DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 9, 2019 Minutes
Regular Board Meeting

The Danville Area School Board met at the Danville Primary School on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Kevin Brouse, President, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL - Board Members

Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mr. Kevin Brouse, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. Joshua Seidel were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Jason Bendle, Superintendent; Mrs. Bobbi Ely, Business Manager; Mrs. Dawn Brookhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology; Mrs. Jillann Shupp, Director of Special Education; Mr. Jeremy Winn, High School Principal; Mrs. Amy Willoughby, Assistant High School Principal; Mrs. Jeni Evans, Middle School Principal; Mr. David Snover, Assistant Middle School Principal; Mr. Lee Gump, Intermediate Principal; Dr. John Bickhart, Primary Principal; Mr. Ken Berkich, Director of Building and Grounds; Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Director of Network Administration; Mrs. Terri Faust, Board Secretary; and approximately 18 members of the staff, public, and news media.

Motion: (To approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 meetings)
A motion was made by Mrs. Dawn Gill to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wayne Brookhart.
The motion was approved on a voice vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 - No

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

A. Reports:
CSIU – Heather Hackenberg
Columbia Montour Vo-Tech – Randy Keister and Kevin Brouse

Mrs. Hackenberg did not attend the CSIU meeting.

Mr. Randy Keister attended the Vo-Tech meeting and reported the feasibility study is done. There were 3 recommendations on 3 different levels made by the committee and the architects:

1. Renovate and update HVAC and electrical. The school has not had any updates since being built 50 years ago.

2. Add classrooms and additional space but no programs.

3. Adding 3 more programs and expanding square footage by approximately 20,000 sq. ft. to serve more students.

All renovations increasing square footage and programs are reimbursable by PlanCon. There is also a grant which would reimburse 10% of the entire project. The architect is applying for this grant. This would ease the financial burden on all districts. Surveys will go out to all 63 board members based on the feasibility study and the results will be returned in April or May at which time the Boards will make a decision on how to move forward. In the last 10 years there have been 720 kids who were unable to attend Vo-Tech.
Mr. Bacher will present to the Danville Board in February.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Enrollment Report (Enclosure 1)
- Thank you from Dr. Stemm
- Venture Grant / First Community Foundation Partnership
- Danville Superintendent's Educational Initiative Awards Fund
- School Board Recognition Month

A thank you note from Dr. Stemm for a floral arrangement sent for his wife's passing was passed around for the Board.

The district received a Venture Grant from First Community Partnership which will help pay for writing software used at the High School and we also received $1,300.00 from the Superintendent's Educational Initiative Awards Fund which was split between the 4 new clubs who had been approved by the Board.

School Board Members were presented with certificates for School Board Recognition Month to thank them for their service.

There was a bomb/safety threat at the High School. All procedures were followed extremely well by students, faculty, staff, and administration. Everything was handled safely and in the best interest of the students.

Mr. Keister had a question on the enrollment report total. Dr. Bendle explained this number is everyone who resides in the district.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment at this time.

Consent Agenda Items

Motion: (To approve Consent Agenda Items)
A motion was made by Mrs. Dawn Gill to approve Consent Agenda Items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wayne Brookhart.
The motion was approved on a voice vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, and Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse. 0 - No

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

A. Shane Kozick – Student Athlete

B. Emily Morgan and Sonia Crane –Trip to Ecuador and Galapagos Islands

C. Tangent Energy Solutions – Solar Option

Danville High School senior, Shane Kozick, was recognized for his athletic and academic accomplishments. Shane thanked the Board and gave credit to his peers and teachers.

Emily Morgan and Sonia Crane gave a presentation on a trip they would like to plan for the summer of 2020 to Equador and the Galapagos Islands as a co-curricular activity. This would be an immersive program for our world languages and biology curriculums. The dates would be between June 11 and June 20. EF Tours would be the travel partner. Worldwide safety through this company is unmatched. All students are insured and covered by global protection and there is 24/7 emergency availability. In the past, students who have been on these trips were influenced in a positive manner. The ultimate goal is to advocate diversity and how other communities and people deal with the issues they are presented with. Student selection would be anyone who has completed the 9th grade and has an average of C or better without discipline issues. The cost would be approximately $4,000.00 per student and there would be no cost to the district. Mr. Keister asked if seniors who did not get to go on the last trip would take priority. Seniors are able to log on a few minutes before others but once it is open it is first come first served through the EF website.

Mark Czap and Andy Meserve from Tangent Energy gave a presentation on introducing solar energy options to the district. The value they add to customers is to provide distributed generation assets at no capital cost. There can be agreements where the district does not have to come up with any capital cost.
The 1st option for the Danville Area School District would be a ground mount on Avenue A where one option would be a land lease at $10,000 per year or the other option for Avenue A would also be a ground mount and the building would be demolished without the lease. The energy and costs would be virtually distributed.
The 2nd option would be to use the roof of the school building. Money for the lease could be paid annually or up front. Tangent Energy would handle the operation and maintenance of the System.
Some of our staff would be trained in some areas. Dr. Bendle asked what would happen at the end of the 25 years. After 25 years the options are renewal of the contract, have the system removed, or buy the equipment. There is no repair or damage cost to the district. The projection is that this system would produce about 80% of the power we would use. This is a 25 year lease and should be thoroughly discussed. In the presentation Mr. Czap explained the next step in the process would be a letter of intent. This is the process where all aspects of the project are examined to be sure it would work for the school abiding by all rules and laws. Tangent Energy spends the engineering money to see if the plan works for the district.
Mr. Brouse asked for questions and what we need to do to proceed to the next step at this point. Dr. Bendle stated if the Board is interested in entertaining this, the next step would be for the company to get the letter of agreement or contract and he would have it examined by the solicitor and the solicitor would report to the Board. Mr. Brouse asked if they were voting on this and Dr. Bendle responded they would not be voting tonight.
Mrs. Gill and Mr. Brookhart said they would not like to move forward without a vote and looking into other companies. Dr. Bendle did not recommend to proceed without a Board vote taking place first. Dr. Bendle and Mr. Keister both said they would not be voting tonight. Mrs. Gill, Mr. Brookhart, and Dr. Klena would like to explore other possibilities. Dr. Bendle explained this was just a presentation for the Board to gather information. Mr. Brookhart said he is not in support of this. Mr. Brouse thanked Tangent Energy for their time and presentation and we would be exploring some of the options available. Dr. Bendle stated he chose this company because there was no upfront cost and had already scheduled a meeting at Lewisburg to explore other options.

Motion: (To approve an educational trip to Equador and The Galapagos Islands)

A motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister to approve a trip to Equador and The Galapagos Islands in June of 2020). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gill.
The motion was approved on a voice vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 - No

V. SCHOOL PROPERTY & SUPPLIES

A. The Board will take action to approve the payment of $4,500.00 to Fidevia for professional services rendered for the month of November 2018 as presented. (Enclosure 2)

B. The Board will take action to approve payment of Invoice #1701917 for $27,050.40 to Lobar, Inc. for general construction for High School Additions/Renovations as presented. (Enclosure 3)

C. The Board will take action to approve the payment of Invoice #25 for $1,288.60 to Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects for Professional Services from November 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018 for High School Additions/Renovations as presented. (Enclosure 4)

D. The Board will take action to approve the payment of Invoice #18 for $2,280.00 to Quality Assurance Plus for Professional Services from November 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018 for High School Additions/Renovations as presented. (Enclosure 5)

E. The Board will take action to approve the payment of Invoice #1032668 for $8,206.90 to ELA Group for Professional Services from October 27, 2018 to November 23, 2018 for High School Additions/Renovations as presented. (Enclosure 6)

F. The Board will take action to approve the payment of Payment Application #13 in the amount of $101,901.75 to Master Mechanical for HVAC for High School Additions/Renovations as presented. (Enclosure 7)

G. The Board will take action to approve the payment of Payment Application #14 in the amount of $15,321.85 to Master Mechanical for HVAC for High School Additions/Renovations as presented. (Enclosure 8)

H. The Board will take action to approve Change Order #29 in the amount of $1,338.00 to G.R.Noto Electrical Construction, Inc. to furnish and install electrical work to re-feed existing panel “NE” exit signs/freezers from panel “LSL1”. (Enclosure 9)

I. The Board will take action to approve Change Order #30 in the amount of $9,804.00 to G.R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc. to furnish and install electrical work to purchase & install 100A ATS To feed existing, normally off panel “E”, emergency lighting. (Enclosure 10)

J. The Board will take action to approve Change Order #32 in the amount of $7,373.00 to G.R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc. for miscellaneous Owner requested work. (Enclosure 11)

K. The Board will take action to approve Change Order #31 credit of $16,350.00 CREDIT Change Order for time & materials to complete new fire pump service. CO Not to Exceed $107,780.00, Actual work in place is $91,430.00 This Credit CO for the difference. (Enclosure 12)

L. The Board will take action to _____ the base bid for the Tennis Court Project in the amount of $907,156.00 from Dave Gutelius Excavating, Inc. with the following alternates numbered _____ as presented. (Enclosure 13)

Motion: (To approve A through K in School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Mrs. Dawn Gill to approve items A through K in School Property and Supplies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joshua Seidel.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 – No

Motion: (To approve item L in School Property and Supplies)
A motion was made by Mr. Randy Keister to accept the base bid for the Tennis Court Project in the amount of $907,156.00 with the alternates numbered 1,2, and 3 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dawn Gill.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 – No

VI. ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

*A. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Mark A. Arcuri as Danville High School diving coach effective immediately. (Enclosure 14)

*B. The Board will take action to approve the resignation of Gregory Titman as advisor/coach of the Danville High School Forensics Team effective June 30, 2019. (Enclosure 15)

C. The Board will take action to approve Victoria Ludwig and Elizabeth Ludwig (Assistant) as advisors for the DASD Forensics Team effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

D. The Board will take action to approve Casey Hackett as Assistant Swimming Coach (budgeted as a Diving Coach at .60 position of an assistant coaching position) retroactive to the beginning of the winter 2018-2019 school year.

E. The Board will take action to approve an out-of-state trip for 9th Grade US History Students to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC on Thursday, February 14, 2019 (make-up date February 21, 2019). The trip is funded in part by the VFW. The only cost to the district is for substitutes. (Enclosure 16)

Motion: (To approve Athletics/Activities Items)
A motion was made by Mrs. Mrs. Dawn Gill to approve items C, D, and E under Athletics/Activities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joshua Seidel.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 – No

VII. CURRICULUM AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

A. The Board will take action to approve the 2019-2020 High School Course Selection Guide as presented. (Enclosure 17)

Motion: (To table item A under Curriculum and Management)
A motion was made by Mrs. Erin Ross to table item A under Curriculum and Management until Mrs. Brookhart was present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Keister.
The motion was approved on a voice vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 – No

Motion: (To untable item A under Curriculum and Management)
A motion was made at 8:10 by Mr. Wayne Brookhart to untable item A under Curriculum and Management. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dawn Gill.
The motion was approved on a voice vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 – No

Mrs. Ross initiated a discussion as to why P. E. is the only required elective course as a graduation requirement. Some students may not have the opportunity to earn credit for a special they may excel in. Mrs. Brookhart explained our credit requirements are district specific according to their needs and not state mandated. Mrs. Brookhart explained how some of the credits have been distributed through the years to meet student needs. Mrs. Ross would like to know if the requirements could

be adjusted and why we focus on P.E. as a requirement when this may not meet some students' interests and needs. Our course selection is extensive and the students need the opportunity to explore them. Mr. Keister questioned state standards. Mrs. Brookhart explained we need to teach the PA CORE Standards which are skills but there is no specific frequency. Mr. Keister stated we could make the elective requirement 11.5 and have it pertain to all specials. Dr.Klena is not sure we should change this and not encourage the physical activity. Mrs. Brookhart stated there is an on-line P. E. course where they log physical activity and develop a lifelong wellness plan. Our requirements are to encourage physical activity among the students. Mrs. Brookhart thinks there should be more discussion before combining graduation requirements due to student needs and staffing. Mr. Winn explained students already in the High School have developed a plan to meet their requirements and we would need to start with the incoming 9th grade class. Mr. Winn also explained if we table the motion we would be behind scheduling students for next year.

