

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2009

A regular meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Mike Kapp.

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

Administrators: Ron Stoneman, Krista Voss, Faith Norman,

Pledge of Allegiance

To respect the protocol of the Board, Superintendent Stoneman requested an amendment to the agenda moving action item #8 to discussion and action in June. The District will seek suggestions to the 2010-11 calendar from the community. Superintendent Stoneman stated that the calendar was negotiated in good faith and the DEA had already agreed to the calendar and hoped the Board would approve at the June meeting. The Board agreed to the request.

President Mike Kapp adjusted the agenda to give flexibility of the presentation by Janet Yachim from ISD. Ms. Yachim was at another board meeting and upon her arrival would give her presentation. The Board approved the adjustment.

Public Participation

None

Special Presentations

Special Education – Special Education Director Krista Voss gave an overview of the special education department and their purpose. The department's main goal is that all students' needs and rights are met within Dansville Schools through the development of relationships with students and parents. The district currently has 96% parent participation at student IEP's, which is very high. The Special Education department will need to hire a part-time teacher in the Middle School to help reduce the caseload of current Special Education teacher Candyace Rogers, whose caseload is over allowable capacity. A copy of Mrs. Voss' presentation is available for review at the Superintendent's office upon request.

Kingscott & Associates – Kent Phinney, Project Manager gave a presentation of the facility needs assessment site review Kingscott & Associates conducted during spring break in early April. A copy of the presentation is available for review at the Superintendent's office upon request. Kingscott will attend the June 2nd community meeting to discuss the assessment with the community.

Trustee Carolyn Jones questioned whether or not the bus garage would be included in assessments. Mr. Phinney stated it was not currently, but could if the Board wished.

Superintendent Stoneman requested discussion on the proposed community meeting postcard and the wording of such. Kingscott & Associates were asked to review the wording and give recommendations by 5/19/09.

It was requested that information on Kingscott's presentation be posted on the school website.

Secretary Dan Pheils suggested prioritizing the facility issues/needs from critical to not as critical. He asked if a list could be compiled.

Vice President Mary Clinton asked that before the presentation from Kingscott to the community on June 2nd, an company overview of Kingscott be given to explain why Kingscott was chosen to evaluate Dansville schools' facilities. The Board agreed.

President Mike Kapp stated the goal is to inform the community of what needs to be done to our facilities/buildings to maintain safety for the students and how we need to maintain them.

2009-10 School Budget – Janet Yachim, Business & Grant Services Supervisor at Ingham ISD, gave a presentation on the 2010-11 preliminary school budget which is available for review in the Superintendent's office upon request. If economic conditions remain the same, there is a potential \$500,000+ shortfall for 10-11 budget.

Treasurer Phil Minshall and Vice President Mary Clinton would like to establish a 09-10 budget that will add to the fund equity, not just balance the budget. They would like a minimum of \$25,000 to be returned to fund equity.

Trustee Charlie O'Rourke would like to establish a Board goal of adding 10% to fund equity each year. Secretary Dan Pheils suggested making the percentage a Board policy. To do so would require action by the Board to establish this as a policy.

Superintendent Stoneman confirmed that a June 22nd meeting has been scheduled for the public hearing, adopting the amended 08-09 budget and adopting the 2009-10 proposed budget.

Board Reports and Correspondence

Superintendent's Report:

- Dart Foundation has given a \$8000 grant for the High School computer classroom.
- Dansville Education Foundation donated \$6000 to the elementary literacy program to purchase new materials for the all day kindergarten program.

High School Report

- The High School Principal report is available on the school website.

