

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2010

A regular meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Mike Kapp.

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

Administrators: Ron Stoneman, Amy Hodgson, Nancy Jungkans

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

None

Special Presentations

None

Board Reports and Correspondence

Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Stoneman recognized January is Board Member Appreciation month. The Elementary students made posters and cards thanking the Board for their hard work, which were displayed for the meeting. Superintendent Stoneman stated staff members recognized the difficult decisions the Board had to make regarding the school budget and thanked them for their dedication.
- Superintendent Stoneman stated he had spoken with Terry Jones regarding returning to work at the district as Elementary School Principal. Mrs. Jones stated that due to health issues, she could not return to full-time employment. Superintendent Stoneman then offered Mrs. Jones the available part-time District RtI representative, working with staff to help achieve RtI goals. This position is funded with ARRA grant money.

High School Report

- The High School report is available on the school website

Middle School Report

- The Middle School report is available on the school website

Elementary School

- The Elementary School report is available on the school website

Board Reports

Finance, Budget & Personnel committee – None

Facilities committee – The committee met on 1/14/10 and recommended the appointment of a Community Planning Committee. This committee will discuss the district's facilities and develop a long-term master plan to be presented to the Board. Invitations from the Board and Superintendent will be sent to Community members. Superintendent Stoneman will

include the Board directive to the Community Planning Committee with this letter to the district to be sent home with report cards.

Policy Review committee – Various polices are on agenda for action and discussion.

DESPA Negotiation committee – A meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2010.

Superintendent Evaluation committee – President Kapp will collect all completed evaluations. A committee meeting will then be scheduled to compile information. A full Board meeting will then be scheduled to review with Superintendent Stoneman.

Transportation Committee – None

For Action

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Carolyn Jones, to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 – 7 with the notation of the updated December 15, 2009 minutes adding President Kapp's name to members present.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Dave Lilly, to approve the reinstatement of the laid-off teachers for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Phil Minshall to approve the reinstatement of the third 1st grade class for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
 - **Trustee Jones stated future budget reductions could still occur depending on revenue for 2010-11.**

- Motion by Dan Pheils, seconded by Mary Clinton to approve the reinstatement of the third 6th grade class for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke and Dave Lilly to approve the reinstatement of Middle School art for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year.
 - 6 yes, 1 no (Carolyn Jones), 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
 - **Trustee Jones stated that staff and students were adapting to reductions and the Board/district needs to be careful not to send the wrong message regarding funding reductions. Reductions could occur in the future and it may not be in district's best interest to reinstate all programs at this time.**
 - **Superintendent Stoneman stated no schedule changes had been made yet. It would have been a challenge but also could have been done.**
 - **Trustee Lilly stated the district was better prepared to reduce in this program area in 2010-11 due to more time for scheduling scenarios.**
 - **Superintendent Stoneman stated there are several possibilities in 2010-11 to reduce costs regarding art classes.**
 - **Vice President Clinton reminded all of the suggested reinstatement priority list by the teachers, who helped with fund one of the cut**

classes. She also stated it was important not to disrupt the current school schedule for remainder of this year.

- **President Kapp stated the Board owed the teachers for helping with the funding of the 1st grade position. Mid-year changes are very difficult to manage and impact greatly students.**

- Motion by Dan Pheils, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke to approve the reinstatement of the long-term Spanish substitute in the Middle School for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year.
 - 6 yes, 1 no (Carolyn Jones), 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
 - **Treasurer Minsall stated this program area needed to be reviewed for 2010-11. The District is possibly overstaffed with Spanish teachers.**

- Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Mary Clinton to approve the Service Consolidation Plan Agreement as presented.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the proposed Board Policies for final action at the February 25, 2010 regular Board meeting.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
 - **The Policy Review Committee will review policy numbers for the proposed policies at their February 8, 2010 committee meeting.**

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dan Pheils to approve the firm of Maner Costerisan for audit services as proposed, beginning with the 2011-12 school year.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke to approve the budget amendment resolution for the 2009-10 school budget
 - **The presented Budget Amendment Resolution reflects Board directive given to the Business Services at the January 18, 2010 Special Meeting.**

Roll call vote

Phil Minshall – yes

Charlie O'Rourke - yes

Carolyn Jones – yes

Mike Kapp - yes

Mary Clinton – Yes

Dan Pheils - yes

Dave Lilly – Yes

- 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Phil Minshall to approve the development of a Community Planning Committee to be given directives from the Board as to expectations required.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the presented Wellness Policy for first reading at the February 25, 2010 regular Board meeting.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

- **Motion passed**
 - **The Policy Committee will review current document and delete any reference to appendix.**
 - **Treasurer Minshall stated this was a boilerplate policy and the district was acting under assumptions of this policy. District Food Service staff is developing nutritional values and Physical Education program is developing new curricular programs.**
 - **President Kapp request information regarding district procedures to meet current policy requirements and how the district has updated those procedures.**
- Motion by Dave Lilly, seconded by Mary Clinton to accept the Teacher Voluntary Severance Plans.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
 - **Teachers who accepted the VSP;**
 - **Kathy Olson – Mid-year option**
 - **Ramona (Gail) Bonneau – End of year option**
 - **Gail Cornell – End of year option**
 - **Janet Nelson-Fessenden – End of year option**
 - **Dave Norman – End of year option**
 - **Mick Ream – End of year option**
 - **Gloria Robbins – End of year option**
 - **Superintendent Stoneman thanked those employees for their years of service to district.**
 - **Dave Lilly stated those teachers had a large part of history for the district and the district losing a vast amount of experience.**
- Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Mary Clinton to accept the Administrator Voluntary Severance Agreement effective June 30, 2010.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
 - **Elementary School Principal, Faith Norman, has been a great asset to the school district.**

Discussion

1. Proposed Board Policies

a. School Visitors/Parents

1. Vice President Clinton explained the development of this policy and the need to expand it to all visitors who would be detrimental to the safety of students.
2. The proposed policy gives the Superintendent or Principals the authority to evaluate on case by case basis.
 1. Trustee Jones suggested an addition to paragraph #2 regarding school property.

b. School Cancellation

1. No changes

Public Participation

Beth Chattaway stated a bill regarding registered sex offenders was in the house and senate at this time. If it passed, how would it impact the proposed district policy? Vice President

Clinton responded that state law was binding and the policy would have to be revised to conform to state law.

Kim Smith questioned whether the sex education policy was part of the wellness policy. Superintendent Stoneman responded a sex education policy needs to be developed. Mrs. Smith voiced disappointment to no policy being in place at this time. Superintendent Stoneman stated that policy was part of the Middle School Principal's contract and now that he is assuming those duties for the remainder of 2009-10, he will begin to develop a policy. Dave Lilly stated the prior committee worked to develop a policy but did not get community support.

Other Matters

Carolyn Jones reminded the Board of the upcoming MASB Legislative Conference March 10th. Mrs. Jones also reminded the Board of the upcoming Mid-Michigan Legislative Breakfast on March 12th. Superintendent Stoneman stated MASA Region VI would be having a meeting that day also and Board members were invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary