DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 12, 2011 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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. 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. Jeff Ryan, Director of Network Administration and approximately 15 members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITIONS

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

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Allan Schappert said we need to name an acting board secretary. Allan nominated Bonnie Edmeads to be named acting board secretary

Motion: (To name Bonnie Edmeads as acting board secretary)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to name Bonnie Edmeads acting board secretary.
The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman

The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Dave Weader made the motion to add the following to tonight's agenda:
Item D under Superintendent's report
Item D under School Property and Supplies
Item O under Personnel – advertise for Business Administrator position
Item P under Personnel – approve leave for Beth Rogowsky

Motion: (To Approve addendums to agenda)
A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve the addendums.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Finance committee meeting at 5:00 pm to review Special Education and Athletic budgets.

B. There was an Executive Session tonight at 6:00 p.m. to review personnel and changes in the budget.

C. Enrollment Report (Enclosure A)

D. The board will take action to approve the borrowing of $3,110,000 for the completion of the Danville Primary Center project as per the resolution prepared by Mette, Evans and Woodside which is attached. Greg McGlanahan, PFM along with Thomas Smida, of Mette, Evans and Woodside will be present to present the information of the resolution as part of the Superintendent report.

Dave Price thanked the directors of the Drama Club for a great job in the play My Fair Lady. Lee Gump spoke about the performances and how well the performances went. The students all did a wonderful job.

Greg McGlanahan and Thomas Smida discussed the borrowing of $3,110,000 for the completion of the Danville Primary School. Greg McGlanahan spoke about the bond sale document.
Thomas Smida spoke about the resolution for this borrowing.

Motion: (To Approve Superintendents Report Item D)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve finance – Item D.
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent – Steve Schooley, and Jamie Hosterman (left meeting momentarily)

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Abbey Shaffer, Student representative gave the following report:

- Last quarter for the year
- Drama Production – My Fair Lady – Great production
- Sports have been postponed due to the weather
- SOSL – Assembly on April 25
- Forensics placed 2nd in the state tournament out of 102 teams, we had several individuals placed third and one student placed first.
- FBLA went to Hershey for state leadership conference last week and did very well
- Week of Young Child – Head Start students visited the planetarium this week and the rest of the week they will be involved in other functions
- SGA mod meeting they met with Mrs. Burrows concerning food service
- SGA is planning Teacher Appreciation Week
- Board Luncheon – this Friday

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver – CSIU – is a good program but feels it is being abused – articles in the newspaper have been very negative and some schools in the district are talking about dropping out. Allan spoke briefly on the services we use from the CSIU. We have dropped some programs. Allan feels the IU's do provide good services to school districts. Mr. Price said he feels the IU needs to make some changes but he discussed that with the IU.

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 B)

Motion: (To Approve Athletics/Activities Item A)

A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Athletics/Activities – Item A.
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent - Steve Schooley

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

A. Building Project Update – Chuck Knauff

B. Playground equipment update – Rick Engle

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve an energy audit by McClure Energy, a subsidiary of PPL Energy Services. (Enclosure C)

D. The board will take action to approve the $280,493 bid from Tanner Furniture for the furniture for the new Danville Primary School.

Progress report was given by Chuck Knauff. Playing fields are complete but Mother Nature has not been cooperating. The baseball field is currently being pumped off with sump pumps.
Dave Price asked Rick Engle to get the design of the original baseball and softball fields to compare the design with the new fields.
Chuck said the exterior of the building construction is near completion. The floor for the multi-purpose area is planned to be poured next week. Drywall is being installed in the administration areas. The kitchen equipment is installed. Next week the elevator will be installed. Both classroom wings are near completion. He feels there is no reason why the building will not be completed on time. The only concern is the site work around the outside of the building.
30% of the change contingency has been used.
Chuck has several changes orders to have approved. He went over each of them.
Barb asked about the changes with the smart boards and what the teachers think about it. Jeff said it was done in conjunction with John Bickhart, Dawn Brookhart and himself. Originally they thought smart boards were part of this project but found out they are not. So they felt the changes would give the teachers more work area and a multipurpose usage. Dave Price feels this is a much better arrangement than the original design. Dawn Brookhart said they spoke with some of our teachers and they are all very excited about the technology they will have in their classroom. John Bickhart said he shared the plan with teachers and said they are all very excited about it.
May 10 the board will have a tour of the new building.

Motion: (To Approve School Property and Supplies – change orders)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve school property and supplies – 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

Rick Engle gave an update on playground equipment. He showed a design from Miracle equipment. He also said Miracle has $9,000 grant money available to us. This item will be placed on the April 26 agenda for board action.

Rick Engle gave a handout regarding the gas usage for review. He spoke briefly about this. Dave thanked Dawn Gill for directing us to the Center-Point Energy Services Inc. Roy Givler will be at the May 10 board meeting to talk about this.

Rick Engle spoke about talking to PPL about doing an energy project. May 12 and 13 they will be in the district to do an audit to check the lighting to see where we can save money. He said there is rebate money available for these projects. Dave thanked Rick for working on this project.

Rick Engle spoke briefly about the furniture bids.

Motion: (To Approve School Property and Supplies Item C)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve school property and supplies – Item C.
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

Motion: (To Approve School Property and Supplies Item D)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve school property and supplies – 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

VII. FINANCE

A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary (Enclosure D)

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

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

D. Cash Receipts (Enclosure G)

E. Investments (Enclosure H)

F. Bills for Payment – March 3, 2011, through April 6, 2011 (Enclosure I)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of contributing $30,000 to the State Hospital for repair of Hospital Drive from Route 11 to our drive. The money will come from the construction fund.

H. Consideration of the extension of the Geisinger Media Systems Agreement. (Enclosure J)

Motion: (To Approve Finance Item F)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve finance – Item F.
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

Motion: (To Approve Finance Item G)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve finance – Item G.
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

Mr. Bower spoke about the annual agreement with Geisinger. He said they will come back to the board at a later time.

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of FMLA for Lynda Williams from approximately May 18, 2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, using 14.5 sick days and 1.5 personal days and the remaining time uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy # 439. (Enclosure K)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Audrey Hibbs, second grade teacher at Riverside Elementary, effective the last school day of the 2010-2011 school year. (Enclosure L)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of extended leave through the end of the 2010-2011 school year using FMLA for Paula Noll. (Enclosure M)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Kevin Hickman as the Drama Club Tech Director for the remainder of the school year. He will receive 50% of the annual stipend. (Enclosure N)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Eric Megargel, Social Studies at the high school, effective September 29, 2011. (Enclosure O)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Brenda Smith, 4th grade teacher at Liberty Valley, effective the end of the 2010-11 school year. (Enclosure P)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Mary Fallon-Shultz, high school art teacher, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Mary would like to substitute for the art department and also continue as Ski club advisor. (Enclosure Q)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Mark Gatski, physical education teacher at Liberty Valley, effective the last day of the 2010-2011 school year. (Enclosure R)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Virginia Herring, Family and Consumer Science teacher at the high school, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Virginia would like to be placed on the substitute list for the 2011-2012 school year.(Enclosure S)

J. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Susan Fluck, social studies teacher at the middle school, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. (Enclosure T)

K. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Barry Seidel, physical education teacher at the middle school, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Barry would like to continue as the Head Boy's Track and Field coach. (Enclosure U)

L. 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 V)

M. The Board will take action to not renew the Business Administrator's contract in accordance with the terms therein.

N. The Board will take action to direct the acting superintendent to evaluate all central office positions and make recommendations for any changes and/or realignments to the Board by April 26, 2011.

O. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval to advertise for the position of business administrator.

P. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval to extend leave for Beth Rogowsky through the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items A - L)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve Personnel Items A - L
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Steve Schooley and Dawn Gill (left meeting momentarily)

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Item M)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve Personnel Item M
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 1 no, 2 absent – Steve Schooley and Dawn Gill (left meeting momentarily)

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Item N-P)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve Personnel Item N-P
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent – Steve Schooley

POLICY & INSURANCE

XII. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Cindy Metzger as a bus driver and Ryan Densberger as a substitute bus drivers for Derl Reichard. (Enclosure W)

Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Item A)
A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve Policy and Insurance Item A
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 pm motion was made by Dawn Gill and seconded by Barbara Bickhart to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Bonnie A. Edmeads
Acting Board Secretary