DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 13, 2010 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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. Martin Walzer, Mr. David Weader, and Mr. Allan Schappert were present. Mr. Steve Schooley was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Susan Bickford, Superintendent; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services; Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Business Administrator, Board Secretary; Mr. Craig Burger, Principal, High School; Mrs. Jennifer Gurski, Assistant 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. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Director of Network Administration; and approximately ten members of the staff and public, and news media.

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

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT
No announcements.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Executive session was held April 1, 2010 to discuss personnel.

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

Enrollment Report is enclosed for your review.
Groundbreaking ceremony will be held Friday, April 16, 2010 at 1:00 pm.
Arbor Day Ceremony will be held Friday, April 30, 2010 at 1:00 pm.

April 7 board met with PSBA regarding the Superintendent search.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Andrew Hunt, Student Representative was not present to give a report this evening.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver – About 5 years ago, the district felt there would be no increase for the new building – does the district see an increase now. Mr. Snodgrass assured him we would not have a tax increase because of the elementary building.

Kellie Krum concerned about playground space at the new building. Feb 8, 2008 and July 2009 – square footage of the playground decreased, why? She feels that is not enough.
The Philadelphia Inquirer ran an article this past weekend regarding science in the elementary level – Kellie feels we should consider a new science classroom at this time.
Kellie feels an assistant principal should not be hired for the elementary buildings.

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

A. Middle School World Language Discussion – Charles Smargiassi

Charlie Smargiassi and Ed Sanders spoke about the Middle School World Language program. Department would like to split Spanish I into two parts – Spanish I A and Spanish I B so that students would be ready for Spanish II when they enter high school. Students will have to make a two-year commitment to Spanish.

B. Middle States – Craig Burger

Craig Burger and Jen Gurski spoke briefly about Middle States. Their will be a committee of folks for Middle States at the High School Monday, April 19 through April 22 to speak to faculty, staff and students regarding our plan for growth. Jen Gurski spoke about the folks who will be coming in to do the evaluation. They would like to interview some board members on Tuesday and Wednesday. The report of their findings will be given at 3:05 PM in the Library on Thursday, April 21.

Craig Burger asked the board vote to support the goals and objectives, which was given to them at a previous board meeting for Middle States.

Motion: (To accept the resolution for Middle States)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve finance.
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

C. Valediction – Craig Burger

Craig Burger and Jen Gurski spoke about valediction. They are proposing that we make a change. The change is to have valediction for only students who will be receiving awards – other students are welcome to attend, but not mandatory. They will call students up in alphabetical order and give them all awards they are receiving, no caps and gowns, possibly not have a valediction speaker.

VI. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. Cherokee Pharmaceutical gift of a Laminar Flow Hood – Mike Shultz

Mike Shultz spoke about the Laminar Flow Hood gifted to the school district from Cherokee Pharmaceutical. This is used for plant science classes. Mike thanked Cherokee Pharmaceutical for the Hood. Betsey Humphries, Cherokee and Doug Bastian, Ag Advisory board were also present.

Susan Bickford thanked the advisory board for seeing the need for such support in our district's plant science class.

VII. FINANCE

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

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

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

D. Cash Receipts (Enclosure E)

E. Investments (Enclosure F)

F. Bills for Payment – March 4, 2010 through April 7, 2010 (Enclosure G)

Motion: (To Approve Finance Item F)
A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve finance.
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley.

VIII. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Daniel Rathfon, principal at Liberty Valley, effective June 30, 2010. (Enclosure H)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Jane Herman, teacher at Liberty Valley, effective the last day of the 2009-2010 school year. (Enclosure I)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Gregory Gregory, technology teacher at the high school, effective the last day of the 2009-2010 school year. (Enclosure J)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Sandra Gilmore, Latin teacher at Danville High School, effective June 13 or the day after the last day of the 2009-2010 school year. (Enclosure K)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Glenn Schuyler, Guidance Counselor at Danville Middle School, effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year. (Enclosure L)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Donna Kreischer, Elementary Teacher at Riverside Elementary, effective June 14, 2010. (Enclosure M)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the employment of Mary Lesnicki, as a part-time cafeteria worker in the Danville Middle School, at an hourly rate of $9.45, effective April 19, 2010. (Enclosure N)

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items A-G)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Personnel
The motion was seconded by Martin Walzer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent – Steve Schooley

IX. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. PlanCon F - Dick Snodgrass (Enclosure O)

Dick said the PlanCon F enclosure is an acknowledgement that we received the approval from the Department of Education.

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to authorize the submittal of PlanCon G. (Enclosure P)

This is to authorize the submittal of PlanCon G, includes actual bid numbers, to the Department of Education.
Next step will be to submit PlanCon H, which is for reimbursement.

Motion: (To Approve School Property and Supplies Item B)
A motion was made by Martin Walzer to approve Policy and Insurance
The motion was seconded by David Weader
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent – Steve Schooley

C. Update on Primary School and Football practice field – Dick Snodgrass

Roger Hulsey and Jim Pascke
Football practice field – meeting April 21 with zoning hearing board
Submitted plan for erosion at the foot ball field site, received a request for update to plan

The cost for the material testing is not additional it is included in the soft cost.

Dawn asked if the football field will be ready for use for practice later this summer. Mr. Hulsey said it will be ready. If the plan is not ready we will have a back-up plan for a practice field.

Jim Pascke
Construction is ready to begin. Thursday will be the first job meeting with things moving onto the site beginning next week.

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept a RFP from Hillis Carnes for material testing in conjunction with the elementary building project. (Enclosure Q)

Motion: (To Approve School Property and Supplies Item D)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve Policy and Insurance
The motion was seconded by Martin Walzer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent – Steve Schooley

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the second reading of Policy 008, District Organizational Chart. (Enclosure R)

Update:
change relations among and between positions "not individuals:
represents lines of authority "not relationships"
organizational chart "not organization

Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Items A)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve Policy and Insurance
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 1 no – Martin Walzer, 1 absent – Steve Schooley.

XI. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Erin Ryan, as assistant middle school track coach, at a salary of $1,000. (Enclosure S)

Motion: (To Approve Athletics/Activities Item A)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Athletics/Activities
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent – Steve Schooley

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of an out-of-state trip for the Class of 2010 members of the Drama Club to Gershwin Theater, in New York City, NY on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 to see a matinee performance of Wicked, followed by a Call Back with some of the production people. (Enclosure T)

Motion: (To Approve Athletics/Activities Item B)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Athletics/Activities
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent – Steve Schooley

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Dawn Gill told Kellie Krum that the science classroom is not forgotten. Administration

was asked to follow-up and come back to the board at an upcoming meeting.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kellie Krum asked why Director of Head Start on same level as Food Service, she feels it should be on the level of curriculum director or principal

Craig Burger applauded Dan Rathfon for his service to the District and noted that he would be missed upon his retirement in June.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 pm motion was made by Dawn Gill and seconded by Christopher Outt 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