DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 22, 2011 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Mr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, Mr. Martin Walzer, and Mr. David Weader were present.

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; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School Principal; Mr. Ed Sanders, Assistant Principal, Middle School; Mr. Chris Johns, Intermediate Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Primary Principal; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Services; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mr. Jeff Ryan, Director of Network Administration and approximately thirty members of the staff and public, and news media.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Amend Agenda –
Motion: (To Amend agenda – adding Item C under personnel)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend agenda – adding Item C under personnel
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved by a voice vote

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There was a grievance hearing at 5 pm tonight in the Library.

B. There was a hearing at 6 pm in the cafeteria tonight regarding closing the 3 elementary buildings.

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the second reading of the 2011-2012 school calendar. (Enclosure A)

D. Update budget

Mr. Price spoke about the budget and the loss of funding from the state this year. He spoke about increase cost for this coming year. He said we are working on the budget for the 2011-12 school year. We need to build-up the capital reserve account to maintain our buildings in the district in the future.

Motion: (To Approve Superintendent's Item C)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Superintendent's Item C
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Abbey Schafer, Student representative gave the following report:

- Sports – two wrestlers went to states Dylan Dailey and Cody Getkin - Dylan Dailey placed 8th in the state
- Swimming states were last weekend
- Spring sports starts this week
- Seniors working on scholarships
- FFA – SLLC for week in March
- CSIU computer fair
- National Spanish Exam – April 2
- March 25-26 - 20 people going to states in Forensics
- Drama – My Fair Lady will be held the weekends of April 1 and April 8
- PSSA – math and reading testing is next week
- PSSA – writing and science testing is coming up
- Feb 25 – 3 students went to PASC

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

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 26 – 30, 2-011, sixteen students to Washington DC to the National Catholic Forensics League Tournament and second - June 12-19, 2011, seven students to Dallas, Texas to the National Forensics League Tournament. The funds for these two trips are covered by al-

ready budgeted monies and also donations from the community.(Enclosure B)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve an out-of-state trip to Phoenix, Arizona for the International Key Club Convention, June 27 – July 3, 2011. This trip is funded through fundraising. (Enclosure C)

Marsha Kouf and three students from Key Club were present to talk about the Key Club's accomplishments this year and also their upcoming Phoenix, Arizona trip.

Motion: (To Approve items A-B under Athletics)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Athletics/Activities Item A-B
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Abstained – Mr. Allan Schappert. Mr. Schappert abstained because he is an officer in the Kiwanis Club.

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. Instruction Plan Update –
Mr. John Bickhart – Primary
Mr. Chris Johns - Intermediate

Mr. Chris Johns gave a brief update at the Intermediate level. Chris past around samples of some writing samples of the students at Liberty Valley. Mrs. Woodward spoke about writer's workshop. Samantha Kennedy and her mother, Julie, we present to speak about the science fair. Samantha is a 4th grade student at Liberty Valley. Samantha did an experiment. They had approximately 200 students take part in the science fair. This was a noncompetitive event. However, each student was interviewed and received a certificate and ribbon.

Mr. John Bickhart gave a brief update at the primary level. Penny Gaugler along with the reading specialists spoke about Dr. Seuss Night. Dawn Brookhart thanked the reading specialists for all their hard work in planning Dr. Seuss Night. It was a great success. John Bickhart and Jesse Reibsome talked about Many Hands Helping Others program. Shelly Gregg an aide at Riverside Elementary brought this program to the attention of Jesse and John.

Motion: (To Approve amend agenda to add Vo-Tech Budget)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to table the Vo-Tech Budget
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill

After brief discuss the motion was changed as follows:

Steve Schooley then withdrew his motion to table the Vo-Tech Budget and Dawn Gill seconded the motion.
Steve Schooley than made a motion to accept the V0-Tech Budget
Dawn Gill seconded the motion.

Steve Schooley than made a motion to table the Vo-Tech Budget and Dawn Gill seconded the motion.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

Allan Schappert asked if the new athletic fields will be ready. Rick said the fields will be ready. Allan asked if the building is on schedule. Rick said he feels we are okay on the building schedule.

VII. FINANCE

Cafeteria bids – Mr. Price spoke about the cafeteria bids.
2 proposals were submitted. Mr. Price spoke about the bids. Mr. Price spoke about criteria included in these bids. The board needs to put in place a committee to go over the two bids and score them. Mr. Price asked the board to appoint a committee. Allan asked if any directors would like to volunteer to serve on this committee. Mr. Weader and Mrs. Bickhart agreed to serve on this committee. Mr. Johns, Mr. Sanders, Mrs. Burrows and Mr. Snodgrass will also serve on this committee.

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Kristina Brady to be the advisor for Spectrum for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year replacing Donna Counterman, effective immediately, with pay of $375.00.

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

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to deny grievance #102110

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

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Item C)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Personnel Item C
The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 1 no – Mr. Walzer

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the first reading of Policy 435 Family and Medical Leaves. (Enclosure D)

Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Item A)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Policy and Insurance Item A
The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

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