

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 9, 2013 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 9, 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, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver 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; 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. Chris Johns, Intermediate Principal; Mrs. Susan Blake, Director of Head Start; and Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary; and approximately twenty-five members of the staff and public, and news media.

Motion: (To approve the March 12, 2013 minutes)

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, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Allan spoke about the meeting not being a public meeting it is a board meeting held in the public. If the public would like something on the agenda please let us know and we will put it on the agenda.

Allan visited the middle school project recently and said things are really moving along on time.

We still have 2 positions for school board come this election. If you would like to run please see one of the board members.

Allan thanked Janis for her hard work on the budget to date. He also thanked her for the meetings she had set-up today for insurances.

Following is a list of board committee meeting:

- April 10 - Long Range
- April 11 - Finance Committee
- May 1 – Teacher negotiations

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. Presentation to Pat Merrell – Football Cheerleading Advisor
- D. Congratulations to June Heeter’s Class

Barron Williams, student representative, was present to invite the school board to attend a board forum being held by Student Government on April 19 at the high school from 2:15 to 3:05.

Presented Pat Merrell with a blanket with the cheerleader’s photo for all her dedication to the cheerleaders over the past years.

PSSA testing has begun in the district and things are going well.

Cheryl told the board and public to take a walk to the stairwell and see the new 8’ by 8’ logo that some of our art students painted. It is beautiful.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver is very concerned with the flood gates. Allan said he is working on getting an update from the borough.

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.

Remove the following items – Item A under Curriculum and Management and Item D under Policy and Assurance.

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

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, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no

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

- A. Key Club – Marsha Kouf and students (Enclosure B)

Marsha Kouf spoke about the students and their success at a recent convention.

- B. The Board will take action to approve the out-of-state trip to Washington, DC later this summer. No cost to the district.

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Key Club trip to Washington, DC later this summer.

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, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no

IV. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

- A. The Board will take action to approve payment application#2 for the middle school for Benell, Inc. in the amount of \$204,870.60. (simple majority vote) PEMA Reimbursement (Enclosure C)
- B. The Board will take action to approve payment application #2 for the middle school for Howard Organization, Inc. in the amount of \$118,233.90. (simple majority vote) PEMA Reimbursement (Enclosure D)
- C. The Board will take action to approve payment application #2 for the middle school for Zartman Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$109,090.78 (simple majority vote) PEMA Reimbursement (Enclosure E)
- D. The Board will take action to approve payment application #3 for Howard Organization, Inc. in the amount of \$165,880.35 (simple majority vote) PEMA Reimbursement (Enclosure F)

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve items A-D under school property and supplies.

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, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no

V. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- A. The Board will take action to approve the purchase of 2 used club cars, to be used for transporting personnel and equipment, at a cost of \$2,600. These are budgeted funds. This is a cost savings of \$14,500. This will replace the Gator proposed in the original budget. (simple majority vote) (Enclosure G)

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

A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve item A under Athletics/Activities

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, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no

VI. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

- A The Board will take action to approve a Robotics Summer Camp for incoming grades 4, 5 and 6 at a cost of \$50.00 per student. This cost will cover approximately 30 students per week as defined in the brochure. (Enclosure H)
- B. Overview Chapter 4 (Assessment and Keystone Exams) (Enclosure I)
- C. Overview of Cyber Options (Enclosure J)
- D. The Board will take action to approve an Astronomy Camp through Bloomsburg University for current students in grade 5-9, at no cost to the district.

Dawn Brookhart gave a brief overview of Chapter 4 (Assessment and Keystone Exams). Gregg asked when the results from the Keystone Exams. Dawn said we were told we would have them two weeks prior to graduation.

Cheryl Latorre and Jen Gurski gave an overview on the cyber/alternative school option for this district. They showed a PowerPoint presentation. This presentation showed all the costs to the district for students attending out-of-district cyber schools and reasons why students withdrawal to cyber school.

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve item A under Curriculum & Management Report

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, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no

Dawn Gill left the board meeting at 9:05 PM.

Steve Schooley and Dr. Stemm left the meeting at 9:10 PM

A motion was made by Barbara Bickhart to approve item D under Curriculum & Management Report

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, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 - no

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- *A .The Board will take action to approve the 2012-2013 Community Assessment for Danville Head Start. (Enclosure K)

VIII. FINANCE

- A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary (Enclosure L)
- B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure M)
- C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure N)
- D. Federal Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure O)
- E. Cash Receipts (Enclosure P)
- F. Investments (Enclosure Q)
- G. Bills for Payment – March 7, 2013 to April 2, 2013 (Enclosure R)

- H. The Board will take action to approve the proposed 2013-2014 Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School budgeted at \$7,339,307.00. (This was given to you for review at the March 5, 2013 meeting.) (majority vote)
- I. Presentation by Nutrition Group by Mary Filler. The Board will take action to approve Option #3 of the Nutrition Group proposal for the 2013-2014 school year. (quorum vote) (Enclosure S)
- J. The Board will take action to authorize the Administration to work with Public Financial Management, as Financial Advisor, Mette, Evans and Woodside, as Note Counsel, the local Solicitor and FNB Bank, N.A. in conjunction with the issuance of General Obligation Notes, of credit not to exceed \$7,000,000 for the purpose of renovating the Danville Area Middle School as noted in Option 2. (majority vote) (Enclosure T)

Motion: (To approve Item G under Finance)

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

The motion was seconded by David Weader

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 – no; 3 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm

Steve spoke briefly regarding the Columbia Montour Vo-Tech budget.

Motion: (To approve Item H under Finance)

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

The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart

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

Motion: (To approve Item I under Finance)

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

The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Utt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 – no; 3 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm

Motion: (To approve Item J under Finance)

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

The motion was seconded by Gregg Campbell

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 – no; 3 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm

IX. PERSONNEL

- *A. The Board will take action to grant approval of Sarah Woodward as a first year induction mentor for Amber Turner effective March 4, 2013, at a first year pro-rated stipend (\$1,000 per year). This is required by PDE.
- *B. The Board will take action to grant approval of Jen Nardi, as cheer-leading coach for football, at a stipend of \$2,526.
- *C. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Carla Graham, high school French teacher, effective June 11, 2013. (Enclosure U)
- *D. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Jeffrey Brandt, high school Math teacher, effective June 11, 2013. (Enclosure V)
- *E. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Nancy Whelan, middle school Family and Consumer Science teacher, effective June 11, 2013. (Enclosure W)
- *F. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Suzanne Jensen, first grade teacher at the Danville Primary, effective August 31, 2013. (Enclosure X)
- *G. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Sandra Bruce, art teacher at Liberty Valley Intermediate School, effective July 1, 2013. (Enclosure Y)
- *H. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Donna Heim, Language Arts teacher at Danville Middle School, effective June 11, 2013. (Enclosure Z)
- *I. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Tammy Wislock, Special Education teacher in the Danville Area School District, effective June 11, 2013. (Enclosure AA)
- *J. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Catherine Petruncio, Spanish teacher at Danville Middle School, effective June 11, 2013. (Enclosure AB)

- *K. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Mary Ann Nogle, an aide in the Danville Area School District, effective June 30, 2013. (Enclosure AC)

(The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all retirees for their dedication and commitment to our district. You are to be commended. The Board will officially recognize all retirees at the May 28, 2013 board meeting.)

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

- *A. The Board will take action to approve the second reading of the 2013-2014 school calendar. (quorum vote) (Enclosure AD)
- *B. The Board will take action to approve the second reading of 2013-2014 Holidays. (quorum vote) (Enclosure AE)
- C. The Board will take action to approve the first reading of Policy 7100 - Transportation. (quorum vote) (Enclosure AF)
- D. The Board will take action to adopt the resolution identifying Cheryl Latorre as individual authorized to sign electronic agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. (quorum vote) (Enclosure AG)

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

A motion was made by David Weader to approve item C under Policy & Insurance
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 – no; 3 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm

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

A motion was made by Allan Schappert to approve item D under Policy & Insurance
The motion was seconded by Christopher Outt
The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 – no; 3 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm

XI. TRANSPORTATION

- A. Jeff will be present to discuss the transportation software. The Board will take action to approve the purchase of Bus Tracks the Student Transportation Management System Software at an estimated cost of \$13, 500. Also, route analysis at an estimated cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000. This is from the technology budget. (must have 5 votes) (Enclosure AH)
- B. The Board will take action to approve the transportation contract for Bogart's Buses Inc. in the amount of \$37,781.82 (must have 5 votes) (Enclosure AI)

Motion: (To Approve Item A under Transportation)

A motion was made by David Weader to approve item A under Transportation

The motion was seconded by Barbara Bickhart

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 – no; 3 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm

Motion: (To Approve Item B under Transportation)

A motion was made by Christopher Outt to approve item B under Transportation

The motion was seconded by David Weader

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes -. Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, and Mr. David Weaver; 0 – no; 3 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Steve Schooley, and Dr. Joseph Stemm

XII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public comment

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 pm motion was made by Barbara Bickhart and seconded by David Weader to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

Bonnie A. Edmeads
Board Secretary