DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 10, 2009 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, November 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, Dr. Paul Moser, Ms Megan Raup, Mr. Steven Schooley and Mr. Allan Schappert were present. Mr. Jamie Hosterman and Mrs. Kellie Krum were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Susan Bickford, Superintendent; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology; Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services;; Mrs. Jennifer Gurski, Assistant High School Principal; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School Principal; Mr. Edward Sanders, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. Chris Johns, Assistant Elementary Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Elementary Principal; Mr. Daniel Rathfon, Elementary Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Head Start Director; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Building and Grounds; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Director of Transportation; and Mr. Jeff Ryan; Director of Network Administration; Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Business Administrator, Board Secretary; and approximately seven members of the staff and public, and news media.

Motion: (To Approve Minutes from October meetings)
A motion was made by Barb Boyer to approve the minutes.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill.
The motion was approved on a voice vote

Recognitions
Recognition of outgoing Board Members
Dr. Bickford presented Jennifer Henning, Megan Raup, Jim Moser, and Kellie Krum for their service to the Danville Area School District Board of Education.
Recognition of Steve Schooley
Dr. Bickford presented Steve Schooley a certificate from PSBA for serving 8 consecutive years to the Danville Area School District Board of Education.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Motion: (To accept the resignation of Kellie Krum as school board member)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to accept the resignation.

The motion was seconded b y Barbara Boyer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 5 yes, 2 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman

Motion: (To move the Ski Trip to follow the first public comment)
A motion was made by Jennifer Henning to approve the minutes.
The motion was seconded by Megan Raup.
The motion was approved on a voice vote

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Executive session was held before the Act 34 hearing last week to discuss legal matters.

No executive session was held this evening.

Enrollment Report

Job description update – update on review of policies
Dr. Bickford said we are reviewing administrative office staff job descriptions, teacher hiring guidelines, etc.

Update on Pandemic Preparation Simulation October 28
Nice turn out of volunteers and Department of Health. We do not have the vaccine for community members, and are hoping for the beginning of December.

H1N1 Clinic at Liberty Valley
Thursday, November 12 from 4-7PM

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Erin Heintzelman gave the following student report

- Athletics –
  - Girls Soccer team went on to two playoff games
  - High School Football will play their first playoff game against Loyalsock
- Donkey Basketball game on Sunday
- Dance at the high school after the game Friday night
- Tri-school dance was postponed until later date

Student government state conference is this weekend
Working on Feed-a-Friend
Prep rally on Friday
Bloodbmobile on Thursday November 12
FBLA conference is coming up
FFA and agricultural classes are having a fruit and calendar sale
Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble presentation

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment

ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of an out-of-state ski club trip to Killington, Vermont from February 12 through February 15, 2010. – Mary Fallon and Jon Vella (Enclosure Q)

Motion: (To Approve Athletics/Activities Item B)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Ski Club Trip

The motion was seconded by Megan Raup
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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 – October 7, 2009 through November 3, 2009 (Enclosure H)

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

The motion was seconded by Barbara Boyer.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the following new mentors beginning the 2009-2010 school year.
Lydia Moyer
Brenda Bartlett
Roberta Coulter
Melissa Zakarian
Joy Smith
Kim Jordan
Cheryl Cooper
Joyce Clayberger
Lynda Williams
Holly Patterson
Peg Wagner
Lisa Wilson
Danielle Bloom
Sandy Bruce

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the advisors of activities and their salaries for the 2009-2010 school year. (Enclosure I)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2009-2010 substitute list (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure J)

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Item A through C)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve Personnel

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman.

IX. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the first reading of revised policies 113 and 113.1. (Enclosure K)

B . The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the first reading of the new policies 113.2 and 113.3. (Enclosure L)

C. Update on Policies 301, 401, and 501 – Allan Schappert (Enclosure M)

D. Policy 237 review and discussion (Enclosure N)

E. Review and discussion of policies 405, 406, and 407 (Enclosure O)

Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Items A and B)
A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve School Property & Supplies

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Jamie Hosterman.

Item C – policies 301, 401, and 501 will now be past to our administrators to review and bring back to the board. One change – should read “to whom they report” not “to who they report” and 28 days.

Item D Policy 237
Electronic devices
Dawn Gill said shouldn’t be - may compensate it should be will compensate
Jen Gurski said from August to current only 2 discipline problems,
Charlie said he doesn’t feel it is a great problem in the middle school
Classroom management issue,
Steve - View it as a privilege to have a cell phone in school
Jen – doesn’t feel it should be a policy, it should be a procedure
Allan – page 2 of 3 – relating to things happening outside of school
Tim – out of school conduct has caused a tremendous impact on the education
Tim - Must show that it started in school

The board decided to have the administrators look at this and bring it back to the board.

Dawn Gill questioned Dick regarding insurance quotes. Dick confirmed that he will be gettting quotes from insurance for 2010-11. He will begin that process in January.

Item E
Policies 405, 406, and 407
405 – Substitutes – certified
Policy 406 – summer school staff - Steve – primary consideration for summer employment – district staff member
The board is okay with policy 405 and 406.

Policy 407 – Student teacher/intern
Hold until administrators review and bring back to the board.

Jennifer Henning left at 8:35 PM
Dawn Gill left at 8:50 PM

X. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

a. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the winter coaches salaries for the 2009-2010 school year. (Enclosure P)

Item A under Athletics was tabled until next meeting because of not having a board quorum to vote.

XI. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Michael P. Heon, Berwick, PA 18603, as a Head Start substitute driver, for Fishing Creek Transportation.

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the bus contracts for 2009-2010 in the amount of $1,693,492.95. (Enclosure R)

C. Transportation Update – Dick Snodgrass

Motion: (To Approve Transportation Items A and B)

A motion was made by Megan Raup to approve School Property & Supplies

The motion was seconded by Barbara Boyer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no, 3 Absent – Jamie Hosterman, Jennifer Henning and Dawn Gill.

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kellie Krum – Policy – update new board members on policies before voting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 pm motion was made by Megan Raup and seconded by Barbara Boyer 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