DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 11, 2011 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Allan Schappert, board president, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL - Board Members

Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Steve Schooley, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Martin Walzer, and Mr. David Weader were present. Mr. Gregg Campbell was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. David Price, Acting Superintendent; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Ms Jillann Robbins, Director of Special Education; Mr. Lee Gump, Principal, High School; Mrs. Jennifer Gurski, Assistant Principal, High School; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School Principal; Mr. Ed Sanders, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. Chris Johns, Intermediate Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mr. Jeff Ryan, Director of Network Administration; Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Business Administrator, Board Secretary and approximately thirty members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Price recognized the school board members for their great service to the school and community.

Motion: (To Approve Minutes from the November and December meetings)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve the minutes.
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Schappert apologized for starting late this evening. The board heard three grievances prior to the public meeting which took a little longer than anticipated.

Tomorrow evening, January 13 we will have a negotiations meeting the professional staff of our district.
The next finance committee meeting will be held January 18 at 4:00 pm in the district office conference room to discuss the maintenance/custodial budget.

Motion: (To added items R, S, and T under personnel)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to add items R, S, and T under personnel
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Motion: (To change order of agenda putting public comment, Item B under Athletics and Activities, items N, O, and P under personnel and items C and D under policy and assurance to be next on the agenda)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gallagher asked if a new director has been hired for the CSIU. Martin Walzer told him they are in the process of doing this but it will probably be awhile to complete the search.

Herb Ingraham, parent of high school student, asked the board to reinstate Dale Myers as the drama club director. Herb mentioned he felt Dale did a great job with the students.

Kolby Latranyi a high school student spoke about concerns students, teachers and other staff have with the administration at the high school. He had a list of several issues and/or concerns. Mr. Price said he had copies of Kolby's report, which he shared with the board. Mr. Schappert assured Kolby he will read the report and discuss the issues with the board.

Chad Holmes, parent of two students, first expressed his concerns regarding students coming forward to speak to the board regarding their thoughts without having any mistreatment. Chad felt Kolby took a big step coming forward this evening. Chad is asking the board to reconsider firing Dale Myers as advisor of the Drama Club. He feels Dale's performance has been wonderful. He feels Dale encourages students to live up to their potential.

Holly Cain, parent of high school student, spoke about drama club and support of Dale Myers. She feels Dale does a wonderful job with the drama club.

Haleigh Allen, a senior high school student, wants to thank the parents who spoke tonight about Dale Myers. Haleigh feels Dale has been a great mentor and helped her in a lot of ways and feels Dale should be reinstated as drama club director.

Jessica Holmes, a high school student, said she agrees with what everyone has said about Dale Myers and feels he should be reinstated as drama director.

John Loomis, a senior, feels Mr. Myers has helped him through many situations and feels he should be reinstated as drama director.

Jessica Jacobs, a cyber school student, said Mr. Myers has really helped her. She loves drama and thinks Mr. Myers is an amazing teacher and hopes he is reinstated as drama club director.

Katie Miller, a graduate of DASD said Mr. Myers guided her and helped her in a lot of ways. Katie feels Mr. Myers should be reinstated as drama club director.

Nancy Holmes, said she shares the feelings of her husband. She said Dale is a wonderful example to the students here. This is not about a production but about learning and becoming a better person. Please reconsider and reinstate him as the drama club director.

Cary Flick said she had the opportunity to sit in on some practices. Cary said she has great respect for Dale. She is amazed with the interaction Dale has with students. He has total respect for the students and students have respect for him. She feels a grave injustice has been done to these students in this school. She asks that the board reconsider the action taken on Dale Myers.

Jema Jenkins a parent of a student said Mr. Myers took he daughter in as any other student in this district. She feels Mr. Myers is wonderful with the students and that he treats students with the utmost respect. Ms Jenkins asked that the board reconsiders the action taken on Mr. Myers and reinstate him as drama club director.

Maxwell Wright, a high school student, asked the board to look at the topics that Kolby brought to the board tonight.

Allan Schappert told the public the Dale Myers situation will be discussed at the next executive session.

At 9:00 pm Mr. Schappert called for a 10-minute recess. At 9:10 pm the board reconvened.

