

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 9, 2012 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent; Mrs. Janis Venna, Business Manager; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; 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; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Building and Grounds; and Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary; and approximately twenty-five members of the staff and public, and news media.

Motion: (To Approve to the September 25, 2012 minutes) Amendment to minutes –

The motion also includes that the district will absorb all substitute costs for all field trips. For the Biology Field Trip, this would be 2 teachers x 3 days x \$90/day = \$540 cost to the district. For the History Field Trip, this would be 1 teacher x 3 days x \$90/day = \$270 cost to the district.

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the minutes

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, Mrs. Steven Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm and Mr. David Weader, 0 - no,

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. Progress on appointing a Student for representative for borough council
- B. Presentation of check to Danville Middle School Music Department – William Pedziwiatr, Penn Music Education Association
- C. October 25th – 10 AM – Audit Review – Administration Office
- D. The Board will take action to change the November 13 meeting to November 20 because of the middle school bid process and to add a meeting on December 18 for the middle school building project.

Motion: (To Approve to the amendment of November and December board meetings)

A motion was made by Christopher Outt to amendment of November and December board meetings

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mrs. Steven Schooley, and Mr. David Weader, 0 – no; 1 Abstain – Dr. Joseph Stemm. Dr. Stemm abstained on this vote because he will not be attending the December 18 meeting.

High school is working on a student representative for borough council.

Scott Richards from borough council will be attending board meetings representing the borough.

Bill Pedziwiatr, Penn Music Association spoke on behalf of the association presenting a check to the Danville Middle School Music Department in the amount of \$4000.00. Sharon Styer, on behalf of music departments in the area also presenting a \$500 check to the Danville Middle School Music Department.

Our next negotiations meeting with professional staff for their contract is scheduled for October 17.

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. October 23 – Fall Festival to kick off the Monsanto Grant 4 to 6 PM

- D. Thank FNB Bank of Danville for sponsoring our school for “The Stock Market Game”

Cheryl said the Golf team won districts. Austin Renz took first place.

Thanked Ruth Hosterman for helping with diabetes camp

Janis Venna was presented a certificate from PASBO as a certified school district administrator.

Brian Holmes from FNB was present and spoke about the Stock Market Game. He was thanked for their support in this project.

III. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

- A. Environmental study report for the Danville Middle School – Steve Fulton, ARM Group; Anne Miller, K & W; Ted Loy, DEP; and Rick Engle (Enclosure B)
- B. Middle School Update and Schedule – Rick Engle and John Luzik, Reynolds (Enclosure C)
- C. Tree and Shrubbery replacement at Primary School – Rick Engle

Rick Engle, Steve Fulton, Ann Miller and Ted Loy were present and discussed the environmental study report. Ann Miller said they were happy to do this study for Danville Area School District. Steve Fulton ARM group gave the highlights from the report. Steve said the concerns at the site, because of the old steel mill, they sited bore drillings to do a thorough study. Everything was below state standards except one. That particular test result is not any major concern. Ted from DEP spoke about the environmental study and said they agree with ARM testing results.

Cheryl thanked them for their immediate attention to the environmental study.

Dr. Stemm asked about the costs and delay times for Act 2. Steve said there would be no delays and the cost would be about \$5000 and up. David Weader asked how long it would take for this and Ted said typically two years. Steve Schooley asked about the testing for water and ground. He asked if that would have showed anything from the old TRW plant. Ted said they are not present. Allan thanked them for the thorough report and the timely manner in which it was completed.

Middle School Update – Rick and John Luzik were present to discuss the middle school update. Rick talked about the last meeting with FEMA and PEMA and who is paying for what. It is going to be a long process. John Luzik talked about the schedule. Things have been going smoothly over the last few weeks. Mechanical, plumbing, electrical and floor grinding is going out the bid early. He thanked the board for changing meetings to accommodate these items. The bids are going out later this month and will be returned and reviewed to vote on at the November 20 meeting. Auditorium seating and bleachers will be put through bids and should be ready for vote at the November 20 meeting. Allan asked about the sound in the auditorium

with no carpeting and the seats being hard plastic. Allan wants them to look into the sound in the auditorium in depth before going forward with the auditorium. The floor on the stage will be a synthetic floor. This is a concern of the music department. Also the floor in the gymnasium will be synthetic. John spoke about the general trade packets and would be ready for voting on December 18. Planning on the floor grinding to begin the first week of December. John said they feel begin June 1 the second floor would be ready to begin moving into. With other areas being turned over in staggering times to begin moving into the rest of the building. The boilers and mechanicals will all be completed by the end of the September.

Rick gave an update on the tree and shrubbery. Monday the original contractor showed up on site. They were asked to leave the property because the attorney said they abandoned the site with no communication. The new contractor will begin the project on Thursday.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Steven Zhang – Student Representative

- Oct. 5 - Homecoming Carnival
- Oct 6 – SAT
- Oct. 6 – Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 17 – College Night at the high school
- Oct. 20 – SAT
- Nov. 1 – end of 1st marking period
- Nov. 9 – Veteran’s day celebration will be held at the high school, LV, and MS
- PLANET – expanded recycling this year

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

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.

Under Activities item A - remove

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve the consent agenda items.

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 9 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr.

Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr.

Allan Schappert, Mrs. Steven Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm and Mr. David Weader,

0 - no,

VI. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- A. The Board will take action to approve an out-of-state trip to Columbia Scholastic Press Conference, Columbia University, New York City, New York on Monday, November 5, 2012 for Yearbook and Ironmen 24/7 staff. (Enclosure D)

Motion: (To Approve Item A under School/Community Relations)

This would be 3 teachers x 1 day x \$90-\$100/day

A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve item A under School/Community Relations

The motion was seconded by Dawn Gill

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

VII. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

VIII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- *A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of Dawn Brookhart to approve the following 2012 comprehensive planning committee members (formally strategic plan) – Dr. Darlene Perner, Bloomsburg University; Dr. Nancy Ryland, Bloomsburg University; Dr. Paul Bellino, Geisinger Residency Program; Dr. Sarah Marks, Geisinger Residency Program; Mrs. Rebecca Anderson, parent; Mrs. Lorraine Babameto, parent; and Mrs. Leigh Lehr, parent.
- B. The Board will take action to approve Child Evangelism Fellowship group to hold “Good News Club” at the Danville Primary School in the Library from 3 pm to 4:15 pm every Wednesday beginning October 10, 2012. (Enclosure E)

Motion: (To Approve Item B under School/Community Relations)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve item B under School/Community Relations

The motion was seconded by Jamie Hosterman

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

IX. FINANCE

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

- B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure G)
- C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure H)
- D. Federal Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure I)
- D. Cash Receipts (Enclosure J)
- E. Investments (Enclosure K)
- F. Bills for Payment – September 6, 2012 to October 2, 2012 (Enclosure L)
- G. The Board will take action to approve the rental fee to the Danville Area Community Center for the 2012-2013 varsity swimming in the amount of \$16,480.00. (Enclosure M)
- H. The Board will take action to approve the 3-year agreement with Geisinger Health System for sports medical services at a cost of \$20.00 per client physical examination. (Enclosure N)
- I. The Board will take action to approve the Danville Area Educational Support Personnel Association contract from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015. (Enclosure O)
- J. The Board will take action to accept an offer of any price for property placed in the “repository for unsold properties. (Enclosure P)
- K. The Board will take action to approve the waiver of back taxes on Parcel # 13-87-121, totaling \$2,710.60 school real estate taxes. (Enclosure Q)

Motion: (To approve Item F under Finance)

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve item F under Finance

The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart

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

Motion: (To approve Item G under Finance)

A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve item G under Finance

The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mrs. Steven Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, 0 - no, 1 Abstain –

Mr. David Weader. Mr. Weader abstained from this vote because of conflict of interest. Mr. Weader is on the Board of the Danville Area Community Center.

Motion: (To postpone Item H under Finance)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to postpone item H under Finance

The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell

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

Motion: (To approve Item I under Finance)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve item I under Finance

The motion was seconded by Dave Weader

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 0 – yes, 8 no -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mrs. Steven Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm and Mr. David Weader, 1 – Abstain – Mr. Jamie Hosterman. Mr. Hosterman abstained from this vote because his wife works in the district and is under the support staff contract.

Allan stated the reason for the no vote is language issues that need to go back to negotiation for review.

Motion: (To approve Item J under Finance)

A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve item J under Finance

The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt

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

Motion: (To approve Item K under Finance)

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve item K under Finance

The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt

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

X. PERSONNEL

- *A. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Michelle Becker as the SUSOBO advisor at the high school.

- *B. The board will take action to approve FMLA leave, in accordance with law and school policy, for Katie Williams, teacher at Liberty-Valley, from approximately November 2, 2012 and returning to work February 4, 2013, using 15 sick days. (Enclosure R)
- *C. 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 S)

Allan spoke briefly regarding a grievance of last week. Allan asked Janis to compile the costs of the grievance to the district and try and regain some of the costs to the district. This grievance was very straight forward and consumed a lot of time and money to the district.

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. Review of Electronic Device Policy (Enclosure T)

- *B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the first reading of the amended Policy 915 – School-Affiliated Organizations. (Enclosure U)

Allan spoke briefly on the electronic device policy. Jen Gurski spoke about how it is going at the high school and Charlie Smargiassi spoke about the middle school. Charlie said he feels the electronic device issue is being handled very well with no problems.

XII. TRANSPORTATION

- *A. The Board will take action to approve Ned Albertson, as a bus driver for Danville Area School District through W. L. Myers & Son, LLC, for the 2012-2013 school year. (Enclosure V)
- *B. The Board will take action to approve Ellen Cappello, as a substitute van driver for Danville Area School District through Reichard Busing, for the 2012-2013 school year. (Enclosure V)

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Swim Team – costs. Dave Weader said he will get a break down of costs from DACC. Chris Outt spoke briefly about the everyone plays policy for sports. He feels that maybe we should look into having tryouts and cuts if necessary. After brief discussion it was decided to have Coach Kanaski speak at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver asked if the Mahoning Cooper School has been sold. Cheryl told him bids are to be opened this Friday and the sale of the building will be on the next board agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 pm motion was made by Dawn Gill and seconded by Steve Schooley to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Bonnie A. Edmeads
Board Secretary