DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 8, 2011 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 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 (via phone), Mr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Martin Walzer, and Mr. David Weader were present. Mr. Steve Schooley 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; Mr. John Bickhart, Primary Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mr. Richard Snodgrass, Business Administrator, Board Secretary; Mr. Jeff Ryan, Director of Network Administration and approximately five members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITIONS

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

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There was an Executive Session tonight at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel.

B. Enrollment Report (Enclosure A)

C. Check presentation from Cherokee – Charles Smargiassi

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the first reading of the 2011-2012 school calendar. (Enclosure B)

Mr. Price talked briefly about the budget meeting they had at 5:00 pm tonight. He said we are planning on keeping the budget within the tax schedule. They discussed the curriculum budget. He also spoke about state and federal funding.

The enrollment report is enclosed for the board to review.

Laura Steel and Betse Humphries from Cherokee presented a check in the amount of $5696.00 to Charles Smargiassi, middle school principal, to replace the science lab table tops.

Motion: (To approve first reading of 2011-2012 school calendar - Item D)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve first reading the2011-2012 school calendar– Item D
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ashita Mitall, Student representative gave the following report:
No student was present to share a report
Jen Gurksi shared the following with the board:
Forensics will be traveling to Philadelphia to compete
Winter sports are finishing up
One of our wrestlers had his 100th win

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. PVASS – Dawn Brookhart

Dawn showed a short video on PVASS. After the presentation she spoke briefly about PVASS and what it means to the district. Dawn said PVASS will be available on-line for public and parents to look at.
Dave Weader commented he thinks this is very helpful for us. Dave questioned how we will show the growth, not only school-wide but also district-wide.
Allan Schappert asked what data is fed into this. Dawn said only PSSA data is fed into this.
Dave Price spoke about instructional leadership and using the data available to us to follow our growth and accountability.

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

A. Building Project Update – Chuck Knauff

Chuck Knauff shared, with the board, the building project update.
Fencing project for athletic fields is completed. The dug-outs roofing, benches, and mounting of the scoreboards will be completed before spring sports begin.
Chuck's goal is to have the classroom wings and kitchen area completed by the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
Chuck went over the following change orders for approval:
01-006 – Various PCO's, 01-028 – Dugout Door Frames, 01-029 – Blow off valves per RFI 01-029, 01-031 Add'l Sidewalk @ Front Entry, 01-032 – Additional Line Striping, 01-036 Water Service Work, 01-007 – T & M Bus Entrance Revisions, 02-020 – Grease Interceptor revisions, and 01-021 – Retaining Wall Fencing.

Dave Price asked John Bickhart and Rick Engle to be prepared to discuss furniture and the moving process for the new building at the first March board meeting. Pam will also give a cafeteria report.

The board will be given a tour of the construction site in early April.

Motion: (To approve change orders)
A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve change orders.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

VII. FINANCE

A. General Fund – Revenue 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 5, 2011, through February 1, 2011. (Enclosure H)

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

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of FMLA for Sarah Woodward from approximately April 25, 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 the Board Policy #439. (Enclosure I)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Kevin Hickman, as Drama Club Director, effective immediately. (Enclosure J)

C. 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 K)

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

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

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

Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Item A)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Policy and Insurance Item A
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
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 asked if we ever served lunch on days when we have a noon dismissal. Pam said we have not served lunch on noon dismissal days.

Chris Johns told the board Mrs. Sandy Bruce is a semi-finalist in the Teacher of the Year award process.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 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