DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 27, 2011 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, September 27, 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. Steve Schooley, Mr. David Weader, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. Allan Schappert.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent; Ms Jillian Robbins, Director of Special Education; Mr. Lee Gump, Principal, High School; Mrs. Jennifer Gurski, Assistant Principal, High School; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, 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 Edmeads, Board Secretary; and approximately 25 members of the staff and public, and news media.

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Allan Schappert gave the following updates:

- Oct. 4 – Negotiations with Support Staff Union
- We still need a representative for Vo-Tech
- Historical Society will be going through our unused buildings to get any items they could preserve as part of our history.
- Outpouring of support from employees, Williamsport schools, CSIU and many others to help us through the flood at the Middle School
- We will be discussing the future of our Middle School

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There was an Executive Session tonight at 5:30 pm to discuss personnel issues.

B. Enrollment Report (Enclosure A)

- Thanked everyone for their support and donations. Thanked the maintenance/custodian staff and teachers for all there hard work.
- Applied to PMEA and FEMA and were denied.
- Bus driver training will be held on Thursday.
- Thanked Kurt Musser and Tom Marino.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of Superintendent to approve the employment of Ryann Kishbaugh as head swim coach at a salary of $2,020, Level A. and Dana Marinin as assistant swim coach at a salary of $1,112, Level A. (Enclosure B)

Motion: (To Approve Item A under Athletics/Activities)
A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve item A under Athletics/Activities
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes – Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Outt, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Weader, Dr. Stemm and Mr. Schappert, 0 no

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval to have Lalitha Durlin attend Danville High School as a 11th grade tuition paying student for the 2011-2012 school year at an approximate fee of $9,808.87. (Enclosure C)

Motion: (To Approve Item A under Curriculum and Management)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve item A under Curriculum and Management
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes – Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Outt, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Weader, Dr. Stemm and Mr. Schappert, 0 no

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve contracts with the following school districts: Bloomsburg and Central Columbia to service special needs children. All districts will be charged for tuition and all related services.

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve contract with Valley Prevention Services for drug and alcohol prevention awareness/supports at no cost to the district. (Enclosure D)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Janis Venna as the district Right To Know points of contact.

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the memorandum of Understanding, an agreement between the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, the Many Hands Helping Others, and the Danville School District to provide food supplies to families with need at no change to the district. (Enclosure E)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the adjustment of the school calendar to utilize September 29 and 30, 2011; December 23, 2011; January 16, 2012; and February 20, 2012 as student days.

Motion: (To Approve School/Community Relations Item A-E)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve school/community relations – Items A-E.
The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes – Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Outt, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Weader, Dr. Stemm and Mr. Schappert, 0 no

VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve PlanCon H for the Series 2007 and Series 2009 General Obligation Bonds. (Enclosure F)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the purchase of doors and a hepa/dehumidifer for the Danville Elementary School at approximately $4,400.

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to give approval to bid the cafeteria point of sales system district wide.

D. Building Project Update – Chuck Knauff

E. Discussion on Middle School – Update, Reconstruction and Alternatives
Rick Engle and Cheryl Latorre

F. Financial overview for Middle School
Janis Venna

Motion: (To Approve School Property and Supplies - Items A-C)
A motion was made by David Weader to approve school property and supplies – Items A-c.
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes – Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Outt, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Weader, Dr. Stemm and Mr. Schappert, 0 no

Building Update – Chuck Knauff – contractors are starting to respond to completing the project. Chuck hopes by the end of the month of October we have things completed. Roof over the administration offices will probably need to be replaced. The flooring on the stage in the multi-purpose room is starting to bubble up and will probably need to be replaced. Testing is still being done for leaks and so forth in the building.

Middle School Discuss – Board asked for options from administration
Rick Engle talks about the demolition and cleanup of the middle school. He went over numbers for the cleanup and also for redoing the middle school. The numbers he presented does not include any soft costs. He also spoke about extra upgrades that could be done in the building to bring it up to code. Some items may be covered in insurance for bringing things up to code. Dave Weader asked about other additional things that could be brought up to code. By doing this it would be under an emergency process and could be completed in approximately four to six months. Dawn Gill asked when phase 4 of the flood gate will be completed. Cheryl Latorre said the completion of phase 4 of the flood gate is an important part of our decision. Anthony from Reynolds spoke about the contamination levels in the middle school. Air and water sampling has been completed. After cleaning has been completed aid and water sampling will be done again to show that everything has been cleaned. The initial testing showed mold spoors in one spot, elevated levels of fecal in the water. He feels the building is free of mold. Allan Schappert asked what insurances can be given to parents that the building will be safe for children to be in the building. He feels once the cleaning is complete the building will be safe.

Cheryl Latorre discussed the options being considered to move forward. We need to look at where we want to be in five years. We should not rush into a quick fix. Allan Schappert said we need to have costs of each of these options before moving forward. Dawn Gill asked about Option 1 – building a new school – the costs are double of what the primary building costs. The reason for that is because the cost to build a new middle school or high school is much more expensive because of the specialty classrooms. Steve Schooley said we need to start looking into land for the future. Rick Witt said we are very fortunate that we had a building to use. Rick spoke about reimbursement for land. Allan asked what it would cost to add an auditorium to the high school and a gymnasium – would be about 13 million dollars.

Jamie Doyle from PFM spoke about the financial status of the districts debt and borrowing capacity. She spoke about the millage increases if we borrowed money to do a project.

VII. FINANCE

A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary (Enclosure G)

B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure H)

C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure I)

D. Cash Receipts (Enclosure J)

E. Investments (Enclosure K)

F. Bills for Payment – August 3, 2011, through September 20, 2011 (Enclosure L)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Janis Venna as the district representative to approve certificate and trading with Financial Northeastern Companies. (Enclosure M)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the addendum to Herring Roll and Solomon audit engagement letter. (Enclosure N)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Janis Venna, replacing Richard Snodgrass, as an approved signee for all FNB accounts.

J. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint two representatives to the CS Trust. One being an ad-

ministration representative – Janis Venna and the other a board representative.

Motion: (To Approve Finance Item F - I)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve finance – Item F - I.
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes – Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Outt, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Weader, Dr. Stemm and Mr. Schappert, 0 no

Motion: (To Name Gregg Campbell as our Board Representative - Item J)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to accept Gregg Campbell as our Board Representative
The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes – Mrs. Bickhart, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Outt, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Weader, Dr. Stemm and Mr. Schappert, 0 no, 1 Abstain – Mr. Gregg Campbell. Gregg abstained because he was the person being voted to serve as board representative.

IX. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Tina Bartholomew as co-advisor for the class of 2013. (Enclosure O)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Kati Huber and Debra Burger as co-advisors for the class of 2015. (Enclosure P)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Elaine Berberich, assistant forensics coach at Danville High School, effective this fall. (Enclosure Q)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Brandon White, as high school physics teacher, effective November 28, 2011. (Enclosure R)

E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the employment of Kimberly Fina, as a Social Studies teacher at the high school, salary $40,703, Bachelor’s Degree, step 1, effective September 19, 2011. (Enclosure S)

F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Dale Myers, as an aide in the Danville Area School District, effective September 14, 2011. (Enclosure T)

G. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Shelby Seibert, as co-advisor for the class of 2013 at the Danville Area High School. (Enclosure U)

H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Joan Miller, a full-time cafeteria worker at Liberty Valley, effective October 4, 2011. (Enclosure V)

I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the part-time employment of Janice Ackerman (from furlough) as Administrative Assistant of Data Coordination, at an hourly rate of $13.96, effective October 10, 2011. (Enclosure W)

J. 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 X)

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items A - E)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Personnel Items A - E
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes – Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Outt, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Weader, Dr. Stemm and Mr. Schappert, 0 no

Motion: (To Postpone Personnel Items F and I)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to Postpone Personnel Items F and I
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes – Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Outt, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Weader, Dr. Stemm and Mr. Schappert, 0 no

Motion: (To Approve Personnel Items G, H and J)
A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Personnel Items G, H and J
The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes – Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Outt, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Weader, Dr. Stemm and Mr. Schappert, 0 no

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

XII. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Kenneth H. Holdren, as a van driver for W. L. Myers & Son, LLC. (Enclosure Y)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Aimee Bingaman, as a van driver for Amity Leasing. (Enclosure Z)

C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of Rose Mary Law and Michael Davis as substitute bus drivers for Fishing Creek Transportation; Ronda Shultz as a substitute bus driver for Derl Reichard; and Rae Phillips as a substitute van driver for Amity Leasing. (Enclosure OP)

D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Gary Elliott as a bus driver for Fishing Creek Transportation. (Enclosure QR)

Motion: (To Approve Transportation Items A - D)
A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Personnel Items A - E
The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes – Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Outt, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Weader, Dr. Stemm and Mr. Schappert, 0 no

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Angie Gibson, a second grade teacher, asked if third grade was moved to the primary school next year would head start stay in the building. Mrs. Latorre said at this time yes.
Rebecca Blansfield, a parent, asked if we are going to make a decision at the next meeting as to what to do with the middle school. She would not appreciate any money being spent at the middle school. She also would like to have public comment moved to follow discussions.
Lisa Long, a parent, has a 7th grade student and is wondering if we will do soil testing. Allan said that is something that needs to be looked into further. She is also concerned with secure places for students to store coats and such.
Kelly Krum, a parent, asked what happen in the 1972 flood – as far as how high the water was and cleanup. Rick told her nothing was torn out of the building in 1972 however the water was about 2 feet deep.
Kelly Krum also asked how many classrooms we have in each building. The principals told her: MS- 24; DES – 16; LV – 29 (+8); Primary – 45-50 (+6 Head Start)

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 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