DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 11, 2010 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 11, 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, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Mr. Steve Schooley were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Mrs. Ricki Boyle, Director of Student Support Services; 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. Chris Johns, Assistant Elementary Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mrs. Marie Dryer, Director of Transportation' Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Director of Network Administration; Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Business Administrator, Board Secretary; and approximately fifty members of the staff and public, and news media.

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

RECOGNITION
Craig Burger recognized Mike Nailor for earning a third diamond degree of membership for the Forensics. This is a prestigious national recognition. He attained a total of 6,050 points on March 30, 2010, representing coaching success over several years. Under the direction of Mr. Nailor, students earned over 60,500 credit points. Mr. Nailor will receive special recognition at the Lincoln Financial Group/NFL National Speech and Debate Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Allan Schappert announced the change in the order of the Agenda. The reason for this change is so presentations involving students can be done in the beginning of the meeting.

He also noted we have two items to add under personnel.
Motion: (To add two addendum items under personnel)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Personnel
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

On behalf of the board, Allan Schappert welcomed the Boy Scouts in attendance to-night. The scouts are working on a citizenship and community badge.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Executive session was held at 5:00 pm to discuss personnel and labor relations.

Enrollment Report is enclosed for your review.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Andrew Hunt, student representative gave the following brief overview of things happening with high school students.

- PSSA testing is completed
- Honor Society Induction – 66 inductees (most ever)
- Band concert – big success
- Mrs. Krick is do presentations in the planetarium entitled "Time With The Stars" for head start students
- FBLA state conference
- FFA and FCCLA – both had state competitions
- SGA – may hold the district conference here in Danville in 2012
- SGA had teacher appreciate day – donuts and coffee for teachers
- Band – practicing for memorial day parade and graduation
- Key club – teacher appreciation luncheon on May 12
- Mary Fallon Shultz and some art students are doing a mural for "No Place For Hate"
- AP exams – almost finished
- P.L.A.N.E.T. is having a fundraiser entitled "Save it or Shave It"
- FFA plant sale is now going on
- Prom – preparation – May 15
- Forensics going to Omaha and Kansas City
- District playoffs – doubles tennis, baseball
- Softball is wrapping up there season

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. and Linda Hamati and Karen Seidel, parents of autistic students were present to speak about the autistic classrooms. They are under the impression that the district is taking over the CSIU autistic classrooms and were concerned that parents were not asked for input in this decision before it was made. The Hamati's want the program to stay with the CSIU. They stated that change is very difficult for autistic children and the CSIU teachers and para's are doing a great job. Mr. Schappert assured them we did not make any decision to take over the autistic classrooms.

Jen Henning spoke about concerns with team teaching for third grade teachers. She feels the transition for the three primary schools to the intermediate school along with the huge academic changes from second to third grade is enough for these students. She hopes that the administrators really think about this before changing to team teaching for third grade. We need to think about the children first.

Kellie Krum asked if we had anymore discussion regarding a dedicated science classroom in the new primary school or if we are just adding sinks and cabinets to a classroom.
Allan said we talked about requirements but nothing implemented whether it is an actual classroom. Dick said it was left at the last meeting as making the changes at the time it is needed.

V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve two out-of-state trips for the Forensics Team – first - May 27 – 31, 2010, eleven students to Omaha, Nebraska to the National Catholic Forensics League Tournament and second the trip June 12-20, 2010, three students to Kansas City, Missouri to the National Forensics League Tournament. (Enclosure B)

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items A-I)
A motion was made by Martin Walzer to approve Personnel
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. Title I Monitoring Report – Dawn Brookhart

Dawn gave a brief overview of the monitoring report for the Title I Program.

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. Wellness Survey from Geisinger

This item was pulled from the agenda. Geisinger decided not to do the survey in the classrooms, they are going with the data they have.

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

A. Building Project Update (Jim Paschke, Reynolds; Roger Hulsey, Kimball and Dick Snodgrass)

B. Football Practice Field Update (Roger Hulsey, Kimball and Dick Snodgrass)

Jim Paschke said construction is moving forward. At this time they are doing site work, working on the sediment pond, new road, front parking lot for primary school and athletic fields. Contractors are working four ten-hour days and are currently on schedule.

Dawn Gill asked about problems with windows at Liberty Valley. Rick said there are problems with some of the windows (approximately 12) at Liberty Valley.
Dawn was concerned because according to the feasibility study the windows were okay in that building. Rick stated that some of the seals broke causing the windows to cloud up.

