

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 12, 2013 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

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, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver were present. Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent; Mrs. Janis Venna, Business Manager; Ms Jillann Robbins, Director of Special Education; Mr. Lee Gump, High School Principal; Mrs. Jennifer Gurski, Assistant 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; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Building and Grounds; and Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary; and approximately twenty members of the staff and public, and news media.

Motion: (To approve to the February 26 and March 5, 2013 minutes)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the minutes

The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart

The motion was approved on a voice vote 7 yes - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Allan said the league of women voters will be meeting March 18 to set-up an open forum meeting for the public. If any board member could attend to help set-up this meeting that would be great. Allan is not available that evening.

Motion: (To amend the agenda – adding Item K under Finance)

A motion was made by David Weader to amend the agenda
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a voice vote 7 yes - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

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. Easter Break – March 29 – April 1, 2013
- D. Sports Update
- E. PSSA testing

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Barron Williams – Student Representative

- Literary Magazine – essay contests, also putting together a publication
- FFA – had speaking contest and conference
- Band and chorus – participated in music festivals with students making state level
- Drama club will have a performance on March 16 and 17,
- Engineering club – competing in several competitions recently
- PLANET – recycling continues
- SAT Prep course will begin on Tuesday
- Middle School Science fair is coming up later in March
- Forensics has had a lot of success in the past several months, we have students competing at the state level
- SGA held a red week to raise awareness for heart association
- Pink Shirt and Hair day was held to raise awareness for Bullying
- Blood Drive this coming Thursday
- Young Women's Symposium was today at Bucknell University. Mrs. Gurski took several girls to be a part of that.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

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 Chris Outt to approve the consent agenda items.

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

The motion was approved on a voice vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

V. PRESENTATIONS/OUTSIDE GUESTS (Max. of 10 minutes each)

- A. CSIU – Dr. Singer
- B. Borough Council Member – Scott Richardson
- C. CS Trust Health Plan overview – Chuck Peterson
- D. Geisinger Health Plan overview – Steve Babcock, Tre Bittner and Tracey Streck
- E. World Language Presentation – John Keller, Tina Bartholomew and Carla Graham (Enclosure B)

Dave Weader introduced Dr. Singer, executive director, from the CSIU. Dr. Singer spoke about what he took from districts from his first rounds of visits to all of them. He is now starting the second round. He said folks want him to have CSIU to communicate throughout the year. He spoke briefly about the CSIU budget. The budget we will be voting on this evening does not make us reliable to pay anything to CSIU. We only pay for what services and programs we use. He also spoke briefly about strategic planning. Cheryl thanked CSIU for always being there for support. Steve asked about what services we provide for charter schools and cyber schools. Dr. Singer said they provide insurance, cyber courses, and some other services.

Scott Richardson reported the Route 11 project is now behind schedule. Tom Graham will be more information to us soon.

Chuck Peterson from CS Trust Health Plan is present to give an overview of the plan. Mr. Peterson spoke about changing from a Tiered rating system over a composite system which has been in use for a number of years. The reason for getting rid of the composite system is because this is very rare plan and they are not financially sound. Chuck said he is available to help the district through the process of evaluating the plan to see if this would benefit the district.

Steve Babcock and Tre Bittner were available to give an overview on the Geisinger Health Plan. They had a handout regarding the plan.

World Language Presentation by Tina Bartholomew and John Keller and their committee. John Keller thanked those who helped on the committee. Mr. Keller said they believe we have an excellent world language department. Tina Bartholomew spoke briefly regarding the results of a community survey. They found 95% of parents felt that world languages are important.

VI. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

(Rick Engle and Jeff Brophy will be present to discuss the Middle School progress.)

- A. The Board will take action to approve the purchase of the furniture for the large group room at the middle school at a cost of \$6,540.00. This will be billed to FEMA/PEMA. (Enclosure C)
- B. The Board will take action to approve payment application for the middle school for Spectra Contract Flooring in the amount of \$191,330.10. The will be billed to FEMA/PEMA. (Enclosure D)
- C. The Board will take action to approve PCO-009 for \$35,116.13 for wooden stage floor at the middle school through Zartman Construction, Inc. (This cost will be incurred by the district) (Enclosure E)
- D. The Board will take action to approve the purchase of the furniture for the Library, additional shelving, at the middle school at a cost of \$12,000.00. This will be billed to FEMA/PEMA. (Enclosure F)

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve item A under school property and supplies.

The motion was seconded by Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

Rick and Jeff gave an update on the middle school project. The floor grinding is completed. The work is continuing in a timely manner.

VII. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of Ron Kanaskie, Athletic Director, to approve the 2013 Spring Coaches and Salaries. (Enclosure G)
- *B. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Tom Williams as the girls throwing coach for the girl's track and field team. (Enclosure H)

- *C. The Board will take action on the recommendation of Ron Kanaskie, Athletic Director, to accept Ms Sarah Taylor, as the girls throwing coach for the girl's track and field team at a salary of \$1,212. (Enclosure I)
- D. The Board will take action to increase the admission price for athletic events from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per adult and from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per student. The price of season tickets will also be adjusted accordingly.
- E. Sports Enrollment Update – Ron Kanaskie (Enclosure J)

Motion: (To Approve Item A under Athletics/Activities)

A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve item A under Athletics/Activities

The motion was seconded by Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a voice vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

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

Remove “The price of season tickets will also be adjusted accordingly”.

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve item D under Athletics/Activities

The motion was seconded by Dr. Stemm

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

Sports Enrollment update - Dr. Stemm asked about booster clubs financial reports. However, the policy states we can not ask for that. Beginning next year it will be required by law they will need to do so.

VII. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

VIII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- A. The Board will take action to approve Iron Heritage committee to use the middle school grounds and parking for the Iron Heritage Festival to be held in July 2013.

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

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve item A under School/Community Relations

The motion was seconded by Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm,

and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

IX. FINANCE

- A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary (Enclosure K)
- B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure L)
- C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure M)
- D. Federal Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure N)
- E. Cash Receipts (Enclosure O)
- F. Investments (Enclosure P)
- G. Bills for Payment – February 7, 2013 through March 6, 2013 (Enclosure Q)
- H. The Board will take action to approve composite funding for CS Trust health insurance contributions for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. (Enclosure R)
- I. The Board will take action to adopt or reject the Fact Finding Report for the Danville Area Education Association contract. To underscore the boards resolve in addition to allowing public input into the process. Should the public want a better understanding of fact-finding, this site provides a sufficient, understandable summary: <http://dasd-sharepoint.dasd.org/SchoolBoard/negotiations/Pages/Fact-Finding-FAQ.aspx>
- J. The Board will take action to approve the CSIU Preliminary 2013-2014 General Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,183,369.
- K. The Board will take action to approve the payment of \$75,723.63 to Columbia Montour AVTS Authority, Payment #11. (attachment)

Motion: (To approve Item G under Finance)

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

The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

Motion: (To approve Item H under Finance)

A motion was made by David Weader to approve item H under Finance

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

Motion: (To approve Item I under Finance)

A motion was made by Chris Utt to approve item I under Finance

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 0 yes, 7 - no Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

Motion: (To approve Item J under Finance)

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

The motion was seconded by David Weader

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

Motion: (To approve Item K under Finance)

A motion was made by Chris Utt to approve item K under Finance

The motion was seconded by Steve Schooley

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

X. PERSONNEL

- *A. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of MaryAnn Smith from the substitute list, effective immediately. (Enclosure S)
- *B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2012-2013 substitute lists. (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure T)
- C. The Board will take action to approve the following stipends for the stipends for the spring drama club show. The show is a Musical Review of popular shows from the 1940's through today. It will include dances, solos and full cast songs. No admission will be charged, but donations will be accepted, with donations going toward the DHS Drama Club.
Director: Rebecca Pritchard - \$1500

Asst. Director: Melissa Patterson - \$350
Drama Technician: Jerry Bogart - \$400
Vocal Director: Rebecca Pritchard - \$1400

Motion: (To approve Items C under Personnel)

A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve items C under Personnel

The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

Steve Schooley left the meeting at 9:15 pm this evening.

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. District Long Range Plan and Cost Saving Options – Cheryl Latorre

B. The Board will take action to approve the first reading of Policy 610 – Purchases subject to Bid/Quotation. (Enclosure U)

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

A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve item B under Policy & Insurance

The motion was seconded by Chris Utt

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

Cheryl spoke on the District Long Range Plan and Cost Saving Options. She did have a hand-out with all information.

Allan asked about possibly rewording lowest bidder – and rejecting.
Janis is going to look into this.

XI. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action to approve the revised transportation contracts due to change in the original runs, as presented in this packet. (Enclosure V)

Motion: (To Approve Item A under Transportation)

A motion was made by Chris Utt to approve item A under Transportation

The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Dr. Joseph Stemm,

and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no, 2 – Absent - Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman

XII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver asked if the vote on Item I under Finance is the same as it was on last Tuesday night. Allan said that it is.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 pm motion was made by Chris Outt and seconded by Barbara Bickhart to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Bonnie A. Edmeads
Board Secretary