DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 9, 2010 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, February 9, 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 Bickhart, Mr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Steve Schooley, Mr. Martin Walzer, Mr. David Weader, and Mr. Allan Schappert were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Susan Bickford, Superintendent; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Mr. Craig Burger, Principal, High School; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School Principal; Mr. Edward Sanders, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. John Bickhart, Elementary Principal; Mr. Dan Rathfon, Elementary Principal; Mr. Chris Johns, Assistant Elementary Principal; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Director of Transportation; Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Business Administrator, Board Secretary; and approximately seven members of the staff and public, and news media.

Motion: (To add Item A from addendum to personnel)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to add Item A
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Motion: (To Approve Minutes from the January meeting)
A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve the minutes.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Recognitions
No recognitions

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

If board members have not turned in their financial statements, please do immediately.

Martin Walzer was appointed as the new CSIU representative

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Executive session was held at 5:30 pm to discuss personnel and labor relations.

Enrollment Report is enclosed for your review.

Board Luncheon will be held February 26, 2010 at Danville Middle School with a tour of the building from 12:00 – 12:30 PM and lunch from 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Penny Gaugler, Reading Specialist and Title One Coordinator spoke about the upcoming Dr. Seuss Night to be held on March 8 at Liberty Valley starting at 5:30 PM with pizza and ending at 7:30 PM. At 7:00 PM they will be playing book bingo. Children will win books and toys donated by Cole's Hardware. Penny asked for volunteers to help serve pizza and/or be a guest reader.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Andrew Hunt, Student Representative gave the following brief report.

- Athletics – boys basketball – qualified for districts; girls basketball – qualified for districts; wrestling – senior night this Saturday; bowling – two kids qualified for districts
- Clubs and organizations – forensics – going to Pittsburgh for competition – district tournament at Bloomsburg High School; Ski Club going to Killington this weekend; SGA and honor society went to Riverside to promote leadership and good grades;
- Class functions – Freshman class holding Snowball dance on February 26; Junior class is working on the prom, the theme is " Alice In Wonderland"; and the Seniors are working on plans for their senior trip.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver – Susquehanna Intermediate Unit – duty of the IU is to supply supplies and services to 17 area public schools, concerned about salaries of IU employees; and why is Danville costs a lot higher for supplies and services than other area schools.
Mr. Snodgrass said the costs are for services for special education classes not for supplies.

Kellie Krum – Thanked Mr. Burger and Mr. Bickhart for allowing the SGA students to come to Riverside and talk with students about leadership. Kelli also thanked Mr. Rathfon for inviting parents to be a part of the Read Naturally program at Liberty Valley.
Kellie Krum – is concerned with the building project – asked that the baseball fields not be on the site so that there is more playground area.

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

A. Curriculum review of literacy K-5 – Dawn Brookhart

Dawn focused on the district goal to improve student achievement. She stressed the importance of reading curriculum across the elementary levels; aligning student materials and assessments and provide small and large group instructional activities. The most important piece of the puzzle if The STUDENTS.

Dawn Gill said she is very happy about the reading literacy update.

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 – January 7, 2010 through February 2, 2010 (Enclosure H)

Motion: (To Approve Finance Item F)
A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve finance.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. 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 I)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Connie Williams, cafeteria worker, effective January 29, 2010. (Enclosure J)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of Rebecca J. Ent, as long-term secretary sub for the high school, effective February 22, 2010 with additional days for training, at an hourly rate of $11.41. (Addendum)

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Personnel
The motion was seconded by David Weader
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

IX. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of a five-year lease of a copier for the maintenance/food service departments. This lease is at $83.46 per month and replaces the expiring lease at $86.37/month.

B. Building Project Update – Dick Snodgrass

Motion: (To Approve School Property and Supplies Item A)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve Policy and Insurance
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, Dawn Gill Abstained.

Dick gave a brief update on the building projects. He said there is a pre-bid meeting on February 16.

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the first reading of policies 005, 008, and 610. (Enclosure K)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the first reading of the 2010-2011 District Calendar. (Enclosure L)

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

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no.

Change – 008 Solicitor solid line to board, dotted line to superintendent

Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Items B)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Policy and Insurance
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no.

Steve asked why emergency make-up days are added at the end of the year – Dr. Bickford said to protect the professional development days.

XI. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of an out-of-state government field trip to Washington DC on March 17, 2010 – Mike Mast. (Enclosure M)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the proposed athletic coaching salary determination dated 1/29/2010 for implementation in the 2010 fall sports season. (Enclosure N)

Motion: (To Approve Athletics/Activities Item A)
A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve item A

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

Motion: (To postpone Item B until next meeting)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to postpone Item B
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Add Item B under athletics to next board agenda

Steve Schooley said he would like to see us start a Superintendent search on our own

but not limit it to our own search but to Superintendent Search Steve would like to advertise on our own.

Steve made a Motion: (To advertise our superintendent search with the committee formed to have the authority to take all acts as necessary to do so)
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

The Superintendent search committee is Dave Weader (Chairman), Barbara Bickhart and Dawn Gill. They will meet and set the criteria and wording for the advertisement.

Kellie Krum asked if we can advertise in PSBA
Jamie asked that the board members receive a copy of what the committee comes up with for the criteria and wording for the advertisement.

Greg Campbell shared the baseball team and parents are concerned with where they will play this season and the conditions of the Hess field.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 pm motion was made by Dawn Gill and seconded by Gregg Campbell 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