DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 26, 2009 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 26, 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, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mrs. Kellie Krum, Dr. Paul Moser, Ms Megan Raup, Mr. Steve Schooley – came at 7:15 pm, 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 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. 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 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITIONS

A. Retirees –

- Jane Kettlewell, Elementary Teacher
- Bernie Woll, Elementary Teacher
- Cindy Gearhart, Elementary Teacher
- Robin Richardson, Elementary Teacher
- Mary Jones, Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Arla Keller, Middle School Social Studies Teacher
- Ron Kanaskie, High School Gifted Teacher
- Richard Kistner, Middle School Teacher
- Sandra Ballet, High School Aide

Dr. Bickford presented retirement gifts to the retirees.

B. Tyler Rosini – Student Representative to School Board

Dr. Bickford presented Tyler with a gift for his hard work as the Student Representative for the School Board.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

II. BOARD AFFILIATION REPORTS

- **CSIU Board Report – Jennifer Henning**
  Approved salary increases 2.9% plus merit increases
  Motion to create joint purchasing group

- **Vo-Tech Board report – Megan Raup, Steve Schooley**
  Megan had nothing to report from the meeting

- **PSBA Liaison – Dawn Gill**
  June 19 – Institute from Collaborative Bargaining
  Symposium for Education in July
  Opposing senate bill
  Could have cuts for basic education of up to $7 million dollars

- **EI Tax Board – Barbara Boyer**
  Consolidation of tax offices – county wide collection

- **Head Start Policy Council Report – Kellie Krum**
  Federal review – they did very well

- **Legislative County Coordinator – Jim Moser**
  Jim reminder everyone of the Legislative Meeting tomorrow night in the high school library

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There was an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and labor.

B. Upcoming Events

- **May 30 – Prom - 7:00 pm – promenade starting at 6:00 pm**
- **May 31 – Baccalaureate – Danville Middle School 7:00 pm**
- **June 4 – Valediction – 7:00 p-m**
- **June 5 – Graduation – 7:00 p.m.**

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Tyler Rosini –
Tyler asked his replacement, Andrew Hunt, to speak a little about himself. He told about the clubs and activities he was part of in school.
Tyler – spoke about forensics trip to Albany NY
Open campus finals Friday – seniors, underclassmen starting Monday
Seniors received caps and gowns

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. SRO Informational Presentation – Craig Burger, Charles Smargiassi and Eric Gill, Chief of Police (Enclosure A)

Craig, Charlie and Eric showed a PowerPoint presentation on SRO - description, responsibilities, goals, roles, concept and benefits. After the presentation there was an open discussion. Mr. Schappert asked if they had statistics on benefits from other districts. He also asked if the SRO would be a borough employee and who covers benefits and the pay scale.
Dr. Moser asked about the numbers for police department involvement in the district – annual assessment.
Mrs. Henning asked about the grant. She was told if is a federal grant. She said if the SRO becomes a reality could they see specifics about the training of the SRO and also education and counseling.
Mr. Schooley asked if they would be able to cover Riverside elementary because of County jurisdiction, would they be considered crossing county line. Also who pays for training, equipment, etc?
Mrs. Krum asked the panel even without the grant would you still be here asking for this. Mr. Burger said yes.
Ms Rap asked if the borough been asked about this. Chief Gill said yes the borough is aware of this.

B. Football Coach update

Dr. Bickford told the board another interview was held and that we are in negotiations at this point.

Motion: (To take a 10-minuite break)
A motion was made by Kellie Krum to take a break

The motion was seconded by Megan Raup.

The meeting reconvened at 8:25 PM.

Mrs. Jennifer Henning left the meeting at 8:25 PM.

VIII. FINANCE

A. Budget Discussion – Dick Snodgrass

Continuing on the budget process – high school and middle school

Mr. Schooley – considering economy, Steve made a motion that we would limit the budget increase to not exceed 2% of last year's budget. Megan Raup seconded the motion.
Discussion
Dawn said we should cut field trips.
Mr. Schappert said we need to look at budget very closely. He asked Mr. Snodgrass id we decreased budget by 2% what would our tax increase be. Dick said the tax increase would be around 1.5% to 2%.
Mr. Schappert said it is very difficult not knowing what the State is going to do as far as state contributions to the district.
Mr. Schooley said we need to limit spending.
Mrs. Krum suggested we look over starting new programs and adding positions. At this time, the budget has included the following positions - Psychologist, speech/ESL, reading – 8th grade, reading – LV, and world language – MS.
Mr. Schappert suggested that Mr. Snodgrass go back and look at where we can cut and bring that back to the board
Mr. Snodgrass said he will come up with some alternatives to go forth with giving everyone the satisfaction that they need

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the transfer of 49 sick days from the CSIU for Andrew Shively, Middle School Social Studies teacher, effective immediately.

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Cynthia Hutchinson, Danville Middle School Principal effective June 30, 2009. (Enclosure B)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Daphne Snook, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, effective June 30, 2009. (Enclosure C)

D. Hiring Procedure discussion (Enclosure D)
Kellie Krum - revised process in 2002
Would like to have a board member set in on interviews for Act 93 hiring –
Mr. Schappert wants more information on candidate being hired.

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

The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: (To Approve Personnel B-C)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Personnel B-C.

The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman
The motion was approved on a roll call vote8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jennifer Henning

X. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. Feasibility Study – Rick Witt

Rick Witt showed a PowerPoint presentation on the updated feasibility study. He went over the timelines and reason for the updated study. Next step will be for him to come back to a board meeting with a review of Pre-K through 2 at the June 9th board meeting.

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. the Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Nicholas Butto to attend the National Forensics Competition in Birmingham, Alabama from June 12-20, 2009.

Motion: (To Approve School/Community Relations A)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve forensics trip

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

XII. ATHLETICS

XIII. TRANSPORTATION

XIV. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Kellie Krum asked about riding on proposed bus runs
Kellie Krum - Elementary principals – building
Dawn – data and survey – show effectiveness of block scheduling at the middle school – would like to make a motion to revert back to regular scheduling – add as an agenda item also professional development for teachers

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Trate – came with high expectations about hiring a football coach. He thinks the delay in hiring a coach is a complete disservice to students, community and assistant coaches.

Allan Schappert said we don't hire just anyone to say we hired a football coach, interest evaporated, and we have someone they are talking to at this time.

Trate said we need to make a decision. He feels there have been a lot of problems in the process of hiring a football coach.

Stacy Puckey said he continues to work the weight room with John Lipsey and sees the discouragement with the students in not hiring a football coach.

Chuck Fausnaught said it is an embarrassment to our district and him about why we can't get a football coach.

Donna Heath – The timeframe of getting football coach and the hiring process is not working.

Scott Shultz complained about not hiring a football coach.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 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