

**DANSVILLE SCHOOLS**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 17, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 8:16 pm by President Mike Kapp.

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

Administrators: Ron Stoneman, Nancy Jungkans, Terry Jones, Amy Hodgson, Faith Norman

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

None

Special Presentations

Senior Class President, Amber Cumings and Vice President Kayla Minix presented each Board member with high school year books. The students then gave a presentation on the proposed 2008-09 Senior Trip to Mackinaw City. A copy of the presentation is available in the Superintendent's office for review.

Board member Dave Lilly made a motion, seconded by Dan Pheils, to approve the proposed Senior Class trip as presented.

- 7 yes, 0 no
  - **Motion passed**

High School student Jessica Kean reviewed a DVD on Rachael's Challenge activities at Dansville High School this year.

Band Promoter Leanne Minshall gave a presentation on Dansville Schools' band activities to date. Mrs. Minshall presented a DVD of Band Day, Mason Veteran's Day Parade and the band's performance at Puttin On The Hits. Mrs. Minshall congratulated teacher Dave Norman on the success of the band and thanked him for all his hard work with the students.

Board Reports and Correspondence

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Stoneman stated he would be attending the November 19<sup>th</sup> "Celebrate Public Education" at the Kellogg Center.

Entire Principal Reports are posted on the school website for review.

High School Report

Principal Amy Hodgson reported:

- The High School has been approached by Ingham ISD to be part of an assessment initiative funded by the State of Michigan. Consultants from the ISD have asked to be coaches for a team of our teachers. Dansville Schools was chosen because of the work our teachers are already doing related to assessment.
- The first MACRO-sanctioned college fair took place October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Dansville High School. Students from Mason, Stockbridge, Leslie and Dansville attended. Feedback was positive and improvements will be made to increase attendance in the future.

- Mrs. Hodgson and Ms. Riebow, High School Counselor, attended a conference on how to use ACT data in educational planning.

### Middle School Report

Principal Terry Jones reported:

- The schedule change has received positive responses from parents.

### Elementary School

Principal Faith Norman reported:

- New LCD projectors in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade have been installed and are being used by the teachers. The projectors were purchased with money donated by the Dansville Educational Foundation.
- No applicants for the open Spanish teaching position have been received as of yet.
- The literacy curriculum is being re-mapped to implement balanced literacy instruction.

Principal Amy Hodgson detailed Discussion Item 2, the amendment of the MME testing resolution. The State of Michigan has passed legislation that requires schools to administer the complete MME only once to each student. The High School Handbook will need to be revised to remove the MME retest graduation requirement.

- This item will be brought to action at the December meeting.

Athletic Director Nancy Jungkans recommended Jason Wing for the JV Boy's Basketball coaching position. Ms. Jungkans also recommended High School teacher Allison Rogers for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Assistant Volleyball Coach.

- This item will be brought to action at the December meeting.

### Board Reports

Transportation Committee Update – The cell phone use policy on buses is being re-evaluated at parents' requests. There are parent concerns regarding them not being able to contact their students via cell phone while on the bus for emergencies. Bus drivers, administration and parents will work together to resolve these concerns.

Finance Committee Update – A January meeting will be scheduled to review the new software processes of Ingham ISD.

Evacuation Plan Update – None

Facilities Committee Update – Kingscott gave a presentation on 11/13/08 detailing services they could offer Dansville Schools District in updating or creating new facilities for Dansville Schools.

Board Member Carolyn Jones reported:

- She will meet Ingham school officers on Wednesday 11/19/08 at the "Celebrate Public Education" at the Kellogg Center.
- MASB has a new interim president; Kathy Hayes
- State legislation requires Speech Pathologists to now be licensed.

Board President Mike Kapp suggested a full Board work session be scheduled in December to establish goals for the future. The other Board members agreed.

### For Action

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 – 3.
  - 7 yes, 0 no
    - **Motion passed**
  
- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke to approve the expense of sinking funds up to \$177,000 to allow the Superintendent to negotiate with the Village of Dansville to connect the school to the Village water source, including engineering and contracting costs.
  - 7 yes, 0 no,
    - **Motion passed**
  
- Motion by Dave Lilly, seconded by Dan Pheils to amend the 2008-09 school calendar to reflect the rescheduled February 2009 early release day.
  - 7 yes, 0 no
    - **Motion passed**
  
- Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Mary Clinton to accept the 403b plan agreements as presented.
  - 7 yes, 0 no
    - **Motion passed**

### Discussion

1. The use of sinking funds for High School Computer Classroom updates
  - a. The current classroom is not technically up to date
  - b. The current classroom needs great improvements
    - i. Fiber optics are located outside the classroom
    - ii. Areas of the classroom are currently out of compliance (door to outside)
    - iii. The updates will keep Dansville students up to date with current technology

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Pheils, Secretary