke about the replacement of the bleachers in the high school gymnasium. He said the estimated cost is around $250,000 to replace them.

Rick then spoke about the fire alarm system in the high school. A lot of the parts of this fire extinguisher are still the original parts. The manufacturer can no longer support any repairs. It needs to be replaced in the near future.

Mr. Engle then spoke about the energy audit for Liberty Valley. October 7 was the first meeting. They spoke about expectations. They also did a walk through Liberty Valley and will be giving us a report as to ways they feel will we can save money.

Jennifer Henning left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Next Rick spoke about the PPL pilot program. Lutron is doing the program for PPL. They are doing it in the multi-purpose room at Liberty Valley.

Lastly, Rick spoke about emergency preparedness with local agencies. He said he attended POD training on October 4. October 17 Rick will attend a briefing on the drill with Berwick Power Plant and on October 22 he will attend training with Berwick Power Plant. On October 29 they are planning a full exercise for the POD Program.

A motion was made to take a 10-minute recess.
Motion: (To have a 10-minute break)
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve Personnel.

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

After 10 minutes, President Allan Schappert called the meeting to order.

Allan Schappert gave an update on the elementary building project. He stated the current estimates are the same as last report and that Kimball Associates are continuing to work on the design for the three buildings.

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

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

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the second reading of revised Policy #218.1, *Weapons.* (Enclosure V)

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

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

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

Motion: (To Approve second reading of Items A-E)
A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Boyer to approve the second reading of Items A - E

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 3 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Jennifer Henning and Mr. Steve Schooley.

XI. ATHLETICS

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Mr. David Payne – Bond Issue

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. A'Zary questioned the status on building project. Allan said the architects are working on the plans for the three buildings.

Mr. Megargel said they can't hear in the back of the room. He also questioned the reason for numbers going down in reading. He wants to know who is accountable for this.

Mr. Gallagher feels it is the responsibility of the faculty, principals and community to make sure our students are getting a good education. He also stated that we need to watch class size.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 pm motion was made by Mr. Jamie Hosterman and seconded by Ms Megan Raup 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