Roger Hulsey spoke about the practice football field. He said we should receive the permits any day. Drawings have been submitted to Reynolds and Reynolds past them on to contractors. The estimated completion day is August 15, 2010.
Dick Snodgrass went over the alternatives for a practice football field.
Options – new area, middle school, and current football stadium. Dick went over the pros and cons of each option. Other options are developing the Riverside site or artificial surface on the stadium (which is very costly).
Ron Kanaskie spoke about the options for a practice field and how important he feels it is to build the practice field at the high school site. One major reason is the field house is on site which is important for equipment storage.
Allan Schappert is concerned with using soft money from project. He is concerned with what else might come up. Mr. Snodgrass discussed some money was already used at the middle school, high school gymnasium, etc.
Allan said he feels the feasibility study is not a plan for what to do and what order.
Dave Weader asked what the time line is for the board action as to where to have the practice field. Dick said the decision is needed as soon as possible.
Barbara Bickhart said he wanted it on record that she strongly opposed the building of the football practice field.

Motion: To accept the change order submitted by E.R. Stuebner, Inc. in the amount of $196,372.00 to construct a football practice field on the high school site.
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve finance.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 1 no Barbara Bickhart

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 – April 8, 2010 through May 5, 2010 (Enclosure H)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Revised 2010-2011 Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School Budget (Enclosure I)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Head Start Community Assessment, Self-Assessment and Improvement Plan, Goals and Objectives, Budget for 1020-2011 and Refunding Application (Enclosure J)

I. Budget for 2010-2011 School Year – Dick Snodgrass

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

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

There was a brief discussion about the Vo-Tech budget. Dave Weader asked Steve Schooley and Martin Walzer if they felt the revised budget was okay. They both felt it was.

Motion: (To Approve Finance Item H
A motion was made by David Weader to approve finance.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

Dick Snodgrass gave each board member a copy of our proposed budget for 2010-2011. Dave Weader asked Dick what the process is for going over the budget. Dick discussed the process with the board. He told them the copy of the proposed budget is for their review the budget. Dick said we should adopt a preliminary budget at the next meeting and we should adopt the final budget at the end of June.
Dave Weader asked Dick about PSERS and how that affects the budget. Dick gave a brief overview on PSERS and the increase.

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the retirement of Joseph Mahoney, middle school physical education teacher, including sick day reimbursement, effective June 30, 2010. (Enclosure K)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Todd Egger, as High School Band Director, at a stipend of $5,700, effective July 1, 2010. (Enclosure L)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Jeffrey Smith, as High School Music Teacher, at a salary of $42,076, master's degree, step 1, pending the new Danville Area Education Association Contract, effective July 1, 2010. (Enclosure M)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Jeff Bailey, an instructional aide at the middle school, effective May 4, 2010. (Enclosure N)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of John Mordan, middle school social studies teacher, effective June 11, 2010. (Enclosure O)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the salary increase based on ARRA funding for Susan Blake, Director of Head Start to $65,913, effective immediately.

G. 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 P)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Nicole Laird, as a substitute teacher.

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a leave of absence without pay for Nicole Laird, paraprofessional effective May 17, 2010 through the end of the school year. June 11, 2010.

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items A-D)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Personnel Items A-D
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

Motion: (To postpone Personnel Items E)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to postpone Personnel
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

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

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. Elect Treasurer

B. Elect Secretary

C. Depository(s) for School Funds

D. Newspaper(s) of general circulation

Motion: (To elect treasurer)
A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to elect FNB as Treasurer
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

Motion: (To elect secretary - four-year term)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to elect Dick Snodgrass as Secretary through June, 2013.
The motion was seconded by David Weader
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0no

Motion: (To approve depository(s) of school funds)
A motion was made by Martin Walzer to approve FNB, Sovereign Bank, Service First, PSDLAF, PLGIT and FNC as school depositories.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

Motion: (To approve newspaper(s) of general circulation)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Press Enterprise and Danville News/Daily Item
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

XII. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the amended transportation contracts. (Enclosure Q)

Motion: (To Approve Transportation)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Transportation
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Dawn Gill emailed Dr. Bickford a concern regarding a bus driver who was on a cell phone while driving. She asked if we had a policy for bus drivers using cell phone while driving. Mari said they are given a list of guidelines and also are told they should not be on there cell phones while driving. Marie is going to check and make sure the guidelines stat the use of cell phones

Allan assured the Hamati's no decision was made on the Autistic class.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver asked where are we at in the process of filling the Superintendent position. Allan Schappert said they will probably start reviewing applications the end of the month.

Kellie Krum asked what the two items were that were added to the personnel. Allan read the two items to her.
Kellie also asked what the cost of a science lab in the new building would be, Dick said approximately $275,000. She feels it is apparent we are putting a practice field in front of a science lab.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 pm motion was made by Steve Schooley 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