DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 17, 2008 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, December 17, 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 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. Edward Sanders, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mrs. Molly Nied, Elementary Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Elementary Principal; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Elementary Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Head Start Director; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance;; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Special Education; and approximately 50 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Motion: (To Approve Minutes from November 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

Motion: (Move addendum item to Personnel)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to amend the agenda

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

RECOGNITIONS

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Executive session was held on December 9, 2008 to discuss personnel.

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

Enrollment Report

Columbia Montour Vo-Tech School is searching for a new director. Mr. Cos Curry accepted a position as Superintendent at Bloomsburg Area School District.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Wagner, Riverside – Elementary Consolidation – Today's facts are different then in the beginning of the project discussion therefore he is in favor of consolidation.

Marcie Taylor – Obama says he will have funds for building new schools, gifted program, etc. and she feels we should wait until after the change in government before going forward with the building project.

Greg Cole – The building project is a financial obligation to the community, The decision on the building project needs to be fact based, listen to professional for facts.

Joe Mahoney – Joe feels we need to build what is best for our students and community.

Michael Benjamin – mission for school systems – financial, emotional decisions need to be replaced with fact based decisions – feels consolidation is the only option we have.

Bob Snyder – Danville Elementary intermediate grades and Riverside and Mahoning Cooper for grades K – 3

Wes Wertman – In respect to today's economy – now is not the time to do anything.

Craig Welliver – We need a place to build a school remembering - parking problems, playground, future expansion, busing for practices, traffic around an elementary school.

Lynn Breyfogle – In favor of keeping neighborhood schools, where children can ride bikes or walk to school, community feeling,

Amy Andrews – concerned about bringing her special needs son into a larger school.

Richard Snyder – where is the tax money coming from to pay for a building.

Christy Payton – not comfortable to have school built at high school location, build a consensus

Joan Kessler – retirement income – started out for neighborhood schools, but has changed her views, look at DES to build an addition.

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

VI. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

KOZ – Dick Snodgrass Cherokee

Jim Moser asked if the resolution provides equity between two counties. Mr. Snodgrass and Tim Bowers both agreed that it does - both resolutions and financial agreement.

Motion: (To Approve Cherokee KOZ)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve the KOZ.

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

VII. FINANCE

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

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

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

D. Cash Receipts (Enclosure F)

E. Investments (Enclosure G)

F. Bills for Payment – November 6, 2008 through December 10, 2008 (Enclosure H)

G. Bond Issue

Motion: (To Approve Finance A-F)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve A-F.

The motion was seconded by Jim Moser

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

Mr. Snodgrass is to meet with David Payne the week of December 22 regarding the bond issue.

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve two days without pay, January 12 and 13, 2009, for Gail Pursel as an aide at Danville Middle School. (Enclosure H)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Kathryn Kessler as aide at Danville Elementary School, at an hourly rate of $8.85, effective December 18, 2008. (Enclosure I)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of David Houser as part-time aide at Danville Elementary School, at an hourly rate of $8.85, effective December 18, 2008. (Enclosure J)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval the change of status of Samantha Manning as part-time cafeteria worker to a substitute cafeteria worker, effective December 10, 2008. (Enclosure K)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the salary increase for Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services, to $89,359.

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2008-2009 substitute list

(Teachers, Teachers Aides, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure F)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Beth Norman, Administrative Assistant to Transportation, at an hourly rate of $11.00, effective January 5, 2009. (Enclosure O)

Motion: (To Approve Personnel A-G)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Personnel.

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

Motion: (To take a 10-minute recess)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill

The motion was seconded by Megan Raup.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

After a 10-minute recess

Motion: (To Reconvene)
A motion was made by Jennifer Henning

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

IX. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. Update on current cost of building project – Dick Snodgrass (Enclosure M)

Mr. Snodgrass gave a brief overview and showed that consolidation it the most cost effective option.

Dawn Gill– requested current prices – did not update numbers after talking to construction mananger .

Jamie Hosterman asked – where we would be building.

Steve Schooley expressed inflationary concerns , cost of PSERS, revenue short falls, etc.

After some discussion Mr. Schooley asked to make a motion to rescind authorization to renovate Danville Elementary, Mahoning Cooper and Riverside Elementary Schools.

Motion: (To rescind authorization to renovate)
A motion was made by Steven Schooley

The motion was seconded by Megan Raup.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 5 yes, 4 no – Barbara Boyer, Jennifer Henning, Jamie Hosterman, Kellie Krum.

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Mentor MOA. (Enclosure N**)**

Motion: (To Approve Mentor MOA)
A motion was made by Jennifer Henning to approve MOA

The motion was seconded by Steven Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

XI. ATHLETICS

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Building Project
Recognitions
Took project off the table – bond issue problem

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gallagher– science test – consistent with other districts
Dr. Bickford said the State is looking at why the science test results are consistent across the state
Dave Poust – can anything be done towards a non project. – disappointed that everything is in limbo –
Greg Cole – we need a process - development plan
Mike Benjamin very disappointed in the behavior of board, learn how to make motions and discussions

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 pm motion was made by Steve Schooley and seconded by 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