

Community Meeting
Dansville Middle School
November 11, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Mr. Stoneman welcomed those attending the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Stoneman reviewed the agenda on the handouts and detailed what information he would discuss during the meeting.

The 2007-08 audit and 2008-09 budget was the first topic discussed. A few key notes:

- A budget graph detailing the fund balances over the last 4 years was reviewed. The district's fund balance has fallen to 2.3%. The district received a letter from the Department of Education stating their concern of this low fund balance amount. Mr. Stoneman responded to the MDE that Dansville Schools has a balanced budget for the 2008-09 school year and will have about \$40,000 to return to the fund balance.
- Mr. Stoneman voiced concern regarding the state aid actual amount to be paid to schools. There are many department reductions happening at the state level and possibly could include school funding.

Sinking Fund

- Mr. Stoneman reviewed a sinking fund analysis worksheet provided in the handout packet. He detailed the 2008 and 2009 estimated revenue from the sinking fund bond. He confirmed that 2009 will be the last year money is collected on this bond.
 - Attendees asked if this bond would be renewed and Mr. Stoneman stated it would be a community decision. He stated he felt it very important to have this money to help maintain the buildings and without it, it would be very difficult to repair the facilities.

Village Water Hook-up Estimated Costs

- Mr. Stoneman explained that the Health Department was requiring the district to hook up to the Village's water supply and if we did not comply, it was possible they could stop the district from serving lunches.
- Mr. Stoneman detailed the estimated costs of this procedure. The fees for the contractors performing this service will need to be paid as due but the Village has agreed to let the district make quarterly payments over the next 24 months.
 - There were questions from the audience as to the amount of the tap fee. Mr. Stoneman stated the Village provided a breakdown on how they arrived at the tap fee and the monthly water fee that will also be charged.

High School Computer Classroom

- Mr. Stoneman explained the need for an updated computer classroom in the High School. The current classroom does not have fiber optics inside the room. Wiring is outside the door. The students experience very slow internet connection and downloading. It is frustrating to all involved. The need for an updated classroom is great. The sinking fund can be used for most of the major updates as well as the generosity of the Dansville Educational Foundation who has offered \$20,000 this year towards the project and an unspecified amount for next year.
 - Questions from the audience as why desktops instead of laptops. Mr. Stoneman responded the wireless connection would be much slower.

Office of Civil Rights Complaint Issues

- Mr. Stoneman detailed the current issues the school faces in regards to compliance and the lack of. A worksheet was provided listing what updates have been accomplished and which need to be done.
 - The press box and access to the Middle School are the areas of most concern. At this time, the press box needs to have handicap access due to the size of the facility. A variance is being sought in this case. The access to the Middle School is a more difficult issue. At this time, individuals must enter through the Elementary doors and proceed through the Middle School gym, which is not in compliance with A.D.A.A.G. standards. Solutions are being sought.

A general discussion of the condition of the Middle School began. Ideas of a new school, current building updates, etc. were generated. Mr. Stoneman is looking to the community for help in making these decisions.

Mr. Stoneman ended the meeting by stressing academics in the school district and the importance of achievement. An emphasis on reading and writing for elementary students is a main focus. He also stated the importance of improving ACT scores. He is in the process of developing a long term strategy to develop this.

The next Community Meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Middle School Gym.