

# DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## September 25, 2012 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, September 25, 2012.

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

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent; Mrs. Janis Venna, Business Manager; Ms Jillann Robbins, Director of Special Education; Mrs. Jen Gurski, Assistant High School Principal; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School Principal; Mr. Ed Sanders, Assistant Middle School Principal; Mr. Chris Johns, Intermediate Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Primary Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mrs. Pam Burrows; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Building and Grounds; Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Network Administrator; and Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary; and approximately eight members of the staff and public, and news media.

### **Motion: (To Approve to the September 11, 2012 minutes)**

A motion was made by Steve Schooled to approve the minutes

The motion was seconded by Christopher Out

The motion was approved on a voice vote 5 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Out, Mr. Allan Scrapper, Mr. Steve Schooled, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no, 4 absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, and Mr. David Weader

### **I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT**

- A. Building Walk-Throughs – 5:00 departing from the high school to tour Liberty and the Middle School

Student report will be once a month instead of every meeting.

The next negotiation meeting for the professional staff contract will be October 17, 2012.

Dr. Stemm gave a brief report on the Columbia Montour Vo-Tech board meeting. He said they are working on PSSA test.

### **III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. There was an Executive Session at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel issues.
- B. September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> no school for students. The 27<sup>th</sup> is a professional development day for staff only.

On October 23 we will hold a celebration for a grant we received from Monsanto's in the amount of \$25,000.

### **III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

No report tonight.

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roberta Coulter asked about the support staff contract. Allan told her go to her representative to get contract information.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The Board will take action to approve the proposed consent agenda items.

All items marked with an asterisk were on the consent agenda.

Items C and D under athletics are removed from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Chris Outt to approve the consent agenda items.

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 5 yes -. Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no, 4 Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, and Mr. David Weader

### **V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES**

\*A. The Board will take action to approve the Forensics Coach Employment Agreement. (Enclosure A)

B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of Jill Robbins to approve the Ironmen Café Club. The advisor will be Andrea Stine. This club will incur no cost to the district.

C. The Board will take action to approve an out-of-state trip to Wallops Island, VA, Marine Science Consortium for AP Biology on May 19 through May 22, at no cost to the district. (Enclosure B)

D. The Board will take action to approve an out-of-state trip to Washington, D.C. for AP US History and US History students on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at no cost to the district. (Enclosure C)

**Motion: (To Approve Item B under Athletics/Activities)**

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Item B

The motion was seconded by Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a voice vote 5 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no, 4 Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, and Mr. David Weader

**Motion: (To Approve Item C and D under Athletics/Activities)**

The motion also includes that the district will absorb all substitute costs for all field trips.

For Biology Field Trip, this would be 2 teachers x 3 days x \$90-\$100/day

For History Field Trip, this would be 3 teacher x 1 day x \$90-\$100/day

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve Item C

The motion was seconded by Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a voice vote 5 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no, 4 Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, and Mr. David Weader

**VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT**

**VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

**VIII. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES**

A. Middle School Update – Rick Engle

B. The Board will take action to approve the job order contract number 013668 through Lobar Associates Construction to complete the following:

- a. Replace all dead trees and shrubbery, at the primary school, not replaced under the warranty from E. R. Stuebner - \$41,759.88 (Enclosure D)

Rick Engle and Jason Feidler spoke about the progress on the middle school project. Things were slowed down because of waiting on the variance approval. They

are about 1 month behind on things because of this. They are pushing to get these documents done to make up time to get back on track. Allan said we still want the school ready for students at the start of school for the 2012-2013 school year.

Rick reported on the replacement of the trees and shrubbery at the Danville Primary School. E. R. Stuebner has had ample time to complete this job but has not made any effort to finish the project.

**Motion: (To Approve Item B under School Property and Supplies)**

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Item B

The motion was seconded by Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a voice vote 5 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no, 4 Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, and Mr. David Weader

**IX. FINANCE**

- A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Business Manager to approve Berkheimer One Source for the printing and mailing of the October 1 Homestead/Farmstead application at a unit cost of \$.293. (Enclosure E)
- B. The Board will take action to approve the Danville Area Educational Support Personnel Association contract from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015. (Enclosure F)

**Motion: (To Approve Item A under Finance)**

A motion was made by Chris Outt to approve Item A

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

The motion was approved on a voice vote 5 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no, 4 Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, and Mr. David Weader

**Motion: (To postpone Item B under Finance)**

A motion was made by Chris Outt to postpone Item B

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

The motion was approved on a voice vote 5 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no, 4 Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, and Mr. David Weader

## **X. PERSONNEL**

- \*A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of Rick Engle to approve the hiring of John Ammerman as a full-time custodian effective September 26, 2012. (Enclosure G)
- \*B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of Rick Engle to approve the hiring of Rebecca Wagner as a full-time custodian effective October 1, 2012. (Enclosure H)
- \*C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of Lee Gump, High School Principal, to approve Michelle Becker as 2014 class advisor at a stipend of \$1,125. (Enclosure I)
- \*D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of Lee Gump, High School Principal, to approve Erin Coughy as 2012-2013 S.A.D.D. advisor at a stipend of \$375. (Enclosure J)
- \*E. The Board will take action to approve Julie Petrin and Christy Yohe as homebound teachers for the Danville Area School District.
- \*F. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2012-2013 substitute list. (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure K)

## **XI. POLICY & INSURANCE**

- \*A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the first reading of Policy 606 – Finances – Tax Collection. (Enclosure L)
- B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Milton State Police. (Enclosure M)

### **Motion: (To Approve Item B under Policy & Insurance)**

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve Item B

The motion was seconded by Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a voice vote 5 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no, 4 Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, and Mr. David Weader

## **XII. TRANSPORTATION**

- \*A. The Board will take action to approve Allen Dohl and Suzanne Scatena as bus drivers for the Danville Area School District through Fishing Creek Transportation. (Enclosure N)
- \*B. The Board will take action to approve Karen Shultz as a van driver for the Danville Area School District through W. L. Myers & Son, LLC. (Enclosure N)

### **XIII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Middle School boring test report

Support contract

Need something about education in our district – how do we rate our district – beyond PSSA tests

Jill spoke about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade hall and how the students have adapted and love their home and the success of these students.

### **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Gulliver asks who our solicitor is. Allan told him we don't have anyone in particular. We are using different law firms depending on the situation. We do not have a retainer with any of the law firms. All work is a per diem cost.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:55 pm motion was made by Steve Schooley and seconded by Chris Outt to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Bonnie A. Edmeads  
Board Secretary