DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 14, 2017 Minutes
Regular Board Meeting

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Community Room at DES Building on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. David Weader, President, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL - Board Members

Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill (left the meeting at 8:00), Mr. Chris Outt, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mrs. Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. David Price, Interim Superintendent; Mrs. Bobbi Ely, Business Manager; Mr. Chris Johns, High School Principal; Mr. Jeremy Winn, High School Assistant Principal; Mr. David Snover, Middle School Assistant Principal; Mr. Lee Gump, Intermediate Principal; Mr. John Bickhart, Primary School Principal; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology; Mrs. Linda Marshall, Head Start Director; Mrs. Jillann Shupp, Director of Special Education; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Building and Grounds; Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary; and fifty members of the staff, public, and news media.

Motion: (To approve the minutes from October 10 and 17, 2017)
A motion was made by Mrs. Dawn Gill to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gregg Campbell.

The motion was approved on a voice vote 9 yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 0 – No;

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

A. CONGRATULATIONS TO GIRLS CROSS COUNTY – PIAA STATE CHAMPIONS

B. Reports:
CSIU – David Weader
Columbia Montour Vo-Tech – Randy Keister

The High School Girls Cross Country PIAA State Champions were recognized at the board meeting.

Mr. David Weader did not have anything to report tonight for CSIU.

Mr. Randy Keister reported the Columbia Montour Vo-Tech have settled the Support Staff Contract. Mr. Keister also reported Mr. Bacher and Mr. Lylo from Vo-Tech are meeting with senators/representatives in hopes of getting more funding for the Vo-Tech.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Enrollment Report (Enclosure 1)

B. Jason Bendle – Transition Plan

C. John Bickhart – Substitutes

D. Vanessa Ruckle – New Maintenance Building Design by Clara Combe

E. Jack Deal – Baseball Fence Analysis by Physics students

F. Received a funding from the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program in the amount of $3200 from First Community Foundation Partnership to be used for the creation of an app to reinforce the Orton-Gillingham skills thought in grades 3 and 4.

G. Middle School Fall Festival – Dr. Smargiassi

Dr. Jason Bendle spoke briefly about his transition plan for moving into the Superintendent position in January.

Mr. Bickhart gave a brief update on the substitute shortage. He gave a few options for possibly helping with the shortage. The board agreed for him to go ahead with advertising, sending notes home with students, etc. to try to get more substitutes on our list. Mr. Weader advised Mr. Bickhart to present something at the next board meeting options for the board to take action on.

Vanessa Ruckle and her student Clara Coombe presented design options for the new maintenance shed. Clara Coombe designed the options presented. Clara did a great job.

Mr. Jack Deal and 4 of his students were at tonight's board meeting to present the work they did in physics class to determine how high a fence would need to be to keep baseballs from going down on Route 11. They did an excellent job explaining

how they came up with the answer of a 20 foot fence to be located down the hill at the brick wall.

Mr. Price told the board that we received funds in the amount of $3200 from First Community Foundation Partnership to be used for the creation of an app to reinforce the Orton-Gillingham skills thought in grades 3 and 4. We currently have a student working on this app.

Mr. David Snover spoke about the “Pay It Forward” drive the middle school held the month of October to help a middle school in Texas from flood devastation. They held several fund raisers throughout the month. To cap off the drive they held a Community Fall Festival on October 28. During the festival they had several things for the community to participate in. The showed the movie Hocus Pocus, has pumpkin painting, had a candy scavenger hunt, had basket raffle (over 50 baskets were donated for this). It was very successful and a great time was had by all in attendance. The middle school raised just over $10,000. They will be sending a check along with one of the t-shirts, that were sold, signed by teachers and students and a photograph of the students and teachers wearing their t-shirts. Great job middle school. A great way to “Pay It Forward”.

Mrs. Jill Shupp gave a brief update on her secretary Dana. Dana was diagnosed with cancer and we had a casual dress and a t-shirt fundraiser to help her with expenses. The board members are wearing the “Team Dana” t-shirts tonight. Mrs. Shupp asked that we all continue to keep Dana in our prayers. Her surgery will be next week.

