

**DANSVILLE SCHOOLS**  
**Board Special Meeting Minutes**  
**January 18, 2010**

A special meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Mike Kapp.

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

Administrators Present: Ron Stoneman, Amy Hodgson, Krista Voss

President Kapp asked for an addition to the agenda. He requested Community Planning Committee be added as discussion item #5. The Board agreed to the addition.

Discussion Items:

2009 – 10 Budget strategy and budget amendments

Ingham ISD Business Office Supervisor, Janet Yachim, reviewed the 2009-10 Budget Revision 1 with the Board. She stated the outcome from the January 11, 2010 State Revenue Conference was that the \$127 proration would be rescinded and not subtracted from the state aid payments. Ms. Yachim stated she was seeking direction from the Board as to budget amendments for 2009-10. Ms. Yachim did remind the Board that the district was receiving stabilization dollars in this current year but would not in 2010-11 making reductions in 2010-11 inevitable.

The Board discussed different options for a balanced budget in both 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Superintendent Stoneman explained the DEA (teachers) contributed funds from payroll deductions to cover the expense of a third 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher for the remainder of 2009-10. The DEA requested that in addition to their financial aid to the district, if any funds became available the district would reinstate three 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes, the Middle School art program and then the Middle School administrator position. Different scenarios were discussed by the Board.

Superintendent Stoneman also acknowledged the generous contribution from the Athletic Boosters to help maintain High School sports and the support received from the Community.

It was recommended by the Board that with the additional funds available, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade remain at three classes, Middle School art be restored and the Middle School long-term Spanish sub remain. These recommendations will be brought to action at the January 25, 2010 regular Board meeting for official documentation. Also to be brought to action at the January 25, 2010 regular Board meeting will be the reinstatement of the two laid off teachers. There will be no additional reductions to athletics this current year. Ms. Yachim requested to meet with the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee to

discuss the development of the 2010-11 school budget. This meeting will be held at the ISD.

#### School Audit Proposals

The ISD currently works with three different auditing firms for the schools they provide services to. It would be more beneficial and efficient to work with only one. The ISD received a proposal from Maner Costerisan to provide auditing services at a reduced rate. The district would continue with Abraham & Gaffney for the remainder of the current agreement (through 2010-11 audit) and then switch to Maner Costerisan. This item will be brought to action at the January 25, 2010 regular Board meeting.

#### Community Planning Committee

President Kapp recapped the January 14, 2010 Facility Committee meeting in which, after lengthy discussion, the Board proposed forming a Community Planning Committee. The committee will receive instructions from the Board as to their directive and expectations. This Committee will require a significant time commitment with a deadline and will address both the pending expiration of the sinking fund and longer-term facility needs. A list of potential members will be generated and an invitation to join the committee will be sent. If anyone is interested in being a member of this committee, they should contact the Superintendent's office.

#### Public Participation

Gloria Robbins stated the district needs to reaffirm Dansville Schools is not closing. Treasurer Minshall responded that the Community Planning Committee developing a long-term master plan should help re-affirm that the district will be here for a long time.

President Mike Kapp reminded the Board members their completed Superintendent Evaluations are due to him at the January 25, 2010 regular Board meeting. Once compiled, a meeting will be scheduled to with Superintendent Stoneman to discuss his evaluation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Dan Pheils, Secretary