Dawn Gill left the meeting at 9:00 pm

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Prom –
Tina Bartholomew, Jon Vella and 3 students showed a PowerPoint showing the proposed site for the 2012 prom. The proposed site is the Boones Barn in Bloomsburg. After a brief discussion Tina asked the board for approval to have the prom at the Boones Barn. Mr. Price said having the prom in the gym means a lot of time in decorating. He feels the Boones Barn would be a good site for the prom. Steve Schooley said concerns in the past with having the prom in the gym was violation of fire laws. Also, Steve was told the Boones Barn is a licensed site. Tina said plenty of chaperone will be on hand for the prom.

Motion: (To Approve the 2012 prom site)
A motion was made by Chris Outt to approve the 2012 prom site
The motion was seconded by Allan Schappert
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell and Mrs. Dawn Gill.

Item B under Athletics/Activities

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the out of state trips for the High School Ski Club. They plan to go to Great Peak, NY on Feb. 26, 2011 and Killington, VT from March 4-7, 2011. (Enclosure D)

Mary Fallon Shultz and Jon Vella were present to represent the Ski Club asking the board to approve two out of state trips – one to Great Peak, NY on Feb 26, 2011 and to Killington VT from March 4-7, 2011.

Motion: (To Approve the out of state ski club trips)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve the ski trips
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell and Mrs. Dawn Gill

Items N, O and P under Personnel

N. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to support or deny grievance 100410.

O. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to support or deny grievance 102110

P. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to support or deny grievance 2010-7.

Motion: (To deny grievance 100410)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to deny grievance 100410
The motion was seconded by David Weader
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell and Mrs. Dawn Gill

Motion: (To deny grievance 102110)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to deny grievance 102110
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell and Mrs. Dawn Gill

Motion: (On grievance 2010-7 – Sustain, in part, restoration of three days wages, overturn suspension, remove from records all paperwork pertaining to 9/15 and 10/18 from personal files and deny remaining respective parts of the grievance)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the ski trips
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell and Mrs. Dawn Gill

Items C and D under Policy and Insurance

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the expulsion of student 2010-11 effective January 5, 2011 for one year with the possibility of returning to school for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year providing the student meets the conditions set by the board.

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the expulsion of student 2010-2 effective January 5, 2011 for one year with the possibility of returning to school for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year providing the student meets the conditions set by the board.

Motion: (To approve expulsion of student 2010-1)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve expulsion of student 2010-1
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 1 no – Martin Walzer, 2 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell and Mrs. Dawn Gill

Motion: (To approve expulsion of student 2010-2)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve expulsion of student 2010-2
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 1 no – Martin Walzer, 2 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell and Mrs. Dawn Gill

Motion: (To amend date from 2010-2011 to 2011-2012 on both expulsions)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend the date on both expulsions
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell and Mrs. Dawn Gill

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was an executive session January 4, 2011 to hear two expulsion hearings and discuss personnel. Also, there was an executive session tonight at 5:00 p.m. to hear three grievances.

Athletic Field Update – no report given

Update high school cafeteria incident –
Mr. Price spoke about the cafeteria incident. This was a planned action. Less than fifteen kids were involved. He commended our staff for their actions on handling this situation. Mr. Price said he will NOT tolerate disrespect in the district.
Mr. Schappert commended the administration and faculty for their great job in their actions in handling the cafeteria issue.

The enrollment report was given to the board for review.

The next budget meeting will be held January 18, 2011 at 4 pm in the Administration Conference Room to discuss Maintenance/Custodian Budget.

Mr. Price shared with the board a thank you received from the Christmas Friends for helping all the students in this school children have a brighter Christmas.

Lee Gump shared the following:
FBLA – 21 FBLA students qualified for states in April
Forensics – won 1st place trophy this past weekend at a tournament in Shikelllamy.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No report this evening.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the additional pay for extended sports seasons as listed on enclosure. (Enclosure C)

Motion: (To Approve Athletics/Activities Item A)
A motion was made by Chris Outt to approve athletics/activities – Item A
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell and Mrs. Dawn Gill.

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Danville Child Development Center to use the cafeteria at Danville Elementary School for their summer sack program.

Motion: (To Approve School/Community Relations - Item A)
A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve school/community relations – Item A
The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell and Mrs. Dawn Gill.

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

A. Building Project Update – Chuck Knauff

Chuck Knauff gave a brief progress report on the construction project. Chuck said he feels we are currently on schedule with the building.

