DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 22, 2015 Minutes

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Community Room at DES Building on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. Randy Keister, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm were present. Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Cheryl Latorre, Superintendent; Mrs. Janis Venna, Business Manager; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Lee Gump, High School Principal; Michelle Garman, Assistant High School Principal; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School Principal; Mr. Jeremy Winn, Assistant Middle School Principal; Mr. Chris Johns, Intermediate Principal; Mrs. Jennifer Gurski, Assistant Principal of Cyber School; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Building and Grounds; Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary and twenty members of the staff, public, and news media.

Motion: (To approve the September 8, 2015 minutes)
A motion was made by Randy Keister to approve the minutes
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt

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

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

A. Reports –
CSIU – Dave Weader
Columbia Montour Vo-Tech – Allan Schappert

David Weader gave a brief report on the CSIU. He reported the board authorized the CSIU to secure a line of credit until the budget is passed.

Allan Schappert reported the Columbia Montour Vocational-Technical meeting was routine covering personnel items and bills to be paid.

Allan said the Bridging the Gap store will be open after tonight's meeting if anyone is interested in stopping by.

Motion: (To add the addendum items)
A motion was made by David Weader to add the addendum items
The motion was seconded by Chris Outt
The motion was approved on a voice vote 7 yes - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm; 0 – No; 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. There was an Executive Session at 6:00 PM to discuss personnel and legal matters.

B. Bloomsburg University Junior Achievement for 8th Grade

C. Homecoming date change October 9, at the request of the administration and students

Mrs. Latorre thanked Teddy Hower, a bus driver, for going above and beyond in her job. Teddy was selected as bus driver of the month.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Motion: (To approve the consent agenda items)
A motion was made Barbara Bickhart to approve the consent agenda items.
The motion was seconded by Randy Keister
The motion was approved on a voice vote 7 yes - Mrs. Barbara Bickhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm; 0 – No; 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman.

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

A. Borough Representative – Dan Knorr

Dan Knorr was not present this evening

V. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. The Board will take action to approve the purchase of window shades for Liberty Valley School through C.M. Eichenlaub Co. under Co-stars 014-090 at a total of $37,600. (Approved state bid process) (Rick Engle)

B. The Board will take action to approve the purchase of mobile radios, for one newly added van and one missed bus, at a cost of $1,756.80. This is Co-stars pricing, per contract 12-058. (Approved state bid process) (Rick Engle) (Enclosure 1)

Motion: (To approve the Items A-B under School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made David Weader to approve Items A-B 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. Randy Keister, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm; 0 – No; 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman.

VI. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action to approve the agreement between Danville Area Community Center and Danville Area School District as presented for the 2015-2016 Varsity Swim Season, with the rental fee being $16,975.00. (Enclosure 2)

B. The Board will take action to approve the agreement between Danville Area Community Center and Danville Area School District as presented for the 2015 Fall Soccer Season, with the rental fee being $4,200.00. (Enclosure 3) (Janis Venna)

C. The Board will take action to approve the High School Band trip to Orlando, Florida, evening of February 10-15, 2016. The cost to the district will be to cover 3 substitutes for 3 days at an approximate total cost of $900. (Pending Teacher Strike) (Enclosure 4)

D. The Board will take action to approve the High School Ski Club trip to Killington, Vermont February 26-29, 2016. The only cost to the district will be for one substitute at approximately $100. (Pending Teacher Strike) (Enclosure 5)

E. The board will take action to approve the High School FFA National trip to Louisville, Kentucky for one student and advisor, October 27-31,

2015. The only cost to the district is for 1 substitute at approximately $100 a day for 4 days.

Motion: (To approve the Items A-E under Athletics/Activities)
A motion was made Randy Keister to approve Items A-E under Athletics/Activities
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. Randy Keister, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm; 0 – No; 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman.

Ethan Benjamin, student, spoke briefly about going to the FFA National Convention and he will be competing in the Agricscience competition.

VII. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. Safe Schools Report – Building Principals

Safe Schools Report was presented by the building principals. They spoke about a school police officer on campus. They also spoke about ways this could help the district. The principals gave an overview of having a SPO/SRO within the district. The Board asked a few questions and Dawn Brookhart spoke on those questions. The Board asked to have more details before moving any further.

VIII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

IX. FINANCE

A. The Board will take action to approve Berkone to process the Act 80 records from the Department of Revenue as presented. (Enclosure 6) (Janis Venna)

B. The Board will take action to approve Berkone for the Act 1 Homestead/Farmstead mailing at a cost of .315/unit. (Enclosure 7) (Janis Venna)

Motion: (To approve the Items A-B under Finance)
A motion was made David Weader to approve Items A-B under Finance
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. Randy Keister, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm; 0 – No; 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman.

VI. PERSONNEL

*A. The Board will take action to approve Emily Morgan as a homebound teacher at an hourly rate of $20.00, effective immediately.

*B. The Board will take action to approve student #7400804022 for homebound instruction.

*C. The Board will take action to approve Kaitlyn Huber, as co-advisor for the class of 2017 effective immediately with a stipend of $750.00. (Enclosure 8)

*D. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Sheila Kuhns, cafeteria worker, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year. (Enclosure 9)

*E. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2015-2016 substitute list. (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure 10)

F. The Board will take action to approve the employment of Nancy McBride, as a paraprofessional at an hourly rate of $10.15. Total compensation of $23,018.17.

G. The Board will take action to approve the employment of Noah Manitone, as a Special education teacher, at a salary of $40,703, BA degree, 0 years of service. Total compensation of $70,331.14. The salary and total compensation will be pro-rated for the start date of October 8, 2015. This is position is replacing Adam Kocher.

H. The Board will take action to approve the employment of Jayme Feld, as a Special education teacher, at a salary of $49,922.00, MS, 0 years of service. Total compensation of $73,308.50. The salary and total compensation will be pro-rated for the start date to be determined. This is position is replacing Glenna Rearick.

I. The Board will take action to approve eight days without pay for Megan Geise from January 25 – February 5, 2016, using two personal days. (Enclosure 11)

J. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Melissa Zakarian as varsity wrestling cheerleading coach effective immediately. (Enclosure 12)

K. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Molly Buchanan,

special education teacher at Liberty Valley, effective date to be determined.

*L. The Board will take action to approve the employment of Taji Hampton, as a substitute custodian, effective September 23, 2015 at hourly rate of $11.85.

Motion: (To approve Items F-K under Personnel)
A motion was made by Chris Outt to approve items F-K under Personnel
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. Randy Keister, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm; 0 – No; 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman.

VII. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action to reinstate Fred Geringer, to the Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School Authority.

Motion: (To approve Item A under Policy and Insurance)
A motion was made by Randy Keister to approve item A under Policy and Insurance
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. Randy Keister, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Allan Schappert, Mr. David Weader, and Dr. Joseph Stemm; 0 – No; 2 Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill and Mr. Jamie Hosterman.

XII. TRANSPORTATION

*A. The Board will take action to approve Deborah Cook, as a bus driver, for the 2015-2016 school year for Danville Area School District through Fishing Creek Busing.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Gulliver asked for enclosure 6 and 7.

XIV. BOARD CONCERNS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Allan reminded the board members of Head Start's upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 pm motion was made by David Weader and seconded by Chris Outt to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Bonnie A. Edmeads
Board Secretary