Danville Area School District
August 25, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Community Room at the former Danville Elementary School Building on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Allan Schappert, Board President followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Board Members
Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Jamie Hosterman, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. David Weader, Mrs. Barbara Bickhart were present. Dr. Joseph Stemm, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Chris Outt were absent.

Others Present
Mrs. Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent, Mrs. Janis Venna, Business Manager (Filling in as Board Secretary for this meeting), Mr. Jeremy Winn, Assistant Middle School Principal, Mr. John Bickhart, Primary School Principal, Mr. Chris Johns, Liberty Valley Principal, Mrs. Jillann Shupp, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Linda Marshall, Director of Head Start, Mr. Ron Kanaskie, Athletic Director and 15 members of the community including staff and news media personnel.

Motion: (To approve the August 11, 2015 minutes)
A motion was made by Dr. Campbell to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bickhart. The motion was approved on a voice vote 6 yes votes. (Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Keister, Mr. Weader, Mr. Schappert) (No votes 0) (Absent Mrs. Gill, Dr. Stemm, Mr. Outt)

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Shappert noted school opens August 27th. Teacher negotiation meeting will be September 16th.

A. CSIU meeting update from Mr. Weader. There will be no report as the CSIU did not have an August meeting.

B. Vocational Technical School update. Mr.Shappert noted that enrollment is up from 661 to 651 students. There is an open principal position. The safe schools report noted 49 incidents for the last school term. Work is needed on improving the Keystone exam scores and Nocti scores. The board has suggested all areas be addressed in the goals for this year. The financial aspects of the center are a concern.

Mr. Weader suggested the possibility of the curriculum directors assisting with curriculum and remediation options. We will also be reviewing the data of the Danville students attending the vo tech.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a) Mrs. Gurski was commended for the grant secured from Blast IU.
b) The committee who assisted with Mr. Kanaskie's celebration were thanked for their work with the celebration.
c) Mrs. Brookhart and Mrs. Bunce were commended for their work with the professional development days and induction.
d) Dr. Bruno presented the district with a check to assist students of the district with need. Mr. Weader noted Dr. Bruno has been an advocate for children for 25 years as a physician and 10 years as a doctor at Geisinger. All administrators and board members thanked Dr. Bruno for the generous gift which will help many.
e) Ron Kanaskie and Matt Gelbaugh presented the NATA award. They thanked Geisinger Sports Medicine and Dr. Feldman. Only 18 schools in PA received this award. Danville was the smallest school to be selected.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Carlene Klena, a parent of the district spoke. She noted that the school year is upon us with a strike looming. Sara, her daughter received and acceptance letter from West Point. She thanked all staff especially the teachers for their efforts. She asked that the union and board come to some agreement. It is possible. Mrs. Klena noted the Stadium council report suggested not moving forward with the project until the teacher contract is settled. She offered to help. Let's rectify the situation and be the community that we are!

Consent Agenda Item
The board will take action to approve the proposed consent agenda items.
Motion (To approve the consent agenda items.
A motion was made by Mrs. Bickhart and seconded by Dr. Campbell. The motion was approved on a voice vote 6 yes votes
(Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Keister, Mr. Weader, Mr. Schappert)
(No votes 0) (Absent Mrs. Gill, Dr. Stemm, Mr. Outt)

IV. PRESENTATIONS/OUTSIDE GUESTS

A. Borough Representative – Mr. Knorr updated all on the borough project. A temporary gravel road has been installed at the middle school. Fencing has been added to ensure safety. A police officer will assist with the traffic at the middle school for the first few weeks. Mr. Knorr thanked Mr. Engle and Mr. Smargiassi for their cooperation. The next area to address will be the project at Railroad and Walnut Streets/

V. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. **The Board will take action to approve the initiative of Turf and Track project for the stadium and three new fields at Riverside in conjunction with the Stadium Council Committee for funding of the turf and track. (Randy Keister) 5 votes**

B. **The Board will take action to approve North Central Sight Services Inc. as the company to assist with archiving and storage of all district records. (Enclosure 1) (Cheryl Latorre and Janis Venna) 5 votes**

C. **The Board will take action to approve the purchasing of 13 Motorola bus radios, installation, and tower fees to the cost of $11,419.20. New radios are necessary as the old radios are not compatible with the new digital system. (Enclosure 2) (Cheryl Latorre and Janis Venna) 5 votes**

Motion: (To postpone item A under School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Mr. Keister to postpone item A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weader. The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes votes (Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Keister, Mr. Weader, Mr. Schappert) (No votes 0) (Absent Mrs. Gill, Dr. Stemm, Mr. Outt)

