# DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## March 8, 2011 Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Allan Schappert, board president, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**ROLL CALL - Board Members**

Mr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, Mr. Martin Walzer, and Mr. David Weader were present. Mr. Jamie Hosterman and Mrs. Barbara Bickhart were 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 ten members of the staff and public, and news media.

**RECOGNITIONS**

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

**I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Motion: (To Approve amend agenda)**
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend the agenda – adding F and G under personnel and under Policy and Insurance striking A and B and adding C and D
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

## II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There was a finance committee meeting at 5:00 pm tonight.

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

C. Discussion regarding paving of the entrance from Route 11 to our access point.

D. Discussion regarding name of new primary building.

E. School Safety Committee Report

F. Announcement regarding hearing to close three elementary buildings.

G. Enrollment Report (Enclosure A)

H. Revised 2011-2012 school calendar, second reading at the March 22, 2011 meeting. (Enclosure B)

No finance committee meeting tonight.

Mr. Price spoke about the state budget that was announced today at 11:30. He reviewed loss money, approximately $1.6 million, to our district.

Dave spoke about the school safety committee. They had a meeting and discussed the fire alarm system in the high school building. It needs to be updated. They spoke about security in our buildings. The committee also spoke about school resource officers.

A hearing will be held at 6:00 pm on March 22, 2011 in the high school cafeteria regarding the closing of the three elementary buildings.

Graduation will still be held on June 3, 2011 but if we have any other closing we may have to bring seniors in on a Saturday so they can still graduate on June 3.

Dave Price asked Dawn Brookhart to speak about the PVASS testing. She spoke about an article that was in the Danville News earlier this month.

Dave Snover, a middle school teacher, spoke about a literacy training he will be attending next month.

## III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Anna Shaffer, Student representative gave the following report:

- Sports – Kody Getkin and Dylan Dailey go to state wrestling tournament
- Boys and Girls Basketball go to state playoffs
- 8 swimmers will compete at state
- spring sports started today
- 5 students qualified for public speaking – FFA
- Key Club attended a conference last weekend and did very well
- Ski Club – will be returning today
- 16 Forensic students competed last week in a tournament and are preparing for the Forensic NFL
- French class at the high school celebrated Mardi Gras today
- Ironmen Cafe is officially operating by Life Skill Students
- PSSA starts next week for juniors

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

## V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

## VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

## VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

## VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

A. Furniture and moving process for the new Primary School – John Bickhart and Rick Engle

John Bickhart, Rick Engle and Jeff Ryan spoke about the move, furniture, and technology for the primary school. They had a PowerPoint presentation. They showed the moving guideline. John presented the costs for new furniture for each grade level. The total is approximately $326,000. They spoke about playground equipment and mower equipment. Jeff spoke about the technology for the new building.

**Motion: (To Approve amend agenda)**
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to put the equipment out for bid
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Jamie Hosterman and Barbara Bickhart

Steve suggested name of school
Dr. William Opdenhoff Danville Primary School

**Motion: (Name for new building)**

A motion was made by Steve Schooley name the new building Dr. William Opdenhoff Danville Primary School
The motion was seconded by David Weader

After brief discussion Steve School modified his motion to name the new building Danville Primary School
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Jamie Hosterman and Barbara Bickhart

They also discussed naming the wings of the building. Dr. William Opdenhoff is one suggestion. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

B. Building Project Update – Chuck Knauff

Chuck Knauff gave the building project update. Playing fields have until mid-March to complete work pending weather. One classroom wing is ahead of schedule, one classroom wing is on schedule and the front of building is one to two weeks behind schedule. Chuck still feels the building will be completed on time or possibly early.

C. Food Service Program – Pam Burrows

Pam Burrows spoke about the cafeteria meal charge policy. The board agreed to the proposed policy for next school year.
She spoke about the savings the cafeteria would show from the consolidation.
Finally she discussed the self-operated or management company pros and cons.
Pam is asking the districts to remain self-operated for the 2011-2012 school year.
A decision will be made at a future meeting after Mr. Snodgrass gives the financial report for the cafeteria.

## 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 – February 1, 2011, through March 2, 2011 (Enclosure H)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the Preliminary 2011-2012 General Operating Budget for Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit. (Enclosure)

H. Cafeteria – Financial Report

**Motion: (To Approve Finance Items F)**
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve finance item F
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Jamie Hosterman and Barbara Bickhart

**Motion: (To Approve Finance Items G)**
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve finance item G
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Jamie Hosterman and Barbara Bickhart

## IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Franklin Biddinger, custodian at Liberty Valley, effective April 1, 2011. (Enclosure I)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the resignation of Penny Lewis, cafeteria employee at Liberty Valley, effective immediately. (Enclosure J)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Gary Reichard, teacher at Liberty Valley, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. (Enclosure K)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the resignation of Sammi Jo Rovenolt, cafeteria employee at Danville High School, effective February 25, 2010. (Enclosure L)

E. 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 M)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Courtney Hugo as senior class co-advisor for the duration of the school year.

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve sick leave through the end of the 2010-2011 school year for Donna Counterman, high school biology teacher. (Attachment)

**Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items A - G)**
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Personnel Items A - G
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Jamie Hosterman and Barbara Bickhart

## XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. Amend Item A. No board action is required. Student 2011-03 did not get expulsion – that student got suspension.

B. Amend Item B. No board action is required. Student 2011-04 did not get expulsion – that student got suspension.

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approve of the expulsion of student 2011-05. The expulsion will begin the day immediately succeeding the last day of his suspension and running for a period not less than the last day of school of the 2010-2011 school year nor longer than March 1, 2012.

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approve of the expulsion of student 2011-06. The expulsion will begin the day immediately succeeding the last day of his suspension and running for a period not less than the last day of school of the 2010-2011 school year nor longer than March 1, 2012.

**Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Item C and D)**
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Policy and Insurance Item C and D
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Jamie Hosterman and Barbara Bickhart

## XII. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Karen Stimeling-Taylor as a substitute driver for fishing Creek Transportation, Inc. (Enclosure N)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the amended transportation contracts for the remainder of 2010-2011. (Enclosure O)

**Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Item A-B)**
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Policy and Insurance Item A-B
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Jamie Hosterman and Barbara Bickhart

## XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The board will go back into executive session following tonight's meeting.

## XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

## ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 pm motion was made by Dawn Gill and seconded by Steve Schooley 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