DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 27, 2009 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Susan Bickford, Superintendent; 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. Susan Blake, Head Start Director; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Ms Pamela Burrows, Food Service Director; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Special Education; Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 15 members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITIONS
Stock Market Game Awards – Jan Heffner, Gifted Teacher; Mr. Richard Grafmyer, CEO of FNB and Carolyn Shirt, Economics PA

Jan Heffner thanked the board and district for allowing the students to participate in the stock market game. She said the students did well and really enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the game. Ben Fait and Ryan Conrad, two students at Danville Middle School placed first in the region.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Motion: (To move Item 10B to beginning of meeting)
A motion was made by Barbara Boyer to move Item 10 B.

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Henning.

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

II. BOARD AFFILIATION REPORTS

CSIU Board Report – Jennifer Henning
- Work-study on a new 2.0 program
- Preliminary look at budget
- April 8 – workshop for boards and super – how to work in groups of ten

Vo-Tech Board Report – Megan Raup
- Not able to secure an executive director
- Appointed an acting director through June 30, 2009
- Board will post the director position again

PSBA Liaison – Dawn Gill
- Nothing new to report
- Report for PA dept of Ed – one-third of college students need remedial math and english

El Tax Board – Barbara Boyer
- Nothing to report at this time

Head Start Policy Council Report – Kellie Krum
- Big review is coming up very soon
- Lead testing requirement for children

Legislative County Coordinator – Jim Moser
- Nothing to report at this time

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was an Executive Session at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel matters.

Building calendars for month of February are included in your packets.

Reminder of Board luncheon at Danville Middle School on Friday, January 30, 2009.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Tyler Rosini

The Forensics Team participated in the Shikellamy Blue, Maroon and White Tournament recently. The Novice team took first place and the varsity team placed seventh. The team also won several individual awards. Overall Danville placed second and won the Spirit of the Braves Award. The next tournament for the team is Febru-

ary 7, 2009.

Curtis Kling scored 1000 points in boy's basketball at the home game last week. The game was stopped and he was honored for this great achievement.
Winter sports are beginning to wind down to the end of their season. The wrestling squad will be competing in districts duals.
The Ski Club is happy with the snow and cold weather. They are beginning to take ski trips to the Pocono area.
The honor society is helping to run the area Jubilee kitchen.
Report cards are coming out this week
2nd semester is starting
A big thank you to the board members who came to the SGA board luncheon. The students felt it was a success and enjoyed the time spent with the board members.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Trate questioned the procedures for reviewing and timetable to hire a new football coach.
Dr. Bickford explained that we advertised for the position. Once we have resumes for the position a team will be assembled (principal, athletic director, superintendent, and teachers to review resumes, set-up interviews and proceed with interview in hopes to have someone hired as soon as possible.

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. FINANCE

A. Bond Issue – David Payne

The swap agreement has been extended until April 27, 2009 with the bond purchase agreement to expire April 29, 2009.

Motion: (To Approve Finance Item A)
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve Bond Issue

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Barbara Boyer.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, _ no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

Insert Item 10 B – Middle School Updated Feasibility Study

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the resolution to approve the middle school updated feasibil-

ity study and authorizing the architects to proceed with middle school design.

Dick Snodgrass reviewed the steps of the Plancon process for a building project

Rick Witt reviewed the updated feasibility study for the Danville Middle School

Motion: (To Approve School Property & Supplies - Item B – Updated Feasibility Study)
A motion was made by Mrs. Jennifer Henning to approve Item B

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

Motion: (To take a 10-minute recess)
A motion was made by Jennifer Henning to take a 10-minute recess

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a voice vote

The meeting reconvened after the 10-minute recess

Return to Item B under Finance

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the resolution for the 2009-2010 budget yearcertifying that the District will not raise real estate taxes more than the Act 1 index of 5.1%.

Motion: (To Approve Finance B – 2009-10 Budget Resolution)
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve B – Real Estate Taxes.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Barbara Boyer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Michelle Simpson, as a reading specialist, year 12 - step 9 with master's degree, at salary of $51,502, effective February 23, 2009. (Enclosure C)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grand approval of the family medical leave in accordance with Policy

#435 for Sonia Crane from approximately April 8, 2009, using sick days and uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy #439 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year. (Enclosure D)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grand approval of the family medical leave in accordance with Policy #435 for Melissa Boonie from approximately March 20, 2009, using sick days and uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy #439 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year. (Enclosure E)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the resignation of Jeremey Rhoades as technology technician at the Danville Area School District, effective January 30, 2009. (Enclosure F)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the resignation of Alice Buehner, as co-advisor to the Class of 2010, effective immediately. (Enclosure G)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of employment of Michelle Becker as co-advisor for the Class of 2010, effective immediately. (Enclosure H)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the resignation of Alexis Rhodes, aide at Danville Elementary, effective December 22, 2008. (Enclosure I)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the job description for the School Psychologist. (Enclosure J)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Bridget Cohen, School Psychologist for the Danville Area School District, at a salary of 48,007, effective February 2, 2009. (Enclosure K)

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 L**)**

Motion: (To Approve Personnel A-J)
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 roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

X. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to award Phase II of the HVAC system in the Danville Middle School in accordance with the recommendations in the attached bid summary sheet.

Motion: (To Approve School Property & Supplies Item A)
A motion was made by Mrs. Jennifer Henning to approve Item A

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

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

XII. ATHLETICS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the job description for the Athletic Director. (Enclosure O)

Motion: (To Approve Athletics Item A)
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve Item A

The motion was seconded by Mrs.Barbara Boyer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the contract for the Athletic Director. (Enclosure P)

Motion: (To Approve Athletics Item B)
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve Item B

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Barbara Boyer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 2 no – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Ms Megan Raup, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval the resignation of Jeremy Winn, as head football coach. (Enclosure Q)

Motion: (To Approve Athletics C)
A motion was made by Mrs. Kellie Krum to approve Athletics Items C

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

XIII. TRANSPORTATION

XIV. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 pm motion was made by Ms Megan Raup and seconded by Mrs. Kellie Krum 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