Motion: (To approve item B under School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Mr. Weader to approve item B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keister. The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes votes (Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Keister, Mr. Weader, Mr. Schappert) (No votes 0) (Absent Mrs. Gill, Dr. Stemm, Mr. Outt)

Motion: (To approve item C under School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Mr. Weader to approve item C. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keister. The motion was approved on a roll call vote 5 yes votes (Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Keister, Mr. Weader, Mr. Schappert) (Mr. Hosterman abstained) (No votes 0) (Absent Mrs. Gill, Dr. Stemm, Mr. Outt)

VI. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

***A. The Board will approve Andy Jones as a volunteer soccer coach. All clearances are on file.**

***B. The Board will approve Brittany Kaltenbach as a volunteer middle school cross country coach. Brittany is an employee of the district.**

VII. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

VIII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

***A. The Board will take action to approve homebound instruction for student # 102598. Homebound instructor Christy Yohe.**

***B. The Board will approve the Good News Club to utilize the Danville Primary School for an after school program.**

IX. FINANCE

A. The Board will take action to approve L.R. Kimball, the architectural firm for the reconstitution of the Middle School to apply for a tax deduction incentives under Section 179D regarding the Energy Policy Act of 2005. (This has been reviewed by Attorney Pratt) (Janis Venna)

Motion: (To approve item A under Finance)
A motion was made by Mr. Keister to approve item A. The motion was seconded by Dr. Campbell. Bickhart. The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes votes (Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Keister, Mr. Weader, Mr. Schappert) (No votes 0) (Absent Mrs. Gill, Dr. Stemm, Mr. Outt)

X. PERSONNEL

A. The Board will take action to approve the transfer of Kim Renz to a Para Professional position from a secretary at an hourly salary of $10.15 per hour. Salary $13,073.20. Benefits $9,944.97. Total compensation $23,018.17. (Enclosure 3)

B. The Board will take action to approve Terri Faust as a secretary to the administrative office at an hourly rate of $12.47 per hour. Salary $25,937.60 Benefits $25,324.68 Total compensation $51,262.28. (Enclosure 4)

***C. The Board will take action to approve the following mentors for new teachers:**

Joy Smith, Melissa Ferguson, Annick Helbig, Krista Seldomridge, Kristen Beyer, Roberta Coulter. Stipends $800 year 1, $500 year 2, $500 year 3

***D. The Board will take action to approve the resignation of Glenna Rearick effective August 18, 2015. (Enclosure 5)**

E. The Board will take action to approve a change in hours of current cafeteria employee Heather Andrusis from part time to full time of 7 hours per day. Salary $14,742.00. Benefits $10,484.11. Total compensation $25,226.11. (Enclosure 6)

***F. The Board will take action to approve Pam Jacks as a homebound instructor.**

***G. The Board will approve the list of substitutes attached. (Enclosure 7)**

Motion: (To approve items A, B, and E under Personnel)
A motion was made by Dr. Cambpell to approve items A, B, and C. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weader. The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes votes (Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Keister, Mr. Weader, Mr. Schappert) (No votes 0) (Absent Mrs. Gill, Dr. Stemm, Mr. Outt)

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action to approve the Agreement between the CSIU Incarcerated Youth Program and the Danville Area School District. (Enclosure 8)

***B. The Board will take action to approve the second reading of the following policies: 200, 202,203, 203.1, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 210.1, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 216.1, 217, 218,218.1 218.2, 219,220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 226,227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 235.1, 236, 237, 239, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252.**

***C. The Board will approve the Affiliation between Bloomsburg University and the Danville Area School District as proposed. The agreement is designed to provide educational experiences for University students and the Danville Area School District. (Enclosure 9)**

D. The Board will take action to approve the Act 93 Agreement July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. (Enclosure 10)

***E. The Board will approve the Employee Handbook.**
A special thank you to Mrs. Brookhart and Mrs. Bunce for their work on the handbook.

- **Sent electronically to all board members**

- **A hard copy will be available at the meeting**

Motion: (To approve item A under Policy and Insurance)
A motion was made by Dr. Campbell to approve item A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weader. The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes votes (Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Keister, Mr. Weader, Mr. Schappert) (No votes 0) (Absent Mrs. Gill, Dr. Stemm, Mr. Outt)

Motion: (To approve item D under School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Mr. Weader to approve item B. The motion was seconded by Dr. Campbell. The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 yes votes (Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Bickhart, Mr. Hosterman, Mr. Keister, Mr. Weader, Mr. Schappert) (No votes 0) (Absent Mrs. Gill, Dr. Stemm, Mr. Outt)

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

XIV. BOARD CONCERNS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Adjournment

At 8:20 pm a motion was made by Mr. Keister and seconded by Mr. Weader to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by a voice vote.

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Substitute Board Secretary
Janis Venna