Mr. Price thanked the three outgoing board members for the great job they did for the district. They are Mr. David Weader, Mr. Chris Outt and Dr. Gregg Campbell. The three of them were presented with a small token of appreciation for their service.

Addendum Items

The Board will take action to add the addendum items.

Motion: (To add the addendum items)

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Outt to add the addendum items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keister.

The motion was approved on a voice vote 9 yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 0 – No;

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Hackenberg commended everyone in the district for the fine job they are doing with not only teaching children the ABC’s but also teaching give-back to your

community. It is so exciting to see the children excited about the give-back projects they are doing in school.

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 by Mr. Outt to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Dr. Campbell

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 0 – No; 1 – Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/OUTSIDE GUESTS (Max. of 5 minutes each)

A. Borough Update – Jamie Shrawder

B. PFM – Jamie Doyle

C. Mountain Biker's Club - Dave Decoteau

Jamie Shrawder was not present at this evening's meeting.

Mrs. Jamie Doyle and Mr. Tom Smida were present to speak about the borrowing of funds. Mrs. Doyle briefly went over the options and Mr. Smida explained the resolution which the board will be voting on this evening.

Mr. Dave Decoteau and members of the Mountain Biker's Club thanked the board for allowing them to use the mountain bikes. Ethan Weader spoke briefly about the competitions. Ethan said they finished in 14th place, for their first year of competition. They were 1st place for teams who have competed for the first year. Mr. Decoteau said they now have a website – hammersmbt.com. Please visit the site for information and updates. Mr. Decoteau said the bike league doubled in size this year and is expected to grow more next year. Mr. Decoteau said the students are learning stewardship for parks and trails. A parent said he enjoyed the club because he can ride with his son.

V. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. The Board will take action to approve change order #4 from Myco Mechanical Inc. in the amount of $2,952.28 for domestic water tie-in as presented. (Enclosure 2)

B. The Board will take action to approve change order #18 from Lobar for a credit of $58,989.06 associated with deletion of all work associated with

metal panel system along auditorium wall (lobby side) as presented. (Enclosure 3)

C. The Board will take action to approve change order #2 from Master Mechanical Corp. for a credit of $1,698.54 for deletion of grilles & UH relocation at the Field House as presented. (Enclosure 4)

D. The Board will take action to approve change order #5 from Mycro Mechanical Inc. for a credit of $1,900.00 for VE plumbing changes in Field House & Adm. as presented. (Enclosure 5)

E. The Board will take action to approve Payment Application # 3 to Lobar Inc. in the amount of $517,146.30 as presented. (Enclosure 6)

F. The Board will take action to approve payment to Stadium Solutions Inc. in the amount of $10,009.60 as presented. (Enclosure 7)

G. The Board will take action to approve Mid-Penn Engineering Corporation for services related to the Riverside Elementary School Demolition Project at a cost not to exceed $12,000 as presented. (Enclosure 8)

H. The Board will take action to approve the payment of $5,996.00 to Gelnett & Associates, LLC for upgrade sound system for the visitor side of the football field. (Enclosure 9)

I. The Board will take action to approve payment of $15,006.88 to Quality Assurance Plus for professional services as presented. (Enclosure 10)

J. The Board will take action to change order #3 from Master Mechanical Corp. in the amount of $1,395.63 to change RTU-2 curb from 20” tall curb to a 36” tall curb to allow ductwork to fit steel structure as presented. (Enclosure 11)

K. The Board will take action to approve Payment Application # 5 to G. R. Noto Electrical Construction Inc. in the amount of $147,742.20 as presented. (Enclosure 12)

L. The Board will take action to accept the bid of $2,101.00 to sell the 2000 Ford F350 Pickup Truck from Mike Veneziano. (Enclosure 13)

M. The Board will take action to accept the bid of $801.00 to sell the 2004 Ford F350 XL Wagon Van from Mike Veneziano. (Enclosure 14)

N. The Board will take action to accept the bid of $4,000.00 to sell the 2006 Ford Econoline Van from Steve Strausser. (Enclosure 15)

O. The Board will take action to approve Payment Application # 4 to Lobar Inc. in the amount of $164,075.62 as presented. (Enclosure 16)

P. The Board will take action to approve the payment of $18,600.00 to Fidevia for professional services rendered for the month of October 2017 As presented. (Enclosure 17)

Q. The Board will take action to approve the payment of 862.50 to Borough of Danville for Larson Design Group services for DHS auditorium. (Enclosure 18)

R. The Board will take action to approve Payment Application # 4 to Myco Mechanical Inc. in the amount of $54,424.48 as presented. (Enclosure 19)

S. The Board will take action to approve Payment Application # 2 to Master Mechanical Corp. in the amount of $52,031.25 as presented. (Enclosure 20)

T. The Board will take action to approve the purchase and installation of cameras in the stadium as an extension of our video and security system at a cost of $10,315.66 through Siemens as presented. (Enclosure 21)

U. The Board will take action to approve the purchase and installation of polymer lockers at the high school through C. M. Eichenlaub Co at a cost of $44,876.00 through costars-014-090 recreational and fitness equipment contract as presented. (Enclosure 22)

V. The Board will take action to approve the design services for the maintenance shed and office through Mid-Penn Engineering Corp. at a cost of $19,200.00.

W. The Board will take action to approve the payment of $17,674.41 to Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates for professional services from June1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 as presented. (Enclosure 23)

X. The Board will take action to approve the payment of $14,101.29 to Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates for professional services from July 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017 as presented. (Enclosure 24)

Mr. Keister asked about item U – lockers for the high school. Mr. Price explained the lockers are for the locker rooms.

Motion: (To approve items A-X under School Property and Supplies)

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Outt to approve items A-X. The motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Keister.

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 0 – No; 1 – Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill.

VI. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

*A. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Courtney Hugo, As an advisor for the Pat Ackerman Reading Program.

*B. The Board will take action to approve an out-of-state trip to Wallops Island Virginia for the Bio Health Careers from May 20 to May 23, 2018 As presented. (Enclosure 25)

C. The Board will take action to approve the following advisors for two Clubs at the high school. Health Careers Club – Co-Advisors Gary Grozier $416 and Chelsea Vuchnich $416; Peers As Companions – Co-Advisors Amy Willoughby $416 and Jayme Feld $416.

D. The Board will take action to approve the 2017-2018 winter athletic coaches as presented. (Enclosure 26)

*E. The Board will take action to approve Pelle Nejman as coach for 8th grade girls basketball.

*F. The Board will take action to approve Dave Decoteau as advisor of Outdoor and Trails Club with a stipend of $760.

Motion: (To approve item C under Athletics/Activities)
A motion was made by Mrs. Erin Ross to approve item C under Athletics/Activities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Keister

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 0 – No; 1 – Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill.

Mrs. Ross voiced her concern with the number of boys basketball coaching staff compared to the girls basketball coaching staff. The board had a discussion regarding the size of coaching staffs. The board directed the athletic committee to meet and provide a recommendation regarding these issues.

The board also agreed to advertise for an assistant swim coach.

Motion: (To approve item D under Athletics/Activities, adding salaries to be determined)
A motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister to approve item D under Athletics/Activities, adding salaries to be determined. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 6 - yes – Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, and Mr. David Weader; 2 – No - Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Erin Ross; 1 – Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill.

VII. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. The Board will take action to approve job description for Elementary and Secondary Department Leads as presented. (Enclosure 27)

B. The Board will take action to approve the purchase of the proposed new Spanish textbooks at a cost of $76,697.23 with funds from the 2017-2018 curriculum budget as proposed. (Enclosure 28)

Motion: (To approve item A under Curriculum and Management Report)
A motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister to approve item A under Curriculum and Management Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 0 – No; 1 – Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill.

Mrs. Ross asked what the Spanish books are for. Mrs. Brookhart told the board the books are for high school and middle school students. Mrs. Ross than asked if we are hiring a new Spanish teacher for elementary. Mrs. Brookhart said the long-term plan was to hire an additional Spanish teacher for the elementary level. After discussion the board agreed that the District should work to move forward with finding a way to we to add a Spanish teacher for elementary level.

Motion: (To approve item B under Curriculum and Management Report)
A motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister to approve item B under Curriculum and Management Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 0 – No; 1 – Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill.

Mr. Price told the board we may need a long-term substitute for science at the high school for the second half of the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Price also stated we may need a science teacher for at the high school level because of a retirement.

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

VIII. FINANCE

A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary (Enclosure 29)

B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure 30)

C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure 31)

D. Federal Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure 32)

E. Cash Receipts (Enclosure 33)

F. Investments (Enclosure 34)

G. Bills for Payment – October 5, 2017 to November 7, 2017 (Enclosure 35)

H. The Board will take action to approve the resolution for two series of general obligation bonds as presented. (Enclosure 36)

Motion: (To approve items G & H under Finance)
A motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister to approve items G & H under Finance. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gregg Campbell

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 0 – No; 1 – Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill.

IX. PERSONNEL

*A. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2017-2018 substitute list, pending all required documentation. (Teachers, Teacher Aides, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure 37)

*B. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Heather Andrusis, cafeteria employee, effective September 8, 2017.

C. The Board will take action to approve FMLA for employee # 6813204 to

begin April 24, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school term, using 31 sick days. If the school year is extended due to emergency days, she will use more of her accumulated sick days to compensate. She plans to return for the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

*D. The Board will take action to approve the extended unpaid medical leave for employee #0794 through November 30, 2017.

*E. The Board will take action to accept the retirement of Sandra Stefonovige, Para-Professional, effective December 1, 2017.

*F. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Joanna Kreisher as an advisor of the Pat Ackerman Reading Program effective immediately.

*G. The Board will take action to approve the employment of Christopher Gallaher as a day-to-day substitute.

Motion: (To approve item C under Personnel)
A motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister to approve item C under Personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Outt.

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 0 – No; 1 – Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill.

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

*A. The Board will take action to approve the memorandum of understanding between BLaST IU and Danville Area School District as presented. (Enclosure 38)

B. The Board will take action to approve the 45-day expulsion of a middle school student # 2120313881.

C. The Board will take action to approve the memorandum of understanding between Saint Clair Area School District and the Danville Area School District as presented. (Enclosure 39)

D. The Board will take action to approve the Lackawanna College Proposal for Dual Enrollment Agreement with Danville Area School District as presented. (Enclosure 40)

Motion: (To approve items B, C, & D under Policy & Insurance)
A motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister to approve items B, C, & D under Policy & Insurance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wayne Brookhart.

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 8 yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Chris Outt, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 0 – No; 1 – Absent – Mrs. Dawn Gill.

Mrs. Brookhart thanked the board for approving dual enrollment.

XI. TRANSPORTATION

*A. The Board will take action to approve Pegg Gabrielle as a bus driver for Danville Area School District through Fishing Creek.

*B. The Board will take action to approve Thomas Brokenshire as a van Driver for Danville Area School District through Fishing Creek.

*C. The Board will take action to approve James McManus as a van driver For Danville Area School District through W. L. Myers.

*D. The Board will take action to approve Justin Knight as a bus driver for Danville Area School District through W.L. Myers.

XII. BOARD CONCERNS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Brookhart suggested we get a plaque for the new science/biology wing to honor Mr. Price for his time with Danville Area School District. The Board agreed with this suggestion, noting he has done a great job for the District, and directed administration to proceed. Mr. Price said he loves to work at Danville.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Bartholomew thanked the board for considering another Spanish teacher.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 pm a motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister and seconded by Mr. Derl Reichard to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Bonnie A. Edmeads
Board Secretary