

**DANSVILLE SCHOOLS**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 2, 2009**

A special meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Kapp.

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

Members Absent: Mary Clinton

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

President Kapp requested an increase to the public participation section for discussion after each topic item. He also requested to add public participation after the last agenda item. The Board approved this request.

For Action

- Motion by Dan Pheils, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke, for the Board to hereby determine to conduct its regular school election in November on an annual basis commencing with the year 2010 and that the terms of each office shall be extended to December 31 of each year beginning in 2010 for the purpose of establishing a board member term rotation.
  - 6 Yes, 0 no, 1 absent
  - Roll Call Vote
    - Phil Minshall – Yes
    - Carolyn Jones – Yes
    - Dave Lilly – Yes
    - Charlie O'Rourke – Yes
    - Dan Pheils – Yes
    - Mike Kapp - Yes

Superintendent Stoneman presented a PowerPoint presentation, which is available in the Superintendent's office for review during normal business hours, detailing budget reductions to date, the per pupil reduction by the State of Michigan and the amount the district needs to reduce for the remainder of 2009-10.

Superintendent Stoneman also discussed recommendations being given to the Board regarding budget reductions for 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Following are those recommendations and motions by the Board.

1. Authorize Superintendent to negotiate and approve calendar amendments.
  - Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Carolyn Jones, to give Superintendent Stoneman the authority to negotiate with the DEA on calendar changes; combining PD days and reducing an additional 3 days.

- Roll Call Vote
    - Phil Minshall – No
    - Carolyn Jones – Yes
    - Dave Lilly – No
    - Charlie O’Rourke – Yes
    - Dan Pheils – No
    - Mike Kapp – No
    - **Motion failed**
  - Motion by Dave Lilly, seconded by Phil Minshall to give the Superintendent authority to discuss with the DEA consolidating current scheduled half days into full days for professional development.
    - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
2. Authorize Superintendent to negotiate and settle Voluntary Severance Plan with eligible teachers.
    - Motion by Charlie O’Rourke, seconded by Dan Pheils to authorize Superintendent Stoneman to negotiate the Voluntary Severance Plan with eligible teachers.
      - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
  3. Authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and amend contracted services with Grand Rapids Building Services.
    - This recommendation is no longer valid. Current contract with GRBS if fixed.
  4. Eliminate high school Office Assistant position.
    - The extra workload will be absorbed by Nancy Jungkans. There is no Board action required for this recommendation.
  5. Elimination of Saturday transportation.
    - Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Dave Lilly to eliminate Saturday transportation for the 2009-10 school.
      - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
  6. Temporary elimination of all assistant coaching positions.
    - Motion by Charlie O’Rourke, seconded by Dan Pheils for the temporary elimination of all assistant coaching positions.
      - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
  6. Temporary elimination of middle school volleyball, track and positions related, temporary elimination of drama and position related, and temporary elimination junior varsity sports and related positions.
    - This motion was tabled for further discussion and action at the November 16, 2009 regular Board meeting. The Board requested the athletic department and community to generate the required revenue needed to operate these activities.
  7. Elimination of middle school art, Elimination of half-time middle school Spanish teacher. (Substitute teacher), Self contain 6<sup>th</sup> grade in into two classes. (Teacher lay-off according to contractual language), Reduce three 1<sup>st</sup> grade sections into classes. (Teacher lay-off according to contractual language), reduce three sections of all-day kindergarten into four sections of half-day ( teacher lay-off according to contractual language), elimination of an administrative position. (30 days notification)

- These items were requested to be discussed and brought to action at the November 16, 2009 regular Board meeting.
- Superintendent Stoneman will set up a meeting between the Board Negotiating Committee and the Dansville Education Association in advance of the November 16, 2009 Board meeting to discuss these actions.

Community member Laura Moser reminded all in attendance the Dansville Education Foundation fund raiser was scheduled for December 4, 2009. The Foundation has raised over \$100,000 in the past 5 years and all funds were given back to the school district.

Superintendent Stoneman discussed an energy conservation grant available through Consumers Energy in which they will rebate the district for each light installed. The deadline for grant completion is December 15, 2009. There is an investment of \$17 – 19,000 upfront, for installation, but payback is 18 months. The Board approved Superintendent Stoneman to proceed and to investigate if this project is sinking fund eligible.

President Kapp stated he would not be available for the November 10, 2009 Facility Meeting. It will be decided by Superintendent Stoneman and Kingscott & Associates to reschedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Pheils, Secretary