DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 26, 2011 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 26, 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. Martin Walzer, and Mr. David Weader were present. Mr. Steve Schooley was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Mr. Lee Gump, Principal, High School; Mrs. Jen 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; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; and approximately fifty members of the staff and public, and news media.

Kindergarten Recognition
June Heeter, kindergarten teacher at Mahoning Cooper recognized parents who volunteered in her classroom this school year. These parents helped the children with writing and reading. Seven children read thanks they wrote to their parents for helping in the classroom. Each child then gave their parent a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

The school board will meet tomorrow evening with support staff association to begin negotiations of their contract which ends June 30, 2011.

Motion: (To Amend the Agenda)
A motion was made by David Weader to amend the agenda adding Items A and B under Finance.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There was a Financial Committee Meeting at 5 pm tonight to go over the high school budget.

B. There was an executive session tonight at 6 pm.

C. Discussion regarding 3-year maintenance plan 2011-2013

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to reject all food service bids and to continue the district operation of the food service program for one more year in an effort to achieve a self sustained program.

Rick Engle spoke about the 3-year maintenance plan for 2011-2013. Somethings to address is security and fire alarm at the high school, carpeting at high school, security at the middle school and lighting in both the high school and middle school. Allan Schappert said this year we have capital reserve for projects that need to be completed in the future. Dawn Gill said there is a grant available for security which ends the end of May. Barb Boyer said she is glad we know have a maintenance plan in place.

Motion: (To Approve Superintendent's Item D)
A motion was made by Jamie Hosterman to approve Superintendent's Item D
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent – Steve Schooley

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Abbey Schafer was not present to give a report this evening.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. Kindergarten Update – Dawn Brookhart, John Bickhart and Kindergarten teachers

B. Instruction Plan Update –
Mr. Charles Smargiassi – Middle School
Mr. Lee Gump – High School

Dawn Brookhart, John Bickhart and nine of the kindergarten teachers spoke about the progress of full day kindergarten. John and the teachers spoke about the steps

from half day kindergarten to full day kindergarten. The teachers spoke about reading, writing and math in kindergarten. Two students from Becky Perruquet's kindergarten class each read a short story they wrote. John also showed a chart with the Dibels information.
Allan thanked Dawn and the teachers for a job well done. Gregg and Dave also thanked the teachers for a job well done. A few parents spoke about the kindergarten program and how great it is.
Dawn Gill spoke about how wonderful full day kindergarten is and said she is not in favor of ever cutting full day kindergarten.
Barb Bickhart commented on the children coming forward in front of strangers was amazing to her.
Dawn Brookhart thanked the outstanding group of kindergarten teachers for all they do.

Instructional Plan Updates –
Mr. Smargiassi said her brought three reading specialist to share the progress of the Orton-Gillingham program we have on board this year. Three reading specialist from the middle school spoke about this new program. Joyce Clayberger, AnnMarie Cantore and Allison VanPatter showed a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Smargiassi thanked the three teachers for all their hard work and dedication this year.
Dave Weader asked how many kids are in the program. He was told 12 students. Dave also thanked the teachers for coming in and sharing this with the board. Dawn Gill said the Orton-Gillingham worked for her son and thanked the teachers for their great job.
Dawn Brookhart spoke about the teachers' dedication to this program this past year.

Lee Gump and Jen Gurski spoke about the things that are happening at the high school. Course scheduling, budgets, finals week planning, prom, and graduation plans are going on. Monday we had a spring assembly at the high school. This assembly covered anti-bullying and positive behavior in our building. Both Lee and Jen feel the high school has come a long way this year.

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Roy Gilver from CenterPoint Energy to have access to our PPL bills for the purpose of finding energy savings. (Enclosure E)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the bid for playground equipment in the amount of $62,948.00 per costar vendor #134668 from Mid Atlantic Park and Playground Concepts manufactured by Miracle Recreation Equipment Company.

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the bid for the Ventrac in the amount of $36,332 from WF Welliver. (Enclosure F)

D. Information regarding baseball field installation – Rick Engle

Motion: (To Approve School Property and Supplies Items A - C)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve School Property and Supplies Items A - C
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent – Steve Schooley

Rick Engle spoke about the installation of the baseball field. Rick feels the installation is comparable to the old field. Kimball is currently drawing a print to make changes to the baseball field drainage. They will bring the plan to Chuck Knauff who will bring it to the board.

VII. FINANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the amended expiration date to November 26, 2011 for the Letter of Credit with PNC. (Attachment A)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Columbia Montour Area Vocational-Technical School proposed budget for 2011-2012 revised April 19, 2011. (Attachment B)

Motion: (To Approve Finance Items A - B)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Finance Items A - B
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 approve the employment of Christopher Cooper and Jake Decoteau as part-time summer technology interns from May 23 through August 19, 2011, at an hourly rate of $7.75.

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Item A)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Personnel Item A
The motion was seconded by Barb Bickhart
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 435 Family and Medical Leaves. (Enclosure G)

Motion: (To Approve Policy and Insurance Item A)
A motion was made by Christopher Outt to approve Policy and Insurance Item A
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
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

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Knouse said she has three concerns to talk about. First – she wanted to know where the board is with the superintendent search. Secondly – she is upset about getting rid of the business manager. She asked the board to consider mediation with Mr. Snodgrass. And finally, she is concerned with the bullying issues. She feels the bullying issue needs to be addresses with the adults in the district.
Allan Schappert said we contracted with PSBA and failed. We then had another candidate they found on their own and that candidate declined and we are now continuing with PSBA and on our own. We do have some possibilities.

Mr. Gulliver – commented about the business manager. What is his position now?
Allan Schappert told Mr. Gulliver Mr. Snodgrass is on medical leave. Mr. Heydt is coming in part-time to work on the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 pm motion was made by Dawn Gill and seconded by Barb Bickhart to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Bonnie A. Edmeads
Acting Board Secretary