Martin Walzer left the meeting at 10:00 pm

VII. FINANCE

A. General Fund – Revenue and Expenditures Summary (Enclosure E)

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

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

D. Cash Receipts (Enclosure H)

E. Investments (Enclosure I)

F. Bills for Payment – November 4, 2010, through January 5, 2011. (Enclosure J)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resolution amending 403(b) Plan document to allow employer contributions. (Enclosure K)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the resolution for Real Estate Tax Rate Act 1 index for the 2011-2012 school year. (Enclosure L)

I. Food Service Financial Report (Enclosure M)

Dick gave a brief update on a cash basis on the food service financial report. At this time it is showing some improvement in the food service financial results but, particularly because it is a cash basis report, is subject to variations due to timing differences in the reporting of cash receipts and expenditures.

J. Construction Project Summary Accounting as of 12/31/2010 (Enclosure N)

Dick spoke briefly on the construction project summary. The report shows all of the funds borrowed to date, interest earned, expenditures made and the amount of money left in the construction fund. As was anticipated, we will need to borrow $2-3 million dollars to complete the project. The financial advisors from PFM will be to a board meeting in February to discuss our options for borrowing the money to finish the project.

Motion: (To Approve Finance Items F-H)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve finance – Items F - H.
The motion was seconded by David Weader
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 3 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Martin Walzer.

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Andrea Stine as a long-term substitute for life skills at the high school beginning December 20, 2010. (Enclosure O)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Mary Sciachitano as a long term

substitute for emotional support at Liberty Valley beginning December 16, 2010. (Enclosure P)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the change for Tiffany Paladino from long term substitute to full time permanent Speech Therapist in the Danville Area School District, effective October 20, 2010. (Enclosure Q)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of FMLA for Joanna Kreisher from approximately February 23, 2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, using 34 sick days and 2 personal days and 5 weeks time uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy # 439. She is also requesting an extension of leave until the end of the 2010-2011 school year. (Enclosure R)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of FMLA for Andrea Lowe from approximately February 22, 2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, using sick days and personal days and the remaining time uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy #439. (Enclosure S)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval for Lee Gump to transfer 128 accumulated sick days from Bloomsburg Area School District. (Enclosure T)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Nicole Laird as an aide, effective December 17, 2010. (Enclosure U)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Linda Sickora as an aide at the high school, effective December 18, 2010. (Enclosure V)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Mason Neiman, as long term substitute for Lydia Moyer high school English teacher, effective January 10, 2011. (Enclosure W)

J. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of April Stepanski, as long term substitute for Joanna Kreisher high school math teacher, effective January 13, 2011. (Enclosure X)

K. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the extension of leave for the remainder of the 2010-

2011 school year for Loriann Rose, 6th grade Language Arts Teacher at Danville Middle School. (Enclosure Y)

L. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the retirement of Susan Gnade, aide at Danville Elementary School, effective January 28, 2011. (Enclosure Z)

M. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Tracy Neihoff, high school guidance counselor, as mentor for Stephenie Butler, high school guidance counselor, for the 2010-2011 school year.

Q. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2010-2011 substitute list. (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure A1)

R. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant the approval of the employment of Azel Benfer, aide in Life Skills/MDC in the High School, at an hourly rate of $10.05, effective January 12, 2011. (Attachment A)

S. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Brittany Nowakoski, high school special education teacher, at a pro-rated step 1 teacher salary, effective January 14, 2011. (Attachment B)

T. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Jenna Novotni, as a long term substitute as a middle school English teacher, at a pro-rated step 1 teacher salary, effective January 13, 2011. (Attachment C)

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items A-M and Q-T)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Personnel Items A-M and Q-T
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 3 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Martin Walzer.

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the second reading of Policy 612.1 – Budget Transfers. (Enclosure B1)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the first reading of Policy 707 – Use of School Property, Facilities and/or Athletic Fields. (Enclosure C1)

Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Items A-B)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Policy and Insurance Items A-B
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 3 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Martin Walzer.

XII. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Matthew Killian as a substitute driver for Fishing Creek Transportation, Inc. (Enclosure D1)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Ryan Densberger as a substitute driver for Fishing Creek Transportation, Inc. (Enclosure E1)

Motion: (To Approve Transportation Items A and B)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Transportation Items A-B
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 3 Absent – Mr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Martin Walzer.

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 pm motion was made by Steve Schooley and seconded by Chris Outt to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Richard B. Snodgrass
Board Secretary

Bonnie Edmeads
Assistant Board Secretary