DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 24, 2011 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, and Mr. Martin Walzer were present. Mr. David Weader was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. David Price, Acting Superintendent; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Ms Jillian Roberts, Director of Special Education; Mr. Lee Gump, Principal, High School; Mrs. Jen Gurski, Assistant Principal, High School; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School Principal; Mr. Chris Johns, Intermediate Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Primary Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mrs. Pam Burrows, Director of Food Service; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Maintenance; Mr. Jeff Ryan, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Acting Board Secretary and approximately fifty members of the staff and public, and news media.

Retiree Recognition
The following is a list of staff that was recognized this evening to honor their retirement in the 2010-2011 school year. Elaine Willard – 37 years; Marcia Ellison – 21 years; Gary Reichard – 32 years; Susan Fluck – 37 years; Barry Seidel – 35 years; Brenda Smith – 19 years; Mary Fallon Shultz – 36 years; Mark Gatski – 35 years; Audrey Hibbs – 31 years; Virginia Herring – 12 years; Eric Megargel – 32 ½ years; Franklin Biddinger – 9 years; Susan Gnade – 15 ¾ years and Pam Hoover – 33 ¾ years.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

The board will meet with support staff union on May 26 for negotiations of there contract.

Motion: (To amend the agenda adding items B and C under personnel)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend agenda.

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a voice vote

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There was an executive session at 5:30 PM tonight.

B. Recognition of Retirees at 6:30 PM

C. Boy Scout Eagle Project – Tyler Seidel and Ryan Powers

D. PFM Presentation – Greg McGlanahan

E. Presentation – PPL Energy Savings

F. Liberty Valley Compressor – Rick Engle

Tyler Seidel and Ryan Powers spoke about their Eagle Scout project. The project is to repair and redo playground equipment and fencing around the playground at the Gate House. They asked the board if they could have a piece of playground equipment from the Riverside Elementary School.

Motion: (To give the boys the piece of playground equipment from Riverside Elementary School)
A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to give this equipment to the boys
The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Dave Weader

Greg McGlanahan and Tom Smida were present to discuss the termination of the swap and to approve the borrowing of $8.44 million through PFM.

Motion: (To Approve the closing of the swap agreement and borrowing of $8.44 million through PFM – Item D)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve the closing of the swap agreement - Item D
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – David Weader

Rick Engle spoke about the compressor failure at Liberty Valley. It needs to be replaced. He and Richard Skinner with McClure Company PPL Energy A+ Program spoke about the results of the audit they completed. The audit shows the following updates:

- Liberty Valley School – Replace chiller, lighting upgrades to lower watt lamps, occupancy sensors for classrooms. Project cost $441,820. Total 20-Year Savings: $414,533 including a PPL Act 129 rebate of $15,384

- Middle School – Upgrade lighting to lower watt lamps, occupancy sensors for classrooms and gym. Project costs $202,623. Total 20-Year Savings: $624,563 including a PPL Act 129 rebate of $25,888
- Combined Project: Project Cost: $644,443. Total 20-Year Savings $1,039,097 including a PPL Act 129 rebate of $41,272

Motion: (To Approve to proceed with the energy audit for Liberty Valley and Middle School and authorize McClure Company to proceed with ordering the compressor)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve to proceed with the energy project and go ahead with ordering the compressor
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 1 Abstain – Steve Schooley and 1 Absent – David Weader

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Abbey Schafer gave the following report:

First two weeks of May students took AP tests, last week they took Keystone tests, Key Club had a pancake breakfast at Applebee's, in April they had an Easter egg hunt and are now having a kiss a senior fundraiser, Physics class went to Hershey Park, NHS induction was May 20 there were 66 students, Chorus concert was May 18, Band concert was in April, thanks to the board who participated in the board luncheon, FFA hosting chicken bar-b-que/pig roast, National Spanish Exam was April 2, Prom was May 14 and a lot of fun, SGA had election, they also held teacher appreciation day, Early Childhood class held a Children's Museum May 12, high school students are helping out with field days at the elementary schools, MDS class will be holding graduation on May 27, PLANET will be holding a big recycling day next Friday, Forensics - National in DC, 7 students are also going to the NFL tournament in Dallas TX, FBLA – 2 students going to Nationals, Finals are next week and Abbey showed two videos from the assembly for No Place for Hate held recently at the high school.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. Instruction Plan Update –
Chris Johns – Cheryl Cooper (Stock Market Game)

Cheryl Cooper spoke about one of her fourth grade stock market game team who finished first in the statewide game. The team name was Red Bull. The students spoke about the strategies they used to buy and sell.

Chris spoke about the 4-sight test results of learning support students.

Jillian Robbins spoke about the wonderful job the learning support teachers at Liberty Valley have done.
Mr. Johns shared information from the EAP reading program of Mrs. Balum.

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

VII. FINANCE

A. Cafeteria Budget – Pam Burrows

B. Head Start 2011-2012 Budget, 2011-2012 Refunding application, Self Assessment and Improvement Plan, Community Assessment, and 2011-2012 Goals and Objectives – Susan Blake

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the borrowing of $8.44 million through PFM.

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to replace the fire alarm system at Danville High School at the state contract price of $160,000. The work will be done by Siemens Industry.

E. The board will take action on the recommendation of the superintendent to upgrade the camera systems at Danville High School at a cost of $90,000 on state contract. The work will be done by Siemens Industry.

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the superintendent to replace the carpet in Danville High School office at a price of $7,100.00 on state contract. The work will be done by Spectra Flooring.

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the superintendent to replace the carpet in Danville High School library at a price of $24,900 on state contract. The work will be done by Spectra Flooring.

Pam Burrows presented her cafeteria budget to the board. The budget shows an increase for the breakfast prices next year.

Susan Blake presented the 2011-2012 budget, refunding assessment, self assessment and improvement plan, community assessment and the 2011-2012 goals and objectives.

Motion: (To Approve Head Start Self Assessment)
A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve Head Start Self Assessment

The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – David Weader

Motion: (To Approve Head Start Self Assessment Corrective Action Plan)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Head Start Self Assessment Corrective Action Plan
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – David Weader

Motion: (To Approve Head Start Community Assessment)
A motion was made by Chris Outt to approve Head Start Community Assessment
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – David Weader

Motion: (To Approve Head Start Goals and Objectives)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Head Start Goals and Objectives
The motion was seconded by Barb Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – David Weader

Motion: (To Approve Head Start 2011-2012 Operating Budget)
A motion was made by Barb Bickhart to approve Head Start 2011-2012 Operating Budget
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – David Weader

Motion: (To Approve Finance Items D - G)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Finance Items D - G
The motion was seconded by Barb Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – David Weader

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the contract with Berwick Area School District and a professional employee, Scott Hicks, to teach Latin at Danville Area School District. (Enclosure D)

B. The board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Danville Area School District and Danville Education Association.

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.

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Item A - C)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Personnel Item A - C
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – David Weader

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

XII. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Jonathan C. Snyder and Martin D. Grube as substitute drivers for Derl Reichard Busing. (Enclosure E)

Motion: (To Approve Transportation 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 – David Weader

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Dawn Gill asked if we could sell the remaining playground equipment at the three elementary buildings that are being closed.

Gregg Campbell asked if we could sell cafeteria equipment from the three elementary buildings that are being closed.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 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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Bonnie A. Edmeads
Acting Board Secretary