DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 25, 2010 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

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

Mr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Martin Walzer, Mr. David Weader, and Mr. Allan Schappert were present. Mrs Barbara Bickhart and Mr. Steve Schooley were 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. Craig Burger, Principal, High School; Mrs. Jennifer Gurski, Assistant Principal, High School; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School Principal; Mr. Edward Sanders, Middle School Assistant Principal; Mr. Chris Johns, Primary Assistant Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Primary Principal; Mr. Dan Rathfon, Intermediate Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head State; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mr. Jeff Ryan, Director of Network Administration; and Mr. Richard B. Snodgrass, Business Administrator, Board Secretary; and approximately fifteen members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITIONS

Retirement Recognition –

<u>Teachers</u>

- Steve Moser – 38 Years
- Jack Bower – 34 Years
- Donna Kreischer – 34 Years
- Nick Kindt – 33 Years
- Greg Gregory – 32 Years
- Sandy Gilmore – 32 Years
- Joe Mahoney – 30 Years
- Jane Herman – 25 Years
- Glenn Schuyler – 16 Years

<u>Aides</u>

- RuthAnn McCormick – 16 Years

Administrators

- Daniel Rathfon – 19 Years
- Susan Bickford – 3 Years

The retiring teachers and administrators each received a monogrammed retirement afghan and the aide received a Willow Tree Angel.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Baccalaureate – June 6 – 7 pm
Valediction – June 10 – 7 pm
Graduation– June 11 – 7 pm

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Andrew Hunt

Andrew gave the following report:

- Spring sports – district track – several students moving on to the state competition, baseball playoff
- Final exams are coming up
- Fall sports sign-ups
- PLANET – "shave it" won the competition raising $150.00
- Forensics – Going to Omaha Nebraska on Thursday
- NOTC testing at middle school this week
- No Place For Hate – dedication of mural Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 11:00 AM in the high school

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver – CSIU – feels it takes advantage of the district – costs the districts a lot of money.
Marty Walzer said that in his limited time as the Board representative to the CSIU, he has been impressed with the organization and personnel.

V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. the Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve of the following PIAA sports for the Danville Area School District – Girls Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse, and Middle School Girls Softball. (Enclosure A)

Motion: (To postpone Athletics - Item A)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to postpone Athletics – Item A
The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Barbara Bickhart and Steve Schooley

Dave Weader asked where Lacrosse would be played. Ron Kanaskie said the girls are currently being played behind the middle school in the center of the old track and boys are playing at Hartman field.

Dave Weader asked if the liability would be more if it would become a PIAA sport. Dick Snodgrass said it is actually cheaper if it is PIAA sport instead of a club sport.

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Allan asked about the discussion at the last board meeting concerning the changes to the curriculum to have team teaching for third grade. Dr. Bickford and Dawn Brookhart both assured the board they are not changing the third grade.

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the proposal from Reynolds Consulting Engineers for the commissioning for the new Danville Primary School. (Enclosure B)

Jim Paschke explained the commissioning process. It is a check system for HVAC system. In the end of the process a report will be given to the district. The contractor is notified if anything is insufficient and if so, the contractor must be taken care of any insufficiencies.

Motion: (To accept the proposal – Item A)
A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to accept the proposal – Item A
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Barbara Bickhart and Steve Schooley

Jim Paschke gave a brief update on the football practice field. A presentation was made of the analysis used as a basis for the recommendation to the Board to accept the change order for the football practice field on May 11. It showed how the change order costs compared with the anticipated bid cost including the additional costs associated with a bid project.

After a brief discussion among the board members, Dawn Gill made a motion to re-scind previous motion to accept the change order for the practice football field that was approved at the May 11, 2010 meeting.

The motion died for lack of a second.

IX. FINANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the preliminary 2010-2011 Danville Area School District Budget.

Dick gave a review of the preliminary budget and the options for taxes and the equalization of taxes. There are a number of options particularly because of the changes in STEB market values and their impact on equalization. He stated that, particularly given the issues faced in current and future years that the fund balance should be maintained at a minimum $2,000,000. We will not know if the projected state funding will come through for the current year until the State budget is passed. Dick provided a detail discussion on how to calculate the millage for tax burdens. Dave, Gregg and Chris feels we should use option 3 for the tax base.
This option provided for limiting the tax increase in Montour County to 3.6% which will necessitate a reduction in the current budget of approximately $850,000.

Motion: (To adopt the preliminary 2010-2011 Budget)
A motion was made by David Weader to adopt the preliminary 2010-2011 Budget
The motion was seconded by Martin Walzer
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Barbara Bickhart and Steve Schooley

X. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Alan Hack, as Middle School Math Teacher, at a salary of $43,699, pending completion of his master's degree and the new Danville Area Education Association Contract, effective August 19, 2010. (Enclosure C)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Colleen Snover, as High School Math Teacher, at a salary of $42,076, master's degree, pending the new Danville Area Education Association Contract, effective August 19, 2010. (Enclosure D)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Christopher Cooper and Ian Sweeney, as

part-time summer technology interns from June 7 through August 20, 2010, at an hourly rate of $7.50.

D. 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 E)

E. The Board will take action to appoint an interim Superintendent.

Motion: (To approve Personnel Item A- D)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Personnel – Item A-D
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Barbara Bickhart and Steve Schooley

Motion: (To appoint David Price as interim Superintendent to begin on or before July 1, 2010 at a daily rate of $440.00 - Personnel Item E)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 1 Abstained – Martin Walzer, 2 Absent – Barbara Bickhart and Steve Schooley

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

Dick Snodgrass said the proposals for insurance that had been received will be presented in June.

XII. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Dean F. Diehl as a van driver for W.L. Myers and Son, LLC.

Motion: (To approve Transportation - Item A)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve Transportation – Item A
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Barbara Bickhart and Steve Schooley

XIV. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Continuation of work on the Budget

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 pm motion was made by Dawn Gill and seconded by Martin Walzer to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Richard B. Snodgrass
Board Secretary

Bonnie A. Edmeads
Assistant Board Secretary