DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 14, 2009 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 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 Mr. Allan Schappert were present.

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; Mr. Edward Sanders, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. Chris Johns, Acting 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 30 members of the staff and public, and news media.

Motion: (To Approve Minutes from March meetings)
A motion was made by Jennifer Henning to approve the minutes.

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

RECOGNITIONS
Tyler Rosini - Eagle Scout Award
For his Eagle Scout Project Tyler cleaned trails - removed brush, tree branches, mulched, and planted flowers – at Sunnybrook Park.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Executive Session at 5:30 – personnel, real estate, and labor relations
Enrollment Report
Informational – Health Research requested by Geisinger Middle School and High School
Informational – Parent letters about student/parent open house at elementary schools – Dates posted on web site

Kudos to Dale Myers, Jen Hopple and Rebecca Pritchard for the fine job they did with the high school production of Cinderella.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Tyler Rosini announced the following upcoming events:

AP test beginning of May
PSSA end of April – Science portion
Arbor Day – April 24 – This year PLANET will also plant trees
High School Bleacher project is underway
Forensics placed 11th place at States
Spectrum – luncheon on Thursday, April 16 from Noon to 1:00
Two high school students were recognized for their art at a function in Lewisburg

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

VI. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Danville Ironbots out-of-state trip to Duke University for Robocup Junior Open on April 17, 18 and 19, 2009. (Enclosure C).

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval for nine students and four adults from the

Forensics Team to travel out-of-state May 21-25, 2009 to participate in the National Catholic Forensics League Tournament in New York. (Enclosure D).

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval for the Key Club to attend the International Key Club Convention, July 1-6, 2009 in Dallas, Texas. (Enclosure E).

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval for the Class of 2009 members of the Drama Club to travel to Majestic Theater, in New York City on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 to see a matinee performance of Phantom of the Opera. (Enclosure F).

Key Club – Marcia Kouf – shared with everyone the awards students received at state convention

Motion: (To Approve School/Community Relations, Items A-D)
A motion was made by Jennifer Henning to approve all groups to attend their requested functions

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 1 Abstain – Allan Schappert, and 1 Absent – Barbara Boyer

VII. FINANCE

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

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

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

D. Cash Receipts (Enclosure J)

E. Investments (Enclosure K)

F. Bills for Payment – March 5, 2009 through April 6, 2009 (Enclosure L)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the 2009-2010 Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget in the amount of $1,715,384.

H. Budget Presentation

I. Issuance of Bonds discussion

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

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

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

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

Mr. Snodgrass did not give a budget presentation at this meeting. The budget is still in process.

Mr. Snodgrass gave a short update on the process of the issuance of bonds. This will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Robin Richardson, as an elementary teacher at Danville Elementary School, effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year. (Enclosure M)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Jane Kettlewell, as an elementary teacher at Mahoning Cooper Elementary School, effective September 11, 2009. (Enclosure N)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Richard Kistner, as a teacher at Danville Middle School, effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year. (Enclosure O)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Arla Keller, as a teacher at Danville Middle School, effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year. (Enclosure P)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Sandra Balliet, as an aide in the Danville High School, effective July 31, 2009. (Enclosure Q)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Molly Shultz, as an education assistant at Head Start, effective March 11, 2009. (Enclosure R)

G. 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 Bernard Woll from August 24, 2009 until December 31, 2009 (retirement date). (Enclosure S)

H. Discussion - Assistant Principal for Elementary K-2 buildings for next year

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

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

Board members discussed the pro and cons of having a principal or an assistant principal to serve DES, MC and RS.
John Bickhart spoke about his feelings about having an assistant principal. He feels it would be a benefit to have an assistant principal so they could work as a team keeping the primary centers as one unit.

The board asks that they have a job description for principal and assistant principal for the elementary schools and also have it presented at the next board meeting so that a decision can be made.

Board members asked John Bickhart and Dan Rathfon how they feel about having the new elementary building becoming a primary center and Liberty Valley being an intermediate center. Both, John and Dan, prefer having a primary center and an intermediate center. They feel it would be very beneficial in the education process having each grade all together in a particular building.

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

The motion was seconded by Kellie Krum.
10 Minute recess began at 8:20 and the meeting reconvened at 8:30.

IX. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. Update on Elementary Construction Project

Mr. Snodgrass showed a PowerPoint presentation of the scheduled timeline for the construction project.
After Mr. Snodgrass was finished with his presentation, Mr. Roger Hulsey and Mr. Henry Brunett from Kimball Associates showed the preliminary schematics for the elementary project. A brief discussion followed.

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

XI. ATHLETICS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Tom Craig, as head coach for high school Girls Soccer, at a salary of $2,642, Step D.

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Jenn Nardi, as assistant high school football cheerleading advisor, as a salary of $1,100, Step B.

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

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Henning
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 1 Abstain – Megan Raup, and 1 Absent – Barbara Boyer

XII. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of William Alan Rich, Jr, 208 Skatetown Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815 as a Head Start substitute driver. He works for Fishing Creek Transportation. (Enclosure T)

Motion: (To Approve Transportation A)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Transportation

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

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Concerns about activities – funding - Board asked for guidelines.
Pay to participate
Mapping program
Grant writer
SRO
Danville will host the County legislative meeting – Jim Moser is taking charge of this.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver – thanked the elementary principals for finalizing the elementary transition. He also thanked the superintendent and the transportation director for their hard work on this project.

Randy Keister said he feels assistant principal is the way to go and consolidation – good way to go is a primary center and intermediate center. Randy also questioned the process for advertising social studies position and also the hiring of a Football coach. He feels the retirement of social studies position opens a teaching position and coaching position for Carm. This community wants Carm and Carm wants this community.

The social studies position will be posted in the next couple of days.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 pm motion was made by Steve Schooley 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