Motion: (To approve Curriculum and Management Items)
A motion was made by Mr. Wayne Brookhart to approve the Course Selection Guide as presented with the exception of the graduation credits for the incoming 9th grade. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heather Hackenberg.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 – No

VIII. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. The Board will take action to approve holding the Danville Iron Heritage Festival on the Middle School Grounds on Saturday, July 20, 2019 as presented. (Enclosure 18)

Dr Klena commented that we need to have someone there to monitor the festival and prevent people from driving on or destroying the field.

Motion: (To approve School/Community Relations items)
A motion was made by Mrs.Gill to approve item A under School/Community Relations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joshua Seidel.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 – No

IX. FINANCE

A. General Fund – Revenues and Expenditures Summary (Enclosure 19)

B. Local Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure 20)

C. State Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure 21)

D. Federal Revenues – Actual vs. Budget (Enclosure 22)

E. Cash Receipts (Enclosure 23)

F. Investments (Enclosure 24)

G. Bills for Payment – December 1, 2018 through January 2, 2019. (Enclosure 25)

H. The Board will take action to approve the budget transfers for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as presented. (Enclosure 26)

I. The Board will take action to approve the resolution to not increase real estate tax rate above the Act 1 index for the 2018-2019 school year. (Enclosure 27)

Motions: (To approve Finance Items)
A motion was made by Mrs. Dawn Gill to approve items G, H, and I in Finance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Erin Ross.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse. 0 – No; Mr. Wayne Brookhart abstained from item G and voted yes to items H and I.

X. PERSONNEL

*A. The Board will take action to accept the resignation of Jennifer Bunce as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology effective February 19, 2019. (Enclosure 28)

*B. The Board will take action on the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant approval of the employment of the 2018-2019 substitute list. (Teachers,Teacher Aides, Secretaries, etc.) (Enclosure 29)

C. ~~The Board will take action to approve Francesca Varischetti as a full-time School Psychologist Intern for the 2019-2020 school year. Francesca will receive a yearly stipend of $10,000.00 which will be paid by ACCESS. There will be no cost to the district.~~

D. The Board will take action to approve the employment of Karen Aungst as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology at an hourly rate of $18.25 effective February 1, 2019 or sooner. (Enclosure 30)

Motion: (To approve the Personnel Items)
A motion was made by Mrs. Mrs. Dawn Gill to approve item D in Personnel. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Erin Ross.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 – No
Note: Item C was removed from the agenda.

XI. POLICY & INSURANCE

A. The Board will take action to approve/reject the contract between the Danville Area School District and Danville Area Educational Support Personnel Association effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023.

Motion: (To approve Policy and Insurance Item)
A motion was made by Mrs. Dawn Gill to approve item A in Policy and Insurance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heather Hackenberg.
The motion was approved on a roll call vote: 9 -Yes – Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Mrs. Dawn Gill, Mrs. Heather Hackenberg, Dr. Joel Klena, Mr. Randy Keister, Mr. Derl Reichard, Mrs. Erin Ross, Mr. Joshua Siedel, and Mr. Kevin Brouse.
0 – No

XII. TRANSPORTATION

XIII. BOARD CONCERNS & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

There was more input on the solar energy presentation and exploring more options.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Allison Hawk with the Girls Boosters regarding the inequities of the post games at the stadium for boosters other than band and football. Dr. Bendle explained the Athletic Committee will be looking into that for next year. Dr. Klena stated we would like to improve upon the situation for next year.

Dave Fortunato commented on the P. E. credits and thinks there would be a lot of ramifications if we change the credit requirements in all of the elective departments. There have been discussions to encourage students to take electives.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Dawn Gill and seconded by Mr. Wayne Brookhart to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved by voice vote.

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Terri Faust
Board Secretary