DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 12, 2017 Minutes
Regular Board Meeting

The Danville Area School Board held their meeting in the Community Room at DES Building on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mr. David Weader, President, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL - Board Members

Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mrs. Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader were present. Mr. Wayne Brookhart was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Chris Johns, High School Principal; Mr. Jeremy Winn, High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Charles Smargiassi, Middle School 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; Dr. Jennifer Gurski, Principal eLearning; Mr. Rick Engle, Director of Building and Grounds; Mrs. Bonnie Edmeads, Board Secretary; and thirty members of the staff, public, and news media.

Motion: (To approve the minutes from August 8, 2017)
A motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dawn Gill.

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

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Mr. David Weader reported the CSIU is working through their Strategic Plan for 2017-2020.

Mr. Randy Keister reported Columbia Montour Vo-Tech School had a smooth start to school.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Busing Update

B. Enrollment Report (Enclosure 1)

Mr. Dave Price introduced Bobbi Ely who is on the agenda to be hired for the Danville Area School District's Business Manager.

Mr. Dave Price spoke about the busing problems. Mr. Price said he understands students are getting home very late and the district is working on the situation. One issue that we have no control of is the traffic. The area has a lot of traffic in the afternoon dismissal time because of Geisinger employees getting out of work. Last week the bus contractors, Mr. Gump, Mr. Bickhart, Mrs. Renno (who was very prepared) and Mr. Price met to discuss the busing problem. We sent home a letter to parents with pick-up and drop-off time changes which will begin on Monday, September 18, 2017. Other changes which will take place is staging busses at the buildings which release busses with longer runs out first, adding two additional bus runs, and having student drop-off 5 minutes earlier in the AM.

Mr. Price suggested the board come up with criteria for busing plan for next year. Price suggested they set up times - earliest pick-up time in the AM and latest drop-off time in the PM and most importantly length of time on the bus.

Mr. Price also spoke briefly about meeting with FEMA/PEMA regarding the 2011 flood at the middle school. FEMA/PEMA still has a few questions they want answers to. The Board asked when we would be getting the rest of our money. Mr. Price said he asked that question of FEMA/PEMA folks. The response was they do not handle that part – they did not know.

Addendum Items

The Board will take action to add the addendum item under Curriculum.

Motion: (To add the addendum item)

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Outt to add the addendum item. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gregg Campbell

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Parent 1 – This parent was not happy about the longer school day. She asked that the board go back to the same start and end time as last year. She said until her kids get home from school she does not have any time with them. Mr. Price said he is not for shortening the day, he feels the extra instructional time is beneficial.

Parent 2 – She said they recently moved into the district and feels the school day, especially at primary school, is too long of a school day.

Parent 3 – She feels the District should strive for bus runs of less than 45 minutes. She also feels 6.7 hours is too long of a day.

Parent 4 – She is a Riverside parent. She feels the bus ride is too long. Also, she mentioned the stop at Avenue G and 9th Street is not a safe stop especially in the AM. She suggested that we separate Primary School and Intermediate School runs. She feels this will make the bus times better.

Parent 5 – This parent would like to see that we consider changing our school times back to what they were last year. Mr. Price said he feels this is not an option.

Mr. Price asked Lee Gump, Intermediate School Principal and John Bickhart, Primary School Principal to survey all parents regarding school times and busing.

Parent 6 – Jim Lacavage – He would like to have more feedback and information on the school times and also the academic value. Kids need other things besides academics to make the a well-rounded individual.

Parent 7 – She said her student has a 45 minutes bus ride from Liberty Valley. How can this be made shorter. Also, student pick-up is very dangerous at Liberty Valley.

Mr. Lee Gump said they are making the following changes starting Monday. The first 7 buses will leave, then parents have a 10-15 minute time frame for pick-up before the next wave of buses come through.

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 Dr. Gregg Campbell to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dawn Gill

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Derl Reichard, and Mr. David Weader; 1 Absent – Mr. Wayne Brookhart; 1 – No - Mrs. Erin Ross

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

A. PRM (New Borrowing) – Jamie Doyle

B. Costa Rica Trip – Sonia Crane

C. Borough Update – Jamie Shrawder

Sonia Crane and Emily Morgan spoke briefly about the Costa Rica Trip this past summer. They took 37 students and 6 chaperones. It was very educational but also lots of fun. The students represented Danville Area School District superbly.

Emily Morgan introduced Donald Kuziak, high school student, who will be the SGA Board representative this year.

Jamie Doyle, PRM, spoke about 2018 financing. Ms Doyle gave the board a handout and explained each page. The board had a few questions and Ms Doyle told them they need to have a motion on the next agenda to proceed with additional borrowing.

Jamie Shrawder, Danville Borough, was not present at tonight's meeting.

V. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. Discussion Items – Danville Elementary property and Riverside property

B. The Board will take action for payment of Application No 1 to Lobar, Inc. in the $151,954.20 as presented. (Enclosure 2)

C. The Board will take action to approve change order #1 credit for Electrical construction in the amount of $10,000 for use of MC cable in lieu of conduit in concealed area per CAM #1 as presented. (Enclosure 3)

D. The Board will take action to approve change order #2 credit for Electrical construction in the amount of $2,400 for electrical work to the select auditorium seating as described in CAM #1 as presented. (Enclosure 4)

E. The Board will take action to approve change order #3 credit for Electrical construction in the amount of $3,392 for deletion of LED type K lighting as described in CAM #1 as presented. (Enclosure 5)

F. The Board will take action to approve change order #4 for FieldTurf to install an additional 75' of 2" water line at a cost of $2,993.12 as presented. (Enclosure 6)

G. The Board will take action to approve change order #1 for Master Mechanical Corp. for a credit for not supplying A/C on 3 ERVs. in the amount of 12,334.80 as presented. (Enclosure 7)

H. The Board will take action to approve Application #1 Certificate for Payment for Myco Mechanical Inc. in the amount of $28,915.00 as presented. (Enclosure 8)

I. The Board will take action to approve Application #3 for Payment for G. R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc. in the amount of $89,482.50 as presented. (Enclosure 9)

J. The Board will take action to approve change order #6 for G. R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc. for a credit for use of 2 existing 4" underground conduits to feed Panel HA in lieu or running new conduits in the amount of $4,090. (Enclosure 10)

K. The Board will take action to approve Application #2 for Payment for Fieldturf USA Inc. in the amount of $1,129,816 as presented. (Enclosure 11)

Mr. Weader postponed the discussion of Danville Elementary Building and Riverside Elementary Building.

Mr. Ken Berkich, Fidevia, explained item G, credit for not supplying A/C on 3 ERVs. Mr. Keister asked why we removed air conditioning. Mr. Berkich said we already have existing air conditioning. We did not need any additional.

Dawn Gill left the meeting at 8:35 pm.

The Board will take action to approve items B-K under School Property and Supplies.

Motion: (To approve items B-K under School Property and Supplies)

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

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 2 Absent – Mr. Wayne Brookhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill; 0 – No

VI. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

A. The Board will take action to approve Karen Dermes, Middle School teacher, as assistant Cross Country coach.

B. The Board will take action to approve MaryAnn McConnell, as a Volunteer Field Hockey Coach.

Motion: (To approve items A - B under Athletics/Activities)
A motion was made by Dr. Gregg Campbell to approve items A - B under Athletics/Activities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 2 Absent – Mr. Wayne Brookhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill; 0 – No

VII. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. eLearning Presentation – Jen Gurski

B. Student Achievement – Dawn Brookhart

C. The Board will take action to approve the donation of our old Reading Benchmark kits to Benton Area School District.

Dr. Jennifer Gurski gave an update on the eLearning Program.

Mrs. Dawn Brookhart gave the board a handout on student achievements. She reviewed each page of the handout with them and showed performance. While there some good results, Mrs. Brookhart feels we have a lot of work ahead of us. AP Spanish test scores are great. We got top on 26 of 28 spots. AP scores are really good. We have 89% pass rate on our AP tests.

Mr. Weader asked about our basic and below basic students. Mrs. Brookhart said we are working on those numbers to help these students more forward. The board discussed how to make changes and set goals.

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

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 2 Absent – Mr. Wayne Brookhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill; 0 – No

VII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. The Board will take action to approve Good News Club at Danville Primary School beginning October 11, 2017 from 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM.

Motion: (To approve item A under School/Community Relations)
A motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister to approve item A under School/Community Relations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Outt

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 2 Absent – Mr. Wayne Brookhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill; 0 – No

VIII. FINANCE

A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary (Enclosure 12)

B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure 13)

C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure 14)

D. Federal Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure 15)

E. Cash Receipts (Enclosure 16)

F. Investments

G. Bills for Payment – August 2, 2017 to September 6, 2017 (Enclosure 17)

H. The Board will take action to approve the proposed consulting services of Conrad Siegel Actuaries for the 2017 ACA Employer Report at a cost of $6,000. Additional fees, if we use them for other areas beyond the scope of services, would be as follows – Consulting Actuary $320 per hour, Benefit Consultant $270 per hour, and Actuarial Analyst $200 per hours as presented. (Enclosure 18)

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

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 2 Absent – Mr. Wayne Brookhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill; 0 – No

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 19)

*B. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Wendy Pratt, Para Professional effective immediately. This position will not be replaced at this time. (Enclosure 20)

*C. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Courtney Hugo, As a coach for the Danville Forensics Team, effective immediately. (Enclosure 21)

*D. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Theresa Madison, as high school prom co-advisor, effective immediately. (Enclosure 22)

E. The Board will take action to approve FMLA for employee #6965731 beginning approximately December 4, 2017 returning March 12, 2018.

F. The Board will take action to approve the return date of FMLA for employee #6043687 from November 6, 2017 to January 3, 2018.

G. The Board will take action to approve the employment of Bobbi Ely, as business manager, at a pro-rated salary of $80,000. She will receive Act 93 benefits. (Enclosure 23)

H. The Board will take action to approve Jordan Willie, as assistant to the band director with a stipend of $1500.

I. The Board will take action to approve the forensics positions/salaries as presented. (Enclosure 24)

J. The Board will take action to approve Jordan Willie, as high school Drama ensemble advisor.

K. The Board will take action to approve a $500 stipend to Heather Crumb for Practice Based Coaching Internal Coach at Danville Head Start.

L. The Board will take action to approve a $800 stipend to Peggy Dimmick for mentoring a new Pre-K Counts teacher according to DASD teachers contract.

M. The Board will take action to approve the transfer of Jennifer Weaver

from Head Start teacher to Pre-K Counts teacher at a salary of $32,200 effective September 19, 2017.

N. The Board will take action to approve a $400 stipend to Shelly Hayman for mentoring two new Head Start teachers according to Danville Head Start procedures.

Mr. Keister asked if we had an assistant to the band director in the past. Mr. Johns said we did. The board also asked about a stipend for the Drama Ensemble advisor. Mr. Johns explained that there is a set amount of money for drama and the stipend will be determined when they decide how many people are needed for the production.

Motion: (To approve items E-N under Personnel)
A motion was made by Mr. Chris Outt to approve items E-N under Personnel. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gregg Campbell.

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 2 Absent – Mr. Wayne Brookhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill; 0 – No

X. POLICY & INSURANCE

XI. TRANSPORTATION

A. The Board will take action to approve Shiloh Lawton, as a bus driver for Danville Area School District through W. L. Myers & Sons.

B. The Board will take action to approve Barry Kremer, as a van driver for Danville Area School District through W. L. Myers & Sons.

C. The Board will take action to approve Diane Shultz, as a van driver for Danville Area School District through W. L. Myers & Sons.

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

The motion was approved on a roll call vote 7 yes - Dr. Gregg Campbell, Mr. Randy Keister, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Christopher Outt, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. David Weader; 2 Absent – Mr. Wayne Brookhart and Mrs. Dawn Gill; 0 – No

XII. BOARD CONCERNS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Discussion on Danville Elementary and Riverside Buildings.
Rick Engle is to work on information for demolition of the Riverside building.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 pm a motion was made by Mr. Chris Outt and seconded by Dr. Gregg Campbell to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Bonnie A. Edmeads
Board Secretary