

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 23, 2012 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, October 23, 2012.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Allan Schappert, board president, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL - Board Members

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent; Mrs. Janis Venna, Business Manager; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology; Ms Jillann Robbins, Director of Special Education; Mr. Lee Gump, High School Principal; 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 thirty-five members of the staff and public, and news media.

Hackey House Open House was today from 2 to 6 PM

Agricultural Department held a Fall Festival today from 4 to 6 PM

Motion: (To Approve to the October 9, 2012 minutes)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the minutes

The motion was seconded by David Weader

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

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. Reminder – November Board meeting was moved to November 20 and we added a meeting in December on the 18
- B. October 25 – Audit Review 10:00 AM – Administration Office
- C. CSIU Report – David Weader
- D. Columbia Montour Vo-Tech Report – Dr. Joseph Stemm (Enclosure A)

David Weader gave a brief update on the CSIU report. The IU will begin to work on their strategic plan very soon. They recently completed evaluation of Dr. Singer after one-year at his position. It was an excellent evaluation.

Hackey House held an Open House this afternoon. Allan said it was very well organized.

Agriculture Department Fall Festival was this evening; Monsanto presented a \$25,000 grant for the agricultural department. Allan thanked Kelly Smith-Wells and Mike Shultz for a job well done.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. There was an Executive Session tonight at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel issues.
- B. Merck Grant - \$9,000.00 to support our project Kindergarten through second grade STEM Education. A special "thank you" to John Bickhart for preparing this grant.
- C. Upcoming Events Flyer
- D. Recycling Improvements
- E. Marketing Initiatives
- F. Long Range Planning
- G. Reorganization Meeting will be held December 5 at Columbia Montour Vo-Tech School. Walk-through will begin at 5:30 pm with Reorganization meeting at 6:00 pm.
- H. Hackey House Video: Jill Robbins, Julie Petrin, Andrea Stine

Jillann Robbins showed a video showing students at the Hackey House. It showed them doing different chores and learning sessions. The video also showed them working jobs at different workplaces. It was very heartwarming to see these students happy and learning in so many different ways. The Hackey House is very successful.

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No Report

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

It was moved to change the order of the agenda to move school property and supplies followed by athletics/activities.

The Board will take action to approve the proposed consent agenda items. Allan Schappert removed item A under Policy and Insurance from the consent agenda

Motion: (To approve the consent agenda items)

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

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

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

V. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

- A. Chris Evans, PEMA; Dan Smyser, FEMA representatives will be available for questions. Proposed project components that the district must consider and fund i.e. – air conditioning in auditorium, moving the office, wiring.
- B. Middle School Update (bid timeline/eziOC option) – Rick Engle
- C. Update on trees and shrubbery at the Primary School – Rick Engle
- D. The Board will take action on the recommendation of Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent, to accept the bid of \$207,000.00 from T & S Realty LCC to sell the Mahoning Cooper Elementary Building. (Enclosure B)

Chris Evans, PEMA and Dan Smyser, FEMA were present to speak about the middle school project. Chris spoke about the process of PW's and costs for the middle

school. Dan spoke about codes and updates to the middle school. Dan said anything that was damaged and needs to be updated to meet standards they will pay for. If something is not damaged but need updates they will not pay for those updates.

Chris Outt arrived at the meeting at 7:50 PM

John Lysik and Dave Respoli were present to speak about middle school updates Rick also spoke on middle school updates. Electrical and mechanical is going out for bid November 5. John spoke about the schedule for the project. He said they are on schedule as stated last month. He feels the project will be completed by mid August. Dave spoke regarding the auditorium acoustics. They are looking into this. John said at this point they are moving forward with prevailing rate in the documents but if they need to be removed they will remove them. Allan asked if we could bid both with prevailing wage and without prevailing wage. They had a brief discussion regarding this.

Rick gave an update on trees and shrubbery. It is 98% complete. Rick said it looks very nice. They did a good job. They did come back and mulch.

Steve asked Allan to explain to the public why we had to go do a second bid process for the sale of the Mahoning-Cooper School. Allan said it had to be done because of legal issues.

Motion: (To Approve to Item D under School Property and Supplies)

A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve Item D

The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell

The motion was approved on a voice vote 5 – yes, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm and Mr. David Weader; 1 – no – Christopher Outt; 3 – Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, and Mr. Jamie Hosterman.

VI. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- A. FFA Alumni Charter and Ag Advisory Board Presentation
- B. Sports Physicals and Athletic Updates
- C. Swimming Overview
- E. Middle Level Basketball Program Discussion

Mike Shultz, FFA advisor and the FFA officers were present and showed a video explaining what the club does and how they raise money for their functions.

Jody Kull of the Agricultural Advisory board spoke about the importance of agriculture in the world. Present were Jody Kull, Stan Kohl, Megan Rake, and Sean LeVan. They also spoke about the importance of the Agricultural Advisory board to the agricultural program at Danville Area School District.

Dr. Stemm departed from the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Motion: (To Approve the Agricultural Advisory Board)

A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve Item D

The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell

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

The agenda was changed at this time to act on Item A under Finance, Item A under Policy and Insurance and Items D under transportation.

Motion: (To Approve to Item A under Finance)

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve Item A

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 Mr. David Weader; 0 – no; 4 – Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman and Dr. Joseph Stemm.

Following are changes to be made to Policy 606. No. 2 – Delegation of Responsibility – change Board Secretary to Business Manager and No. 3 – Guidelines – change number 7 to say Bond may instead of Bond shall.

Motion: (To Approve to Item A under Policy and Insurance with the above mentioned changes)

A motion was made by David Weader to approve Item A

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 Mr. David Weader; 0 – no; 4 – Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman and Dr. Joseph Stemm.

Motion: (To Approve to Item D under Transportation)

A motion was made by Chris Outt to approve Item D

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 Mr. David Weader; 0 – no;

4 – Absent - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman and Dr. Joseph Stemm.

Middle School Basketball

Jennifer Simons spoke about cuts at the middle school girl's basketball team. Currently there are 26 girls in 7th grade basketball. Jennifer said they are going to make cuts at the middle school 7th grade girl's basketball team. She is opposed to cuts and is willing to help if need be. Gregg said one thought would be to possibly have an intramural team for some girls. This would require more gym time. Cheryl said maybe we should get a committee together to see what should be done.

The goal is to have everyone play – possibly make two teams of 7th grade girls. We need to talk and make a decision regarding an additional coach or volunteer.

After lengthy discussion the board thought we should not allow cuts tomorrow and work further on a solution to this problem. Mrs. Latorre will discuss this matter with coaches and the athletic director.

VII. TRANSPORTATION

A. Town Park School Bus Stop – Scott Richards

*B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to accept Mary Mensch as a van driver for Danville Area School District through Reichard Busing. (Enclosure C)

*C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to accept Kayla Eppinette as a substitute van driver for Danville Area School District through Fishing Creek Transportation. (Enclosure C)

D. The Board will take action on to approve the 2012-2013 transportation contracts. (Enclosure D)

F. Busing Update

Scott Richards, council member spoke about the bus stop at the town park. Borough council would like the district to look at possible options for the town park stop.

Cheryl assured everyone that this issue is being looked at, but having problems with finding a different pick-up location.

Allan told Scott that we do have a student interested in being a representative to borough council. This student will probably begin coming to council meetings in November.

VIII. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. Update on Strategic Plan

B. Overview of New Proposed Graduation Requirements

Took a 5 minute break at 10:05 pm

Meeting came to order at 10:10 pm

Dawn gave an update on the comprehensive plan and the graduation requirements. Lee spoke about the graduation credits. Dawn showed a PowerPoint explaining the graduation credits and Keystone exams.

IX. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

X. FINANCE

A. 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 E)

XI. PERSONNEL

*A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Alan Hack, Middle School Math Teacher, effective date will be no later than December 18. (Enclosure F)

*B. 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 G)

XII. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the second reading of Policy 606 – Finances – Tax Collection. (Enclosure H)

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 pm motion was made by Dave Weader and seconded by Gregg Campbell to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Bonnie A. Edmeads
Board Secretary