

**DANSVILLE SCHOOLS**  
**Board Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 19, 2009**

A Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by President Mike Kapp.

Members Present: Mike Kapp, Dan Pheils, Phil Minshall

Others Present: Ron Stoneman, Janet Yachim & Tina Monroe from Ingham ISD, Interested Community Members

Janet Yachim, Business & Grants Supervisor at Ingham reviewed Dansville Schools' 2009-10 original budget. Ms. Yachim detailed a total of \$356,000 that administrators had reduced from that budget for the Board to be able to approve a balanced budget June 22, 2009.

Ms. Yachim stated that an addition \$31 per pupil reduction was likely on top of the \$165 and \$127 previously announced by the State of Michigan.

Ms. Yachim discussed deficit spending; including it being a violation of the Dansville Board policy as well as a violation of the Uniform Budgeting Act. She recommended the district not enter into deficit spending as it could be detrimental to the district's future.

Ms. Yachim distributed various worksheets and graphs detailing the district budget, shortfalls and budget percentages. This information included projected dollar figures for the 2010-11 budget also.

Ms. Yachim asked for direction from the Board committee as to next steps. The committee stated they wanted to maintain the current fund equity. They will explore additional reductions for the 2009-10 school year. A meeting with the DEA has been scheduled with the Board Negotiation committee for discussions. The committee requested Janet and Tina to develop a summary of the current budget information, which includes all action taken by the Board November 16, 2009. They requested this information for their November 23, 2009 meeting with the DEA.

President Kapp stated he feels the district needs to plan for the worse case scenario and determine in what order cuts would be restored if the funding picture is brighter than anticipated.

Ms. Yachim stated the current year budget should be amended by the end of January 2010. Treasurer Minshall stated he would like to see it amended by the end of December 2009. The committee requested the amendments be a discussion item at the December 7, 2009 Special meeting and action at the December 14, 2009 regular meeting.

Treasurer Minshall also asked for a dollar amount from Ms. Yachim that would still need to be reduced after all other reductions to date had been accounted for within the budget. Ms. Yachim will provide that figure by Monday November 23, 2009.

Athletic Booster Scott Powers asked if donations given for a specific reduction would actually be used for that cause. Both Superintendent Stoneman and Treasurer Minshall stated the district would try, but it may not be possible and the funds would be returned.

President Kapp reminded all present the Dansville Education Foundation was an excellent outlet of donations to specific areas in the district. They accept donations for target areas and distribute as requested if the target area is fully funded.

Inquiries were made as to additional reductions to the athletic department for the current school year and what the bottom line was for athletics to continue. Superintendent Stoneman stated the

district was unable to answer that question because of too many funding variables and the fact it was announced another \$31 per pupil would be reduced from state aid.

Nate Sworden asked for verification the board would not spend any of the current fund equity. The committee stated they want to keep it at the same level as it is now.

Steve Wahl asked if there was a standard figure throughout the state of for fund equity balances. There was general discussion as to other school district fund equity balances, both in the county and state-wide. Dansville has the third lowest fund balance in the county. Only Williamston and Webberville are lower.

Ms. Yachim stated she would generate the most current, up to date figures for the district and provide them to the Board. Treasurer Phil Minshall requested corrected account distribution for athletics to reflect a more accurate account of actual cost for athletics.

Kathy Nofzinger stated it was concern of the community that the school will eliminate sports. Parents have commented they may take their students to other districts.

Janine Hedrick stated academic success and programs should be the first priority of the district and reductions should be limited or none in those areas.

President Kapp reiterated that the community should utilize the Dansville Education Foundation when donating money to the district. He cautioned that many groups will be competing for funds from the same donors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Pheils, Secretary