DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 13, 2009 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

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 (Left at 9:45 PM), Mrs. Jennifer Henning, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mrs. Kellie Krum, Ms Megan Raup, Mr. Steve Schooley (arrived at 7:10 PM) and Mr. Allan Schappert were present. Dr. Paul Moser 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; 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; Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Director of Network Administration; and approximately 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Motion: (To Approve Minutes from December 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.

RECOGNITIONS
Cindy Hutchinson introduced Mr. Todd Egger, middle school music teacher, as instructor of the African Drums, which the Sixth grade class is study. She also introduced Eleanor Sweeney, middle instructor for World Languages in the sixth grade.

The 6th grade students invited several board members to join in the playing of the drums. Mr. Egger spoke a little about the drums and then led the group through several demonstrations. Next, 2 middle school students demonstrated a Spanish dance. All the students had a good time and the board and public enjoyed the entertainment.

Dr. Bickford presented the Keystone Awards to the principals of the following buildings – Mahoning Cooper, Riverside, Liberty Valley, Middle School and the High School.

Dr. Bickford congratulated the board members for their work on the board. January is Board Member Recognition Month. Susan spoke a little about being a school board member and the time involved.

Dr. Bickford also welcomed the Boy Scouts who were in attendance. They were attending the board meeting as part of their requirements for the Citizenship Badge.

Motion: (Move addendum item to Personnel)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend the agenda.

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

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment Report

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gallagher – spoke about an article in local newspaper in December regarding another school district that was holding a special public election to vote on a building project. Jim was concerned how one school can have a public vote and yet another district cannot have a vote. It was noted that it was not a primary election it is a special election the district is paying for. Jim also feels administration should let the general public know the costs for building updates. Mr. Snodgrass said that information is on the district website.

George Wagner feels the school board should appoint a committee of administrators, teachers, principals and community group to go over the building project costs and let them make a recommendation about what they feel should be done.

Ken and Pam Horvath asked for a private executive meeting.

A motion to break into executive session at 7:45 pm was made by Dawn Gill and seconded by Barbara Boyer. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 pm.

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

VI. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the Ski Club out-of-state trip to Killington, Vermont from March 6-8, 2009. (Enclosure B)

Motion: (Vermont ski club trip)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve the ski club trip to Vermont.

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Henning.
The motion was approved on a 7 Yes, 0 No, absent – Paul Moser and Megan Raup.

VII. FINANCE

A. Bond Issue – David Payne

The Swap effective date is January 27, 2009. At this point we cannot meet this date. The board needs to decide if they want to extend the swap date. It can be extended up to 24 months. To extend 3 months the new rate would be 4.68% plus fees; 6 months 6.75% plus fees; 12 months 4.88% plus fees. The district also will need a letter of credit from the bank.
To terminate the swap at this time it would cost the district $1.7 million.
The district needs to have a project to continue or pay the fees to back out of everything.
A decision to determine the length of the extension of the swap date must be done before January 27, 2009.

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

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

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

E. Cash Receipts (Enclosure F)

F. Investments (Enclosure G)

G. Bills for Payment – December 11, 2008 through January 7, 2009 (Enclosure H)

Motion: (To Approve Finance B-G)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve B – G under finance.

The motion was seconded by Barbara Boyer.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no and 2 absent – Paul Moser and Megan Raup.

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the change of status of Tiffany Bugg, from part-time cafeteria worker to full-time cafeteria worker in the Danville Area School District, effective December 18, 2008 (Enclosure I)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the change of status of Edward Jackson, from an aide to a Temporary Professional Employee in the Danville Area School District, effective December 2, 2008 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year. (Enclosure J)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Ronald Kanaskie, high school teacher, effective June 30, 2009. (Enclosure K)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of family medical leave for Renee Beisswanger, teacher at Danville Head Start from the PM of December 2, 2008 and continuing for 10 weeks. (Enclosure L)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of family medical leave for Matthew Bloom, High School English teacher from March 9, 2008 through June 5, 2009, using 60 sick days. (Enclosure M)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the job description for the Director of Student Support Services. (Enclosure N)

G. 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)

ADDENDUM ITEM

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Kisha Bonnell, as a medical assistance aide, pending updated clearances, at an hourly rate of $16.49, effective January 19, 2009. (Enclosure)

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

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Paul Moser, Megan Raup

IX. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. PPL Energy Audit – Rick Engle

Rick Engle presented the PPL Energy Audit for Liberty Valley School. He expressed the ways PPL suggested to save energy at the Liberty Valley School. The biggest suggestion was the lighting in the school. Rick is looking into other vendors to get costs for updating lighting.

B. **The will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the replacement of bleachers by RJ McCarville Associates, Ltd. at a cost of $227,900.00 in the high school gymnasium. PA State Contract Costars #014-062.**

Motion: (To Approve Replacement of Bleachers)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve replacement of bleachers

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum

Amend the motion to include the funds from the bond issue for payment of this project.
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve replacement of bleachers and the funding

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Henning
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Paul Moser, Megan Raup

C. Security Update for Liberty Valley – Rick Engle

Rick Engle gave an update on security options for Liberty Valley. Consideration of additional security measures will be included in the 2009-10 budget process.

D. Discussion of Elementary Building Project

The main concern at this point is to have a building project in place. The thought is to possibly start building project at the middle school. Concerns from David Payne

Allan Schappert stressed how important that we get a building project on the table.

The board asked Rick Witt if he could have an update of the middle school feasibility study to us before the next board meeting. He assured them he would be in touch with the district within the two-week time frame.

Motion: (To extend the swap date by 3 months
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Personnel.

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Henning
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 3 Absent – Paul Moser, Megan Raup, and Dawn Gill.

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

XI. ATHLETICS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Sherry Cooper and Shari Snyder as co-basketball cheerleader advisors at a salary of $540.00 each, effective December 2008.

B. **The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the resignation of Jeremy Winn as after school weightlifting club at the Danville High School, effective January 4, 2009. (Enclosure P)**

Motion: (To Approve Athletics A-and B)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Athletics Items A and B

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

XII. TRANSPORTATION

A. **The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the bus contracts for 2008-2009 in the**

amount of $1,694,583.92 (Enclosure Q)

Motion: (To Approve Bus Contracts)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Bus Contracts

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 3 Absent – Paul Moser, Megan Raup, and Dawn Gill

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:25 pm motion was made by Jamie Hosterman and seconded by Steve Schooley 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