DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 28, 2009 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 28, 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. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Jennifer Henning, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mrs. Kellie Krum, Dr. Paul Moser, Ms Megan Raup, and Mr. Steve Schooley, and Mr. Allan Schappert were present. Mrs. Barbara Boyer 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. Charles Smargiassi, Assistant Principal, High School; Mrs. Cynthia Hutchinson, Principal, Middle School; Mr. Edward Sanders, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mrs. Chris Johns, Acting Elementary Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Elementary Principal; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Elementary Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Head Start Director; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services; Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Office Manager; and approximately 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITIONS
Stephanie Brame – Middle School Librarian – Cynthia Hutchinson

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

II. BOARD AFFILIATION REPORTS

- **CSIU Board Report – Jennifer Henning**

  Jennifer had nothing to report from the CSIU.

- **Vo-Tech Board report – Megan Raup, Steve Schooley**

Vo-Tech reviewed students applications and choose the students who would be attending Vo-Tech for the 2009-2010 school year.
Mr. David Bacher was appointed to being Principal at Vo. Tech.
They now have an opening for student services.
Vo-Tech was selected for a Pilot program for PSSA testing.

- **PSBA Liaison – Dawn Gill**

- **EI Tax Board – Barbara Boyer**

Mr. Snodgrass said there was nothing new to report.

- **Head Start Policy Council Report – Kellie Krum**

Federal review next week

- **Legislative County Coordinator – Jim Moser**

Set-up county legislative meeting in May – possibly May 28

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel, labor relations and real estate.

Building calendars for month of May (Enclosure A)

Swine Flu information from Dept of Health on website

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Andrew Hunt filled in for Tyler Rosini. Andrew will be the student representative for the 2009-2010 school year.
Andrew reported the following upcoming events and dates:

Graduation – June 5
Prom – May 30
AP testing – this week
Science PSSA – today
Drama – trip to New York City
Forensics – nine students going to nationals
Band concert – high school

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

A. Schedule at Middle School – Cynthia Hutchinson

Mrs. Hutchinson gave a very detailed review of the 08-09 student class schedule at the Danville Middle School. She gave the board members a handout of everything she covered in her review.

B. Curriculum Update - Daphne Snook

Mrs. Snook spoke in length on the updates to our curriculum. She started by talking about the Literacy Program in the District. The resource committee has been meeting and working on this program. We are having writers and readers workshop s and working with words. She also spoke about having teachers attend the teachers college at Columbia University for professional development.
She continued with a discussion of the math curriculum. Intermediate level teachers will be entering data on what they are teaching into mapping curriculum. This will help put everyone on the same level of teaching. Seventh grade will continue with Connected Math. Also, secondary teachers will enter data on what they are teaching into mapping curriculum.

Jennifer Henning left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Motion: (To take a ten-minute recess))
A motion was made by Megan Raup to take a ten-minute recess.

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

After ten-minutes at 9:00 pm the meeting reconvened.

Motion: (To move item A under Finance to now on the agenda)
A motion was made by Dr. Moser to move Item A under finance.

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

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Bond Purchase Agreement and Resolution related to the issuance of the general obligation Bonds of 2009.

Motion: (Resolution – authorizing issuance of bonds with first payment June 1, 2009)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to authorize issuance of the bonds

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer and Mrs. Jennifer Henning.

Motion: (Resolution – Business manager of this school district is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of this school district)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to authorize the business manager.

The motion was seconded by Jim Moser
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer and Mrs. Jennifer Henning.

Motion: (Resolution – Board of School Directors of this district to authorize the filing with the Department of Community and Economic Development a certified copy of resolution)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to authorize the notification of the Common-wealth

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer and Mrs. Jennifer Henning.

Motion: (Resolution – General Obligation Note in the amount of $7,000,000)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve general obligation.

The motion was seconded by Dawn gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer and Mrs. Jennifer Henning.

Next a special board meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 4 at 5:30 pm.

The agenda now returned to Item C under Curriculum and Management reports.

C. Self-Assessment Report – Susan Blake

Susan Blake gave each board member a packet including the following reports – Selection Criteria, Program Design and Management, Impasse, an Annual Report, and Self Assessment. She explained each report.

D. Community Assessment Report – Susan Blake

Motion: (To Approve Operating Budget for 09-10)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve the operating budget.

The motion was seconded by Jim Moser
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer and Mrs. Jennifer Henning.

Motion: (To Approve Pre-K Counts budget for 09-10)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve the Pre-K Counts budget.

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer and Mrs. Jennifer Henning.

Motion: (To Approve Pre-K counts expansion)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve the Pre-K Counts Expansion.

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer and Mrs. Jennifer Henning.

Mr. Steve Schooley left the meeting at 10:00 PM

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve funding of up to $2,000 of the budgeted amount of $5,375 to cover any fundraising shortfalls for the Key Club to attend the International Convention in Dallas, Texas in July 2009.

Motion: (To Approve School/Community Relations – Item A)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to approve Item A.

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 4 yes, 1 no, 1 Abstain, and 3 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer, Mrs. Jennifer Henning and Mr. Steve Schooley

B. 911 Consultation on transportation – Dick Snodgrass

Dick gave an update on transportation with 911. District personnel have visited the Montour 911 facility and discussed information sharing that would be possible and beneficial. The District received copies of 911 maps which may be helpful in locating the exact location of students' homes in the development of bus routes. Further discussions will take place.

VIII. FINANCE

B. Budget Presentation – Dick Snodgrass

Dick gave an overview on the 2009-2010 budgets. Dick explained the changes in staff, an additional of 4 professional staff - 1 ESL, 2 Reading specialists, and 1 of World Language – MS; Proposed millage 17.07 mills; possible tax increase; 3.7% Stimulus money - title I, title II D (technology), IDA (spe Ed), basic Ed, state stabilization fund; other revenues – bond payment reimbursement (not currently getting) and staffing schedule.

Megan Raup left the meeting at 10:30 pm.

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Matthew Mills as a temporary employee as needed but not to extend beyond the 2008-2009 school year, effective April 20, 2009 at the daily substitute rate. (Enclosure B)

B. 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 C)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the elementary principal and assistant elementary principal job descriptions for the primary level elementary schools. (Enclosure D)

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

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no, 4Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer, Mrs. Jennifer Henning, Mr. Steve Schooley and Ms Megan Raup.

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

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no, 4Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer, Mrs. Jennifer Henning, Mr. Steve Schooley and Ms Megan Raup.

X. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

XII. ATHLETICS

A. Presentation on clubs and activities – Dick Snodgrass (Enclosure E)

Mr. Snodgrass gave a brief talk about clubs and activities. Dawn Gill expressed her concerns to have a “pay to participate” program. A brief discussion followed but no action was taken.

XIII. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Kitty Shinn, 31 Beaver Meadow Road, Catawissa, PA 17820 to be a van driver for Myers.

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the following substitute drivers for Head Start:

John Curtis Sutton, 278 Van Dine St., Bloomsburg, PA 17815
John F. Johnson, 1805 Old Berwick Rd, Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Dawn B. Johnson, 1805 Old Berwick Rd, Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Motion: (To Approve Transportation – Item A - B)
A motion was made by Jim Moser to approve Items A -B

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no, 4 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Boyer, Mrs. Jennifer Henning, Mr. Steve Schooley and Ms Megan Raup.

XIV. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:55 pm motion was made by Kellie Krum 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