

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Special Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2009

A Special meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Mike Kapp.

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

Members Absent: Dave Lilly

Others Present: Ron Stoneman, Janet Yachim from Ingham ISD, Faith Norman, Amy Hodgson, Terry Jones, Krista Voss, Nancy Jungkans

Public Participation

Scott Powers, Athletic Boosters President, distributed minutes from the previous Booster meeting and a worksheet detailing the Booster's progress of raising funds to help the districts' high school athletic programs. The Boosters are requesting no additional budget reductions for the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Powers stated the Boosters were approximately \$9000 under the needed funds to help keep Middle School sports available. Mr. Powers also asked for more communication to the community from the Board and district.

Teacher Sandy Hunt stated there are rumors in the surrounding areas and districts that Dansville Schools is closing. She requested the Board and district reassure the community this is not the case.

Scott Powers asked if there were going to be any additional reductions this year. Superintendent Stoneman stated he would explain later in the meeting.

Athletic Director Nancy Jungkans thanked the Athletic Boosters for all their help in raising an enormous amount of funds to help the districts' athletic program.

Janet Yachim, Grants and Business Services Supervisor from Ingham ISD detailed and discussed a worksheet provided regarding the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school year budgets. The worksheet is available for review in the Superintendent's office during normal business hours.

Ms. Yachim explained that the administrators had reduced their budgets further, in addition to the action the Board had taken during November, as well as re-allocating At Risk funds to reduce the current school deficit. She stated enormous efforts were made to reduce the budget and keep those reductions as far away from the students as possible.

Questions were asked regarding the reduction of teachers and adding a paraprofessional. Faith Norman stated those issues were not finalized as of yet and would be made public when final decisions were made.

President Kapp reiterated the difficulty it has taken to get to this point in the budget process. He suggested the Board to discuss the use of the fund equity to achieve a balanced budget for the 2009-10 school year.

Treasurer Minshall asked if all other salaries and benefits were to be maintained and not discussed. It was discussed that the Board and district associations would meet at a later date to continue dialogue regarding this issue.

Superintendent Stoneman recapped the previous budget reduction of \$356,000 that occurred before June 30, 2009 to arrive at a balanced budget for the beginning of 2009-10. Superintendent Stoneman stated the district has a conservative budget and he feels with the procedures each building is currently following, the budget could be very close to balanced June 30, 2010. Superintendent Stoneman suggested the Board use the fund equity to cover any remaining outstanding balance and start working on the 2010-11 budget soon. He also suggested budget amendments be discussed at the December regular Board meeting for action in January.

Treasurer Phil Minshall asked that the minutes reflect the Board's recognition of the Athletic Boosters contributing such a large share to help reduce the budget deficit.

Action Items

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Phil Minshall to approve the proposed teacher leave of absence.
 - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Carolyn Jones to approve the teacher lay-off notification resolution as presented.
 - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
 - Vice President Clinton clarified the effective lay-off date would be January 28, 2009. Superintendent Stoneman confirmed that date.
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Dan Pheils to approve the administrator lay-off resolution as presented.
 - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
 - President Kapp stated this action was not a reflection Mrs. Jones' performance.
 - **Motional passed**

Public Participation

Dave Dillivan questioned the potential shortfall (\$500,000) for 2010-11 and what steps will be taken to start budget reductions. Superintendent Stoneman stated the current budget has conservative numbers and the district needs to wait for determining factors from the state.

Vice President Clinton stated the Board will begin to discuss the 2010-11 budget in the coming weeks.

Teacher Candyce Rogers stated Middle School Principal Terry Jones is an outstanding principal and feels it will be hard to replace her. Mrs. Rogers wanted to express her appreciation to Mrs. Jones for all her hard work. Mrs. Rogers also thanked the Board for all their difficult decisions regarding the current budget.

President Kapp agreed Mrs. Jones is an outstanding principal and assured Mrs. Rogers Superintendent Stoneman and the remaining administrators will develop a plan for the future of this position.

Parent Tammy Grice inquired whether kindergarten would be full day or half day for the following school year. Superintendent Stoneman stated all programs would be evaluated and determined at a later date.

Scott Powers asked if the Board was going to take action on any additional budget reductions for the 2009-10 school. President Kapp responded there are none planned.

Parent Beth Chattaway asked for a breakdown on the athletic department reductions. She asked if a worksheet could be put on the website. Nancy Jungkans will provide a worksheet to be posted to the web.

Janet Yachim stated a revised athletic budget will need to be completed also reflecting the reductions made.

It was confirmed the December Regular Board meeting would be rescheduled to December 16, 2009 and held in the Elementary School Music Room.

President Kapp stated the Board would now discuss the annual staff holiday breakfast they were sponsoring and that the public was welcome to stay. The Board discussed plans for the December 18, 2009 breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary