

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2008

A regular meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Superintendent Ron Stoneman. Roll call was taken by Superintendent Stoneman.

Members Present: Mary Clinton, Carolyn Jones, David Lilly, Phil Minshall, Charlie O'Rourke, Mike Kapp, Dan Pheils

Members Absent: None

Administrators: Ron Stoneman, Nancy Jungkans

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

None

Trustee Phil Minshall introduced Jacob Bryde, a Mason Schools student, who has just completed his Eagle project and is in the process of completing his final two required merit badges for the Eagle rank. One of several requirements of one of the merit badges is to attend a public meeting of elected officials, which he is doing this evening.

Special Presentations

Superintendent Stoneman performed the Oath of Office for Mary Clinton, Carolyn Jones and Dave Lilly.

Superintendent Stoneman then stated the Board needed to elect officers for the 2008-09 school year.

Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dan Pheils to elect Mike Kapp as Board President

Roll Call Vote

Mike Kapp	Yes	Dan Pheils	Yes
David Lilly	Yes	Mary Clinton	Yes
Charlie O'Rourke	Yes	Phil Minshall	Yes
Carolyn Jones	Yes		

- 7 yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**

Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Dave Lilly to elect Mary Clinton as Board Vice President

Roll Call Vote

Mike Kapp	Yes	Dan Pheils	Yes
David Lilly	Yes	Mary Clinton	Yes
Charlie O'Rourke	Yes	Phil Minshall	Yes
Carolyn Jones	Yes		

- 7 yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**

Motion by Dave Lilly, seconded by Dan Pheils to elect Phil Minshall as Board Treasurer

Roll Call Vote

Mike Kapp	Yes	Dan Pheils	Yes
David Lilly	Yes	Mary Clinton	Yes
Charlie O'Rourke	Yes	Phil Minshall	Yes
Carolyn Jones	Yes		

- 7 yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**

Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Mary Clinton to elect Dan Pheils as Board Secretary

Roll Call Vote

Mike Kapp	Yes	Dan Pheils	Yes
David Lilly	Yes	Mary Clinton	Yes
Charlie O'Rourke	Yes	Phil Minshall	Yes
Carolyn Jones	Yes		

- 7 yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**

Board Reports and Correspondence

Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Stoneman updated the Board on school facilities. He stated he is getting a quote on the band room roof. Air conditioning was added and caused a leak.
- The High School boy's lockerroom is in need of new lockers as the current ones are dented and broken. Supervision is a concern and more is needed to keep the facility better maintained.
- Grand Rapids Building Services has almost completed extensively cleaning classrooms in the Elementary and are now working in the Middle School.
- The district is continuing to work with the ISD on our business services. The ISD is suggesting changes to make our practices correct and more efficient.
- The district purchased a new phone message system, SchoolReach, which was purchased with grant money. It has the capability to call 900+ homes within 10 minutes. Surveys can be done along with sending e-mails.
- In alignment with his professional development, Superintendent Stoneman would like to attend a meeting in Boston to meet with other leaders. Superintendent Stoneman will pay for his own transportation and hotel, and will use district money from his cell phone account and mileage account, for which he currently does not charge the district, to cover the cost of the conference. Board Action is needed to allow him to spend district money out of state.
 - Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Dan Pheils to approve Ron Stoneman to attend an out of town conference in Boston in November.
 - Phil Minshall asked that the Board be apprised in November of the conference outcome.
 - 7 Yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**

High School Report

- No report available

Middle School Report

- No report available

Curriculum Director

- No report available

Elementary School

- No report available

Board Reports

Mary Clinton discussed the high number of foreclosures in state. Dansville is estimated to have 30-40 more foreclosures within the next year. Phil Minshall mentioned that property taxes would also be lower, which could make the financial loss to the district greater than just the loss of students.

Transportation Committee Update – Superintendent Stoneman discussed the crossing guard situation the school has been investigating. The school and Township will fund a crossing guard for M-36. Superintendent Stoneman has contacted Representative Barb Byrum to help work with the Village to facilitate where responsibility falls in regards to crossing guards.

