DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 10, 2009 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, February 10, 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, Mrs. Jennifer Henning, Mrs. Kellie Krum, Dr. Paul Moser – via phone, Ms Megan Raup, Mr. Steve Schooley; and Mr. Allan Schappert were present. Mr. Jamie Hosterman was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Susan Bickford, Superintendent; Ms. Daphne Snook, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology; Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Business Administrator/ 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 Student Support Services; Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 10 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Motion: (To Approve Minutes from January 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
Fast Forward Gold Cap School – Ricki Boyle

The district received national recognition for the following buildings that are using FastForward appropriately – Danville Elementary, Liberty Valley, Mahoning Cooper and Middle School.

Ricki congratulated each building principal and the teachers involved with FastForward.

Motion: (Move addendum items to Personnel, Athletics, and Transportation)
Finance Item H
Delete Item A under curriculum
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to amend the agenda

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

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

We had an executive session at 6:30 to discuss personnel and labor relations.

Enclosed in your agenda packets is the Enrollment Report for your review.

Dr. Bickford spoke about the Governor's prepared budget for next year. She noted some cuts in the budget and also proposed study to consider school consolidation of districts across the state.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Andrew Hunt filled in for Tyler Rosini.
Andrew told the board the Junior Class would be taking PSSA tests next week. Winter sports are winding down. Boy's basketball team made districts. Wrestling is going to sectionals this weekend. SGA had success with their matchmaker forms. SGA is working on having a SGA conference in Danville with other schools. Forensics is going to Bethlehem to compete.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

A. Middle School Alternative Education Program – Ricki Boyle and Cynthia Hutchinson

Deleted from this agenda

VI. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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 – December 11, 2008 through January 7, 2009 (Enclosure H)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the first reading of the Columbia Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Proposed Budget for the 2009-2010 school year. (Enclosure H)

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

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman

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

The motion was seconded by Barbara Boyer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman

The next Presentation of elementary alternatives for next year was not on the agenda. The three elementary principals – Dan Rathfon, John Bickhart, and Molly Nied – along with Daphne Snook and Ricki Boyle did the presentation. The principals showed projected numbers for each of their buildings for next year and the class sizes. Some of them will be larger classes and each building. They proposed

having and intermediate school – grade 3, 4 and 5 at Liberty Valley; and primary schools – grade K, 1, and 2 at Riverside, Danville Elementary and Mahoning Cooper. After some discussion, it was recommended to discuss this further at the next board meeting. Both Megan Raup and Barbara Boyer commended the principals for a great presentation.

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Molly Nied, principal at Danville Elementary School, effective March 27, 2009. (Enclosure I)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Mary Jones, Learning Support teacher at Danville Elementary School, effective June 12, 2009. (Enclosure J)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval to pay the following mentors, $400.00 each, for the first half of the 2008-2009 school year. Kennee Halye, Sue Kline, Melinda Rosini, Angela Ruckle, Christa Bryan-McCormick, and Melissa Ferguson. (Enclosure K)

D. 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)

ADDENDUM ITEMS

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Elizabeth Sterling, as a day-to-day substitute and also an extended sub from April 2009 until end of the 08-09 school year for Sonia Crane in the high school, effective February 16, 2009. (Enclosure A)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Barbara Martz, as a substitute in the Danville Area School District, at the daily substitute pay, effective February 11, 2009.

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Kristen Marks, as an instructional aide, at Liberty Valley Elementary School, at an hourly rate of $9.45, effective February 11, 2009. (Enclosure B)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Megan Mincemoyer, as a one-on-one aide, at Liberty Valley in the MDS room for individual student, costs to be recouped from child's home district, effective February 11, 2009. (Enclosure C)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Karen Herschell, as an instructional aide, at Danville Elementary School, at an hourly rate of $9.45, effective February 12, 2009. (Enclosure D)

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

The motion was seconded by Megan Raup
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman

IX. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the job description for the position of Assistant Director of Network Administration. (Enclosure M)

Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Item A)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Item A

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman

XI. ATHLETICS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of John Lipsey, as weight room coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year, at a salary of $1250 per year. (Enclosure E)

Motion: (To Approve Athletics A)

A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Athletics Item A

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman

The board questioned the status on football coach applications. Dr. Bickford told them we have approximately 14 applicants and they will be reviewing them on Thursday and setting up interviews soon.

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.

Rose Gutelius – Substitute Van Driver for Amity Leasing
PO Box 134
Montandon, PA 17850

Frank Capello – Van Driver for Reichard
27 Pepper Hills
Danville, PA 17821

Judith Reichard – Bus Driver for Reichard
144A West Diehl Road
Danville, PA 17821

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

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Elementary staffing
Scheduling and reading program at MS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver – Thanked the three elementary principals for the great presentation they gave.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 pm motion was made by Jennifer Henning and seconded by 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