DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 23, 2011 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, August 23, 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

Mr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weader were present. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Cheryl Latorre Superintendent; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Technology and Instruction; Ms Jillian Robbins, Director of Special Education; 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; Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Network Administrator; Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary and approximately four members of the public and news media.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There was an Executive Session tonight at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

B. Educational Vision

Cheryl told those present her goals for the 2011-2012 school year. Her goals were included in the board packets.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver – asked what the status is on Mr. Snodgrass. Allan said he is working out of the middle school and will be there for the next two years. He is currently focusing on transportation. Dick is also working on our Safe Crisis plan. Jim asked

about an article he saw in the paper regarding Mr. Snodgrass auditing other school districts. He was assured this was being investigated.

IV. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Bill Boudeman as a Volunteer Girl's Soccer Coach for the 2011-2012 season.

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Mike Captia and Nicole Outt as Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Girl's Basketball Coaches, each at a salary of $1,938, Level A.

Motion: (To approve Item A under athletics/activities)
A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve Item A under athletics/activities
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill

Motion: (To approve Item B under athletics/activities)
A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve Item B under athletics/activities
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes, 0 no, 1 Abstained – Mr. Christopher Outt, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill

Allan Schappert asked that we have Mr. Kanaskie review for the board the process he uses for hiring coaches and the salary scale for coaches.

V. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. District Goals and 2010-2011 Data Presentation – Dawn Brookhart

Mrs. Brookhart had a PowerPoint presentation on the district goals for the 2011-2012 school year. The PowerPoint presentation print out is included in the board packets. Dawn spoke extensively about PSSA's, AYP and out Instructional Model. She also spoke about goals for the 2011-2012 school year.

We made AYP across the district this year. The high school is not AYP in one sub group.

The board members asked many questions on the instruction and use of supplemental materials for teachers.

John Bickhart spoke about the goals at the primary level. He spoke about math and literacy. John said this year the first grade report card is going to be worked on this year and second grade will be designed next year.

Chris Johns spoke about the goals at the intermediate level. He spoke about the instructional model and their goal is to be at 90%. He spoke about math and writing and how great they did last year. Report cards are going to be designed for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade all at the same time.
Mrs. Brookhart congratulated Mr. Smargiassi and Mr. Sanders for the great job in the growth of their student's results at the middle school in reading and math.

Mr. Smargiassi spoke about goals at the middle school for the 2011-2012 school year. They are going to focus on literacy this year. He also spoke about the writing part of the literacy program at the middle school.

Dawn spoke about how the test scores of our students at Vo-Tech affect our AYP scores in our district. We have no control over the education at the Vo-Tech school.

Allan Schappert thanked the administrators and teachers for their hard work and successes in the 2010-2011 school year. Dave Weader also thanked them for the success in 2010-2011 school year.

Jim Gulliver said he feels Mrs. Brookhart is doing a great job as director of curriculum.

Instructional Model is the same as last year with the exception of our goals for testing scores to increase to 90% and to 20% for our special needs students. Dawn asked the board to vote to adopt the goals the administrative team made for the 2011-2012 school year. Allan said that is fine to set a high goal but also know that if that goal is not met we are not going to reprimand folks if those goals are missed. He feels it is important to show increases in our percentages. A gentleman in the audience said to make sure we recognize the gains and not the failure of the goal if they are not met.

Motion: (To adopt the alignment in our goals)
A motion was made by Christopher Outt to adopt our goals
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill.

VI. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. Geisinger Pediatric Program

B. Thank you to Parent Volunteers

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Pel Industries, Inc. to sell merchandise bearing the school name in our local Walmart. Pel will donate 8% royalty on the net sales to our district. (Enclosure A)

Mrs. Latorre thanked the Geisinger for the pediatric program participation in our district.

Mrs. Latorre also thanked the parent volunteers for the great job they did to make our buildings look great. They did a great job in welcoming our students back to school. At the primary school the home and school group got colored t-shirts for all students. They were colored corresponding to the color code of the wings their classrooms are in.

There was a brief discussion on trade marking our logo. The board decided to work on getting information and proceed with getting our logo trademarked.