Finance Committee Update – None

Evacuation Plan Update - None

Facilities Committee Update - None

For Action

- Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Mary Clinton to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 – 7. Phil Minshall noted a 7 cent difference in amounts listed on agenda and on actual expenditure report. He asked that the minutes reflect the Board was approving the actual document amounts.
 - 7 yes, 0 no - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Dan Pheils, seconded by Mary Clinton to reaffirm the bylaws for the 2008-09 school year, with the changes to delete "Appendix B" and adding a comment regarding the date of the February 2009 Board meeting, "The February meeting will be held the 4th Monday of the month."
 - Discussion on school affiliated organizations listed in bylaws and understanding that the list is not all inclusive.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Phil Minshall for the Board authorize the Superintendent to manage school election activity.
 - 7 yes, 0 no - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Dave Lilly, seconded by Phil Minshall for the Superintendent to accept professional staff resignations on behalf of the Board
 - 7 yes, no motion passedPhil Minshall stated the motion had changed last year and gave edits.
- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dave Lilly for the Board to reaffirm the current District's Mission, Vision and Goals as set. It is noted the Mission, Vision and Goals included in the Board packet were revised at the July 2007 meeting for 2007-08 and the Board is reaffirming the 2007-08 Mission, Visions and Goals.
 - 7 yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**
- The Board has the authority to appoint members to committees and does not need a motion to complete this. A complete listing of committees, members and ad hoc committees is available for public review.

- The Building and Grounds Committee has been renamed Facilities Committee
 - The Board decided that the Curriculum Committee is not needed at this time, but can be formed when needed.
 - The Finance Committee has been renamed Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee
 - The Personnel Committee has been added to the Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee
 - Ad Hoc Committees
 - Safety Committee was recommended to dissolve as Superintendent Stoneman attends a monthly county-wide meeting and will keep the Board informed of any pertinent information.
 - Transportation Committee will be maintained for a formal review to establish a Board district transportation policy, a review of new bus routes and new crossing guard.
 - Nominations were made for a Legislative Representative for MASB and ISOA, in which Carolyn Jones was elected and accepted the position.
- Motion by Dan Pheils, seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the proposed 504 policy effective for 2008-09 school year.
 - 7 yes , 0 no – **Motion passed**
 - Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the High School Handbook for 2008-09 school year.
 - 7 yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**
 - Motion by Dave Lilly, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke to give the Superintendent authority to place unused buses up for bid and to award the winner.
 - 7 Yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**
 - The Board wanted express their appreciation to mechanic Ed Hummel for his dedication to Dansville Schools.

Discussion

The following discussion items were moved to Board action due to the need to inform the community in a timely manner before school starts.

Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded Dave Lilly to approve:

- a family athletic pass rate of \$110 for 08-09 school year
- a transportation fee for extra curricular activities
- reinstate Saturday transportation
 - 7 yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**

Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Dan Pheils to approve:

- an Elementary School lunch price of \$2.50
- a milk price of 50 cents for all schools
 - 7 yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**

Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the fall coaches with an unnamed person for the assistant varsity football coach.

- 7 yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**

The meeting was adjourned for a 5 minute break at 8:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Superintendent Stoneman asked to add a resolution to the agenda regarding the opening of an additional bank account for the flexible spending accounts. The addition was approved.

Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Phil Minshall to adopt the resolution and language provided by Citizen Bank, which will nominate that bank as Dansville School's flexible benefit bank account providers.

- 7 yes, 0 no – **Motion passed**

Transportation savings for immediate and future implementation was discussed. Topics were:

- All students are eligible to cross the road to enter/exit the bus, except for students on M-52, which will be right side restricted – immediate implementation.
- Incorporation of group stops – future
- Restrict buses from traveling private drives, lanes, roads – future
- Longer routes. At this time, all routes are less than 60 minutes in length – future.
- 77 passenger buses, which will increase capacity by 10 students – future
- Parking buses at bus garage. Preliminary figures estimate a cost savings of approximately \$7000 in gas/mileage/wear and tear. The facility at the bus garage will have to be updated and expanded to accommodate bus parking - future

The Board discussed topics that were previously addressed and developed at a January 29, 2008 Board Workshop. A copy of the workshop topics can be reviewed by the public in the Superintendent's office.

- Superintendent Stoneman stated that he felt comfortable with the Communication Expectations between Board members and himself, but he wanted to add that he will communicate more on the day to day operations.
- He stated he would also like to meet individually with each Board member to discuss their ideas and expectations in regards to discipline and procedures within the district.
- Board member Phil Minshall asked that a bullet item be added under "Board Member Structural Procedure" addressing the process of Discussion item to Action items. Items are placed on agenda for discussion during one meeting and then placed for action at a subsequent meeting. Too many items seem to be going directly from discussion to action at the same meeting.
- President Mike Kapp asked that the Board keep open door communications with the community and staff members of the district. Superintendent Stoneman stated he provides each Association with pertinent information. It was agreed that he should continue to do so.

Other matters

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary