DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 9, 2011 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 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. Steve Schooley, Mr. David Weader, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. Allan Schappert.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Ms Jillian Robbins, Director of Special Education; Mr. Lee Gump, 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; Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary; and approximately 12 members of the staff and public, and news media.

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

Tim Bowers went through the procedure of swearing Dr. Joseph Stemm into the school board.

Motion: (To Approve amending the agenda)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to amend the agenda, adding items E and F under Superintendent's Report; item C under Athletics/Activities; item J under Personnel; make correction to Jeff Ryan's salary
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a voice vote.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint a board member as our representative at Columbia Montour Vo-Tech.

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint a board member as our representative at the CSIU.

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept a restricted gift to be used for the purchasing of books for the new primary school library.

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve giving a plaque from Riverside Elementary School to a past school board member.

David Weader volunteered to be our representative on the CSIU board.
We still need someone to serve as our representative on the Columbia Montour Vo-Tech board.

No action was taken on items C and D tonight. The board is checking into the two matters further before making a decision.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. The board met at 5:30 at the new Danville Primary School for a tour of the building. There was an Executive Session tonight at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel issues.

B. Boy Scout Eagle Scout Project – Brett Bergerstock – Brett would like to build benches for the throwing area for track and field at the high school.

C. Updates on the opening of all schools.

D. Presentation of district newsletter.

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the increase of paid lunch prices by 10 cents. Primary and Intermediate will go from $2.00 to $2.10 and Secondary from $2.25 to $2.35.

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the donation of the playground equipment at the Danville Elementary School to the Washington Fire Company at no cost to the district. The fire company will supply liability insurance and all labor needs.

Cheryl spoke about the "Night Out" held at Sunnybrook Park last week. She said it was very nice and well attended. She thanked all those who planned it and also who was there to help.

Mrs. Latorre told everyone we have a new digital sign at Liberty Valley. The Liberty Valley home and school purchased the sign for the school.

Cheryl told the board we had safe crisis training this past week. She also handed out copies of the district newsletter to the board and the public present at the board. She said we are going to mail newsletters out to all families in the district.

Cheryl also spoke about the procedures for traffic and such at the new Danville Primary School. She encourages parents to use the bus transportation. Their will be very limited parking at the new school.

Brett Bergerstock gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout project. He spoke about building benches for the track and field throwing area. Brett is asking the school board for permission to go forth with this project. He wants to build several benches from recycle materials.

John Bickhart spoke about the moving process for the new Primary Building. Teachers will be in the building beginning Monday, August 15 to start their room set-up.
The board thanked Rick and staff for all the hard work the last two weeks moving things to the new building.

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

Motion: (To Approve Items E under Superintendent's Report)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve items E under Superintendent's Report
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes, 1 no – Dawn Gill

The board had a discussion on the food service program. Roberta English from the public made a comment concerning the quality of food you would get from a food service company rather than the district program. At the close of the discussion Allan said their would be no change for the 2011-2012 school year in the food service program.

Motion: (To Approve Items F under Superintendent's Report)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve items F under Superintendent's Report
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

Allan Schappert said he has mixed feelings regarding the playground equipment because he said the district could sell the equipment but if we donate it to a community entity we would be supporting the community.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver asked that everyone should use their microphones.

Glen Wintersteen said he feels the plaques in the old buildings should be preserved in some manner. Perhaps they could be given to the historical society for display in their museum.

V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2011 fall sports salaries and respective coaches. (Enclosure A)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Michelle Garman and Mark Gatski, as Middle School Girls Basketball coaches. New appointments are to be submitted 8/23/11; season starts 10/17/11.

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Rachel Clark as middle school cheerleading advisor for fall 2011 at a salary of $451 (Level A).

Motion: (To Approve Items A- C under Athletics/Activities)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve items A-C under Athletics/Activities
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the agreement with CONCERN Counseling Services to work in our district at no cost to the district as outlined in the attached. (Enclosure B)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the service provider agreement for Valley Rehabilitation for OT/PT services for the 2011-2012 school year. Enclosure C)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2011-2012 agreement for services with (PATH) PA Treatment and Healing at a rate of $47.00 per day. (Enclosure D)

Motion: (To Approve Items A- C under School/Community Relations)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve item A-C under School/Community Relations
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes, 0 no

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

A. Building Project Update – Reynolds Construction

Rick Engle spoke about projects going on throughout the district. The high school fire alarm is at about 70% completion; cameras as both the high school and middle school is nearing 90% completion; new carpet in the high school is 100% complete; middle school and Liberty Valley lighting should be completed by the end of September, the new chiller at Liberty Valley will not be installed until sometime in October, the drainage work at the practice football is about 95% completed; drainage work at the baseball field will begin next week.

At the primary school – the playground equipment area is completed and the district move from the old elementary buildings to the new primary school is about 98% complete.

Dan from Reynolds Construction gave an update on the construction project. All four phases of the project are in punch list phase. All punch lists are being released from Kimball to contractors. The final walk through will be this coming Friday with the occupancy permit to follow on August 24.
There was discussion on the flooring installation in the multi-purpose room. The moisture content is still at about 6 ½%. The board is concerned that they were told

the moisture content should be a 5% or less. Dan said he would get more information on the flooring tomorrow and let the board know. Mr. Schappert asked that Dan get information to Mrs. Latorre as soon as possible tomorrow and Cheryl will then pass the information onto the board. A decision will be made by the end of the day tomorrow on rather to proceed or not.

VII. FINANCE

A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary

B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget

C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget

D. Cash Receipts

E. Investments

F. Bills for Payment – July 2, 2011, through August 2, 2011

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

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2011-2012 Act 93 proposed increases as listed below.

John Bickhart – K-2 Principal - $73,406
Susan Blake – Head Start Dir. $66,437
Dawn Brookhart – Director of Curriculum - $92,680
Pam Burrows – Food Service Dir. - $47,482
Rick Engle – Dir. Buildings/Grounds – $61,858
Lee Gump – HS Principal - $90,112
Jen Gurski – Assist. HS Principal - $70,323
Susan Hancock – Payroll/Personnel - $47,267
Chris Johns – Intermediate Elem. Prin. - $71,820
Jill Robbins – Dir. Spec. Ed - $82,080
Jeff Ryan – Dir. Technology - $77,914
Ed Sanders – Assist. MS Principal - $71,596
Charles Smargiassi – MS Principal - $80,042

These increases range from 2.0% to 2.75%. They average 2.4%.

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Katie Schmitt, as a third grade teacher, at a Master's Degree, Step 1 salary of $42,922, effective August 9, 2011. (Enclosure K)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of Danielle Bronowicz, as a second grade teacher, at a Bachelor's Degree, Step 1 salary of $40,703, effective August 9, 2011. (Enclosure L)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Eleanor Sweeney, ESL teacher at the Danville Area School District, effective August 9, 2011. (Enclosure M)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Susan Mordan, a cafeteria worker in the Danville Area School District, effective July 15, 2011. (Enclosure N)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Elaine Stackhouse, head cook at Liberty Valley, effective June 30, 2011. (Enclosure O)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the retirement of Marian Battista, an aide in the Danville Area School District, effective July 20, 2011. (Enclosure P)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of FMLA for Kimberly McLaughlin from August 24, 2011 through October 30, 2011, using 10 sick days and 5 personal days and the remaining time uncompensated leave in accordance with Board Policy # 439. (Enclosure Q)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2011-2012 substitute list. (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure R)

J. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Amanda Cordovani, Librarian/Gifted Teacher at the Primary School, effective immediately.

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

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Building and principal goals will be discussed at the next meeting

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 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
Board Secretary