DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 14, 2011 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, June 14, 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. Martin Walzer, and Mr. David Weader. Mr. Steve Schooley was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. David Price, Acting Superintendent; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Ms Jillian Robbins, Director of Special Education; Mr. Lee Gump, Principal, High School; Mrs. Jennifer Gatski, Assistant Principal, High School; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Principal, Middle School; 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; Mrs. Bonnie Bedmeads, Acting Board Secretary; and approximately 20 members of the staff and public, and news media.

RECOGNITION

Sandy Bruce – Dawn Brookhart

Dawn Brookhart recognized Sandy Bruce for being a semi-finalist in the state as teacher of the year. She also received the Apple Award. We are very proud of her for this accomplishment.

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

Motion: (To Approve amend the agenda)
A motion was made by David Weader to amend the agenda, adding item C under School Property and Supplies

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

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There was an Executive Session tonight at 5:30 pm and a tour of the new building at 6:00 pm

B. Enrollment Report (Enclosure A)

Dave spoke about the wonderful end of the 2010-2011 school year. Also he said we had a very nice graduation ceremony.

We had an executive session this evening. The executive session went longer than expected so we did not have a tour of the building.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy May spoke about the actions taken on Richard Snodgrass by the board. He said it was unprofessional to speak publicly about Mr. Snodgrass in the way they have in recent board meetings. He shared briefs from past minutes concerning the bond issues and the building project.

James Gulliver said Randy gave a very good report regarding Richard Snodgrass.

Dave Price told the public that Dick Snodgrass was told years ago, by the district financial advisor, not to go through with the SWAP but he still went through with it. Dick was told by Mr. Price in May that he was gambling with public money.

V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the renewal of Ronald Kanaskie's contract as Director of Athletics for the Danville Area School District. (Enclosure B)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the amendment to the Student Athletic Physical Examination Services Agreement between Danville Area School District and Geisinger Medical Center. (Enclosure C)

Motion: (To Approve Item A and B under Athletics/Activities)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve item A and B under Athletics/Activities
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. New Curriculum
   - AP History
   - Sociology
   - English 9 and 10

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the "Getting Results Continuous Improvement Plan 2011-12".

Dawn Brookhart briefly discussed three new courses and books in our curriculum for the school district. The books will be available for review for thirty days. After thirty days we will bring it to the board to take action on the approval of this new curriculum.

Motion: (To Approve Item B under Curriculum and Management)
A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve item B under Curriculum and Management
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

A. Building Project Update – Chuck Knauff

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve two non-reimbursable projects – one at the existing baseball field and one at the existing football practice field. (Enclosure T)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the Hillis-Carnes (testing agency) work order. (Attached)

Chuck Knauff gave an update on the building project as of the end of May. Site work for the building is delayed by 13 days. Exterior of the building is getting near completion. Interior the B wing is near completion, kitchen area needs ceiling tiles installed, all purpose room needs a lot of work, library area is behind, A wing classroom wing if about 95% complete, the administration area is about 95% complete, all corridors need quite a bit of work. The general contractor has been placed on notice in May. Chuck feels the building will be ready for the start of school. Dave asked Chuck to explain liquidation damages. Liquidation damages are set at $2,000 a day per contractor who does not have their work completed. The liquidation damages will start after July 20, 2011.
Chuck went over several change orders that need to be approved.

Motion: (To approve change orders on the building project under School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve change orders on the building project under School Property and Supplies
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

Motion: (To Approve Item B under School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve item B under School Property and Supplies
The motion was seconded by Dave Weader
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

Motion: (To Approve Item C under School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve item C under School Property and Supplies
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
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 – May 5, 2011, through June 7, 2011 (Enclosure I)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2011-2012 Danville Area School District Budget in the amount of $31,767,466.

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2011-2012 Tax Resolution. (Enclosure J)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2011 Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution. (Enclosure K)

Motion: (To Approve Finance Item F)
A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve finance – Item F.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 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 Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

Motion: (To Approve Finance Item H)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve finance – Item H.
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

Motion: (To Approve Finance Item I)
A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve finance – Item I.
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 grant approval of the retirement of Kay Shulski, reading teacher at Danville Elementary, effective June 28, 2011. (Enclosure L)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Carla Horne, Librarian at Liberty Valley, effective August 19, 2011. (Enclosure M)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Debra Diltz, LPN at Riverside, effective August 31, 2011. (Enclosure N)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the retirement of Paula Noll, primary teacher at Riverside, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school years. (Enclosure O)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the resignation of Lindsay Naunczek, learning support teacher at the middle school, effective June 6, 2011. (Enclosure P)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the resignation of Loriann Rose, 6th grade language art teacher, effective June 8, 2011. (Enclosure Q)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Shelby Seibert as co-advisor for middle school Student Government Association for the 2010-2011 school year (Enclosure R)

H. The Board will take action to appoint Mrs. Cheryl Latorre as superintendent of Danville Area School District for a term of 5 years at a salary of $125,000 pending receipt of all clearances and resolutions of any outstanding contract issues.

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items A - H)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Personnel Items A - H
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 0 no, 1 Absent – Steve Schooley

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Martin Walzer said he is opposed to the actions involved with Mr. Snodgrass by the board.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy May asked about the new superintendent. He said he is not against hiring her but was asking about her administrative background.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 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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Bonnie A. Edmeads
Assistant Board Secretary