Motion (to approve the Pel Industries contract)
A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve the Pel Industries contract
The motion was seconded by Joe Stemm
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill.

VII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the high school student handbook. (Enclosure B)

B. Opening Day

C. Danville Primary School Multi-purpose Room update

D. Landscaping Update

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Saul Ewing Law Firm of Harrisburg to provide legal counsel regarding the Primary School construction project.

Motion: (To approve Item A under School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve Item A under School Property and Supplies
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill

Motion: (To approve Item E under School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Chris Outt to approve Item E under School Property and Supplies
The motion was seconded by Dave Weader
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill

Mrs. Latorre gave an update on opening day. We are ready at each building. We will have administrators at the primary school outside to help with traffic flow for the first several days of school.
All employees were given a parking permit and assigned a space.
Lunches at the primary school will be bagged lunches served in the classroom for the first three days of school. The multi-purpose room floor will be ready to use starting Monday, August 29.

All students will be given bus tags at primary school.
Allan said administrators did a great job on getting ready for opening day.

Primary School update –
Chuck Knauff from Reynolds gave an update on primary school. Chuck thanked everyone for doing a great job on getting the primary school ready for tomorrow's opening.
Chuck spoke about the flooring in the multi-purpose room in the primary school. The floor was laid over the weekend and the floor will be ready to use by Monday, August 29, 2011. He does not see any problems with the installation of the floor.
Steve asked about punch list items. Chuck said the punch list items have been addressed and notices have been issued. Jamie asked about the roofing on the canopies on each wing. Chuck said that is not completed. Allan said there are a number of things that need to be done and said Chuck did a good job on keeping the board up to date.
Landscaping – Paving was completed, fencing is being installed, and the plantings are being addressed. Steve asked about the grassed playground area – he thought it was to be sodden but Chuck said the cost was too high to sod the area.

VIII. FINANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Tuition Rates for out-of-district students for the 2011-2012 school year as follows: Elementary - $8,934.40 and Secondary $9,808.87.

Motion: (To approve Item A under Finance)
A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve Item A under Finance
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Bryn Harding, as an ESL Teacher K-12, at a salary of $40,703, BS, Step 1. (Enclosure C)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Marcie Haas, as Reading Teacher/Gifted Teacher, at a salary of $40,703, BS, Step 1. (Enclosure D)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Jason Potoka, as Long-term Social Studies Teacher at the high school, effective immediately. (Enclosure E)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Penny Lloyd, as a full-time Cafeteria Worker at Liberty Valley, at an hourly wage of $10.05, effective August 15, 2011. (Enclosure F)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Judy Eckart as an Aide in the Danville Area School District, effective June 30, 2011. (Enclosure G)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following mentors for the 2011-2012 school year. First year – Laura Long, Ron Toczek, Mike Nailor, John Keller, Annick Helbig, Jennifer Marino, Dan Beyer, Holly Patterson, and Julie Pertin. Second year – Stephanie Brame and Jen Hopple. Third year – Danielle Bloom, Joy Smith, Lynda Williams, Lisa Wilson, Sandy Bruce, Roberta Coulter, Peg Wagner and Kim Jordan. (Enclosure H)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a pay rate increase for the DASD School Board recording secretary, Bonnie Edmeads, from $100 to $150 per board meeting.

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve additions to the 2011-2012 substitute list. (Enclosure I)

Steve Schooley questioned the increase in pay for the board secretary. He thinks it is a large increase. Allan Schappert said not to look at it as an increase but as an

adjustment to put the pay level to where it should be. After a brief discussion the board decided to move forward.

Motion: (To approve Items A-H under personnel)
A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve Items A-H under personnel.
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no, 2 Absent – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. Yoder Insurance update

Building changes – three buildings closed and the new primary building is covered. We need to begin to move forward on the sale of the three properties.

XI. TRANSPORTATION

A. Bus schedule changes

Cheryl said Mr. Snodgrass will be fielding all transportation calls. Beth Norman will be back-up. Bonnie Edmeads will be helping with transportation calls for the first day or so.

XII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 motion was made by Steve Schooley and seconded by Christopher Outt to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Bonnie A. Edmeads
Board Secretary