

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2011

A regular meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Kapp.

Members Present: Phil Minshall, Charlie O'Rourke, Mike Kapp, Carolyn Jones, Dave Lilly, Mark Slabaugh, Chris Schmidt

Administrators: Amy Hodgson, Jason Feig, Sara Oesterle, Krista Voss

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Superintendent Hodgson requested adding two additional items; a closed session to discuss negotiations and a special presentation by Elementary Principal Sara Oesterle. The Board adopted with changes.

Public Participation

President Kapp explained revised procedures of the Board based on a workshop provided by MASB. President Kapp also requested public participation be limited to 3 minutes each. Each participant was requested to stand at podium and speak.

FFA Advisor, Amanda Sturm

- Maple syrup is available for sale from any FFA student.
- The FFA banquet scheduled May 1, 2011 in the High School Commons at 6 pm.

Community member Heather Schmidt

- Community members appreciate the district staff for their hard work and dedication.

Special Presentation

Certificate of Appreciation

- FFA Advisor Amanda Sturm was awarded the 2011 National AgriScience Ambassador award.

Sara Oesterle, Elementary Principal

- Resigned effective June 30, 2011

Board Reports and Correspondence

Superintendent's Report:

- Administrators continue to work on the School Data Profile Analysis and School Improvement Plans
- The ISD provided different options of sample budget reports
- The district was awarded a technology audit being handled by our ISD. District equipment is being inventoried.
- Community meetings are scheduled for May and June to discuss the budget as well as facilities planning.

High School and Middle School Report

- Available on website for review

Elementary School

- Available on website for review

Board Reports

Finance, Budget & Personnel committee - None

Facilities committee – None

Policy Review committee – None

DESPA Negotiation committee – None

Superintendent Evaluation committee – None

County Consolidation Group – None

President Kapp discussed that due to scheduling conflicts, there are Board Committee assignment changes;

- Policy Committee members - Mike Kapp, Charlie O'Rourke and Carolyn Jones
- Finance Committee members – Phil Minshall, Dave Lilly, Mike Kapp
- Facility Committee – Dave Lilly, Mark Slabaugh, Chris Schmidt

For Action

- Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke and Dave Lilly to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 – 11
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Carolyn Jones seconded by Phil Minshall to approve the Business Services Contract renewal as presented.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Dave Lilly, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke to approve participation in the RFP for transportation.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - Upon completion of analysis, Treasurer Minshall requested the Board review
 - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke, to approve giving the authority to Superintendent Hodgson to extend the 3 current administrator contracts one additional year.
 - This motion includes the Elementary School Principal
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the 2011-12 Band trip to Orlando, Florida.
 - Dates of trip are March 30 – April 4, 2012 and group will travel on a charter bus
 - At this time, cost of trip is \$880 per student based on 30 students and 5 chaperones
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Carolyn Jones, seconded by Chris Schmidt to approve the High School English Class field trip to Stratford, Ontario.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Carolyn Jones to approve the non-union employee vacation request.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Carolyn Jones, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke to approve the Resolution opposing school aid fund transfers to higher education as presented.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

Discussion

1. Ingham ISD General Education Budget
 - a. Yearly process requested by ISD
 - b. This item will be brought to action at May regular meeting

2. Certificate of Completion
 - a. This option is designed for students entering High School and are struggling with the Michigan Merit Curriculum.
 - b. Students can complete this program and receive a certificate. All efforts will be made to help student achieve MMC.
 - c. This program will be implemented only if there is no other option for the student.
 - d. This item will be brought to action at the May regular meeting.

Public Participation

Teacher Dan Price

- The wrestling Lift A Thon raised \$9300.
- All staff appreciates Sara Oesterle for her work as an administrator.

Teacher Shana Barnum

- Worked with Sara Oesterle and feels she is a great leader and added much to Dansville Schools

Community and staff member Darrin Ried

- Sara Oesterle has done an amazing job and will be greatly missed.

Teacher Amanda Sturm

- All staff and administrators are professionals and work very hard.
- All students are first priority. It is hard to deal with the continued questions from community members on all decision made
- Please trust