

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 11, 2012 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, September 11, 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, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent; Mrs. Janis Venna, Business Manager; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Mr. Lee Gump, High School Principal; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School Principal; Mr. Ed Sanders, Assistant Middle School Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Primary Principal; Mr. Chris Johns, Intermediate Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mrs. Pam Burrows; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Building and Grounds; and Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary; and approximately twenty-five members of the staff, public, and news media.

Motion: (To Approve to the August 28, 2012 minutes)

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 9 yes – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 - no,

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Allan reported the support staff union has ratified their contract. The school board will vote at the September 25 meeting.

Allan also reported the professional staff contract is not settled yet. They will be meeting later this month.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. There was an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel, and labor relations.
- B. Enrollment Report (Enclosure A)
- C. Faculty handbook
- D. Veteran's Day activities – November 9
- E. Bus driver orientation – September 10 – 8:30 AM – Multi-purpose room at Danville Primary School
- F. Honoring 1962 Undefeated Football Team coached by Jay Livziey at our homecoming football game on October 5, 2012
- G. Alumni Luncheon – October 6, 2012 – Col. Ken Morris, Class of 1967 and Woodrow "Woody" Wolfe, Class of 1971 are being honored as Outstanding Alumni and Rev. Bob Andrews is being named Honorary Alumni. \$15.00 per person contact Bonnie for tickets.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Steve Zhang gave the following update:

- September 5, 6 – HS photos were done
- October 5 – Homecoming
- October 6 – Homecoming dance
- SAT class has been cancelled at the HS, but they are being held at Bloomsburg University
- Fall sports teams are doing well
- PSSA will start Friday for seniors
- Veterans Day Program will be held at the high school on November 9

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Graham, Danville Borough secretary, said a letter of denial of the variance was delivered today to the Superintendent. He feels if the district gives more information the council can reconsider the variance.

Fred Stoner talked about the report from Larson Design Group. He feels that if the dike is completed the middle school would be protected and wouldn't need to go through the dry flood proofing process.

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.

A motion was made by David Weader to approve the consent agenda items.

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

The motion was approved on a voice vote 9 yes – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no.

III. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- *A. The Board will take action to approve the coaching stipends for the Forensics Coaches as per outline on the enclosure. (Enclosure B)

IV. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

V. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- *A. The Board will take action to approve the Valley Prevention Services, Inc. contract for one year, September 1, 2012 through June 20, 2013, at no cost to the district. (Enclosure C)

VI. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

- A. The Board will take action to re-bid the sale of the Mahoning Cooper building as per legal counsel.
- B. Middle School Update – Rick Engle, Allan Schappert, and Dave Rispoli

Motion: (To Approve Item A under School Property & Supplies)

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve Item A under School Property & Supplies

The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt

The motion was approved on a voice vote 9 yes – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no.

Allen spoke on the board's feelings on the middle school situation. Rick Engle and representatives of Kimball and Reynolds were present to give an update. They discussed wet flood proofing and dry flood proofing. Dave Rispoli spoke about Kimball's work to this point. Dave spoke about numbers for different types of flood proofing. John, from Reynolds, spoke about the process of dry flood proofing the building. Dave said he feels we have additional information to give the borough. Tom Graham said that when they receive the additional information they will respond in a day or so. The council will call a special meeting to consider the variance. Dave and John gave a wide explanation of materials they are quoting for refurbishing the building if going with wet flood proofing. Allan asked about the scheduling for having the school ready for next year. If we need to do dry flood proofing the building will not be ready. However, John said we are in a critical mode to be able to start school in the middle school for next fall if we only need to do wet flood proofing. Stephanie from

Larson Design said it is not Larson's job to tell the borough to approve or disapprove the variance. It is simply the borough's decision. We will have more on the middle school at our next board meeting.

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. Federal Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure G)
- D. Cash Receipts (Enclosure H)
- E. Investments (Enclosure I)
- F. Bills for Payment – August 8, 2012 to September 5, 2012 (Enclosure J)

Motion: (To Approve Item F under Finance)

A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Item F under Finance

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

The motion was approved on a voice vote 9 yes – Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 – no.

VIII. PERSONNEL

- *A. The Board will take action to approve tenure for Shelby Seibert, Science teacher at the Danville High School.
- *B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Director of Building and Grounds to accept the retirement of Peter Smulligan, custodian in the district, effective September 30, 2012. (Enclosure K)
- *C. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Jen Hopple, from her drama position with the school district.
- *D. 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 L)
- *E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Director of Special Education to approve the contract between Danville Area

School District and Dr. Ronald A. Madle, certified school psychologist as a non-employee contractor, per diem at an hourly rate of \$55.00 as needed. (Enclosure M)

IX. POLICY & INSURANCE

- *A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the revised Policy 237 – Electronic Devices. (Enclosure N)

X. TRANSPORTATION

- *A. The Board will take action to approve Virginia Sewall, Andrea Coopersmith, and Margery Stola as bus drivers for Danville Area School District through Fishing Creek Transportation. (Enclosure O)

XI. BOARD CONCERNS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Dave Weader would like to the board to make some long term plans. Allan asked Dave to head this up. Dave is going to work on a meeting time for the board to discuss long term plans.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Azery said he feels that students need more work in Excel program.

Kelly Krum asked for an overview of what is going on with the middle school because she arrived to the meeting late. Allan told her the board and the borough will be working together on a fast track so that we can get the school open in the fall.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 pm motion was made by Dawn Gill and seconded by Chris Outt to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Bonnie A. Edmeads
Board Secretary