Middle School Report

Principal Terry Jones reported:

- The Middle School Principal report is available on the school website.
- The Middle School grade for the state report was a B. The report states the Middle School is not meeting adequate yearly progress (APY). Upon investigation, Mrs. Jones discovered the special education population was not all tested. Districts must test 95% of each subgroups and the state claimed we had not done that. Mrs. Jones appealed that decision is waiting to hear from the state.
- Mrs. Jones attending a meeting at the ISD on May 16 meeting regarding stimulus funds available for the 2009-10 school year.
- The 5th grade to 6th grade tours were completed with no issues.
- The 5th to 6th and 8th to 9th grade IEP's completed.
- 6th grade orientation is scheduled May 20th.
- The 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. was successful with no issues.
- Treasurer Phil Minshall asked if a review of the MS handbook could be done with the same committee that reviewed it last year (Phil Minshall and Charlie O'Rourke). A meeting will be scheduled for this review.

Elementary School

- The Elementary School Principal report is available on the school website.

Board Reports

Transportation Committee Update - None

Finance Committee Update – None

Facilities Committee Update - None

Superintendent Evaluation Committee – Carolyn Jones reviewed the contents of the April 30 Superintendent Evaluation Committee meeting. Superintendent Stoneman stated he discovered a 360 tool and would like to present to it to the committee. The process would be facilitated by ISD. A review of board policy would be needed for compliance.

Policy Committee – Listed as discussion items.

DESPA Negotiation Committee – A meeting is scheduled for May 21 at 5:30 pm.

Superintendent Stoneman stated senior Hanna Berning would travel to Nashville for forensic competition, the Science Olympiad scored very well in their competition and the track team qualified for state competition for the first time.

President Mike Kapp stated the Vice President of the Board usually presented the Leffler scholarship to the recipient, but Vice President Clinton could not attend graduation this year. The Board decided President Kapp would present the scholarship this year.

For Action

- Motion by Mary Clinton seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 - 5
 - 7 yes, 0 no
 - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Dave Lilly, seconded by Mary Clinton to approve the notification of affected employees of possible reduction of hours for the 2009-10 school year.
 - 7 yes, 0 no
 - **Motion passed**
 - Superintendent Stoneman stated the district is in a difficult position and this issue will be finalized upon adoption of 2009-10 budget.
 - The administration is working hard to maintain the reduced hours instead of eliminating these positions.
 - Kathy Olson asked if the hours for librarian hours are set. Superintendent Stoneman responded that the hours could be flexible, but doing so would leave the position open to contract bumping from other employees within same classification. The decision on librarian hours would be made by the administration.
- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Carolyn Jones to approve the ADAAG resolution agreement as presented giving Superintendent Stoneman the authority to sign it.
 - 7 yes, 0 no
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Dan Pheils and Dave Lilly to approve the designation of district's election resolution.
 - 7 yes, 0 no
 - **Motion passed**
 - Leanne Minshall shall represent the district at this election.

Discussion

1. Discussion of action item 8 that was moved to discussion.
 - a. President Mike Kapp would like to have more community input on school calendar and issue brought to the Board earlier in year to enable community input.
 - b. Superintendent Stoneman would like to have approval of this item brought to action in June.
2. Beverage Consortium
 - a. The Board requested price savings to join consortium, how joining fit with our wellness policy and if the district would receive any rebates.
 - b. This item will be brought to action item at the regular June Board meeting.
3. Employee contracts for the 2009-10 school year
 - a. Superintendent Stoneman asked for discussion on the administrator's contracts. They expire June 30 and automatically renew for 1 year if there is no Board action.
 - i. Carolyn Jones asked why these contracts were renewed for 2 years.
 - ii. Mike Kapp suggested language should be added to the contracts to reflect the financial status the district is in to give protection to the district. President Kapp feels the district needs to keep options available.
 - iii. Superintendent Stoneman contacted Thrun Law Firm regarding the length of administrator's contracts. A clause could be added giving the district the right to layoff an administrator before their contract expires and not fulfill contract obligations.
 - iv. Vice President Clinton suggested one year contract for the administrators.
4. Policy review and new numbering system
 - a. This discussion was moved to June quarterly meeting for discussion.
5. Community Meeting postcard
 - a. Kingscott will give advice on wording of postcard to be sent to the community. The decision will be finalized and forwarded to printer.

Other Matters

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary