

DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 27, 2013 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Senior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Alan Schappert, 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 Weader

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent; Mrs. Janis Venna, Business Manager; Mr. Lee Gump, High School Principal; Ms Michelle Garman, Assistant High Principal; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School Principal; Mr. Edward Sanders, Assistant Middle School Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Primary Principal; Mr. Chris Johns, Intermediate Principal; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Building and Grounds; and Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary; and approximately seven members of the staff and public, and news media.

Motion: (To approve to the August 13, 2013 minutes)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve the minutes

The motion was seconded by Chris 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 Weader; 0 No,

Motion: (To add Item I under Personnel)

A motion was made by Dave Weader to approve the minutes

The motion was seconded by Chris 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 Weader; 0 No,

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

September 3 is the next negotiations meeting for Professional Staff contract
September 26 is the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Danville Middle School
October 19 is the auction at the Riverside Elementary Building

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. There was an Executive Session at 6:00 pm
- B. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Middle School on Northumberland Street will be held September 26, 2013 at 6:00 PM
- C. School Opening

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gulliver asked for a discussion on Item B under Finance.

Parent shared concern for her children pertaining to a bus stop on Thursday's. She would like a different stop for Thursday only. Cheryl told her to call her tomorrow morning and they would discuss the matter further.

Consent Agenda Items

The Board will take action to approve the proposed consent agenda items.

Remove Item B under Finance.

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 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, Mr. Steve Schooley, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weader; 0 No,

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

- A. Dan Knorr – Borough Representative

Allan thanked Dan and the borough for helping to make the start of school go smoothly. Cheryl asked Dan when the Riverside bridge will be completed. Dan said he would look into the completion. Crosswalks for students by the railroad track should be done in late September. Gregg asked when the construction on 11 will be done. Dan said the detour will be in affect until October.

V. SCHOOL PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

Rick Engle will give an update on the middle school including the indoor air quality study report.

- A. The Board will take action to approve payment of Application No. 7 to Zartman Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$294,010.49. FEMA reimbursement (Enclosure 1) (5 votes)
- B. The Board will take action to approve payment of Application No. 6 to LTS Plumbing and Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$21,825.00. FEMA reimbursement (Enclosure 2) (5 votes)
- C. The Board will take action to approve payment of Application No. 8 to Bennell, Inc., in the amount of \$143,047.64. FEMA reimbursement (Enclosure 3) (5 votes)
- D. The Board will take action to approve payment of Application No. 7 to Howard Organization, Inc., in the amount of \$63,084.80. FEMA reimbursement (Enclosure 4) (5 votes)
- E. The Board will take action to approve payment of Application No. 8 to Howard Organization, Inc., in the amount of \$215,449.17. FEMA reimbursement (Enclosure 5) (5 votes)

Rick said things are going great. They started today with starting the chillers up. Phase 5 is to be completed by September 13. The air quality tests at the middle school were all great. The water tests were good as well.

Motion: (To Approve Item A-E under School Property and Supplies)

A motion was made by Gregg Campbell to approve item A - E under School Property and Supplies

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, Dr. Joseph Stemm, and Mr. David Weader; 0 No.

VI. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- A. Title 9 Report

Cheryl gave a brief overview of the number of athletes we have participating in each sport. She said the Title 9 report is being completed. We still need to do the financial part of this report.

VII. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

- *A. The Board will take action to approve the Service Provider Agreement with P.R.O.S. Rehabilitation Inc. /Valley Rehabilitation. (Enclosure 6)
(5 votes)

VIII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

IX. FINANCE

- *A. The Board will take action to approve the lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the postage meter. (Enclosure 7)
- B. The Board will take action to approve the agreement between Danville Area School District represented by Sweet, Steven, Katz and Williams and parents of student #101102 as defined in the document. (Enclosure 8)
- C. The Board will take action to approve the expansion of the radio communication system utilizing an exterior antenna system for all buildings total cost of \$2,833.80. (Enclosure 9)
- D. The Board will give approval to the business manager to seek proposals for copiers/printers.

Motion: (To Approve Item B under Finance)

A motion was made by David Weader to approve Item B under Finance

The motion was seconded by Chris 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 Weader; 0 No.

Motion: (To Approve Item C under Finance)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Items C under Finance

The motion was seconded by Chris 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 Weader; 0 No.

Motion: (To Approve Item D under Finance)

A motion was made by Steve Schooley to approve Items D under Finance

The motion was seconded by Chris 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 Weader; 0 No

X. PERSONNEL

- *A. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Dorislyn Palmer, servicing St. Joseph school as a part-time reading specialist, effective August 8, 2013. (Enclosure 10)
- *B. The Board will take action to accept the FMLA leave for a custodian employee #106864 at the Danville Middle School. (Enclosure 11)
- *C. The Board will take action to approve the mentors for induction of new teachers as presented. First year mentor stipend \$800, second year mentor stipend \$500 and third year stipend \$500. Total cost is \$14,000. (Enclosure 12)
- *D. The Board will take action to approve homebound for student # 104843 with Courtney Hugo as homebound instructor.
- *E. The Board will take action to approve the correction on the level and step for Danielle Latsha, new hire for emotional support, should be MS Year 2, Step 2 salary of \$43,999, with a benefit package of \$25,304.80. Total compensation is \$69,303.00.
- *F. The Board will take action to approve the resignation of Kevin Noll, a long-term substitute for art at the middle school, effective immediately.
- G. The Board will take action to approve the hiring of a sign language specialist for one year at an hourly rate of \$10.05. (Enclosure 13) (5 votes)
- H. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2013-2014 substitute list. (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure 14) (5 votes)
- I. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Samantha Shutt as a long term substitute art teacher at the middle school to fill a maternity leave through February 2014. Health benefits will be included.

Motion: (To Approve Item G – I under Personnel)

A motion was made by Dawn Gill to approve Item G - I under Personnel

The motion was seconded by Chris 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 Weader; 0 No.

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

- A. Discussion of a defined policy for renting the remaining Danville Elementary School space.

The board had a brief discussion regarding renting the available space in the old Danville Elementary building. They all agreed to keep all options open at this time. Dawn was concerned that BSI would possibly keep some people away from wanting to rent the building. Cheryl assured her that they are very self-sufficient and that would not happen. It was suggested to re-evaluate the fair market value for rental space at this building.

XI. TRANSPORTATION

- A. Update of Middle School Construction/Traffic Concern

XII. BOARD CONCERNS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Dr. Stemm asked about the auction and what we plan to do with the building. Cheryl said the building is not useable at present time. A lot of work would need to go into this building to make it useable. Some thought is being given to demolishing the building and keeping the land. The land could possibly be used in the future for athletic fields.

Dave Weader suggested publishing our keystone scores so that the public can see how well we are doing at Danville.

Allan suggested we change the mentoring program. He sees no need for a three year program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gulliver asked about the two modulars at the old Danville Elementary building on Front Street. He was told that FEMA will be getting them. The lease is for 2 years and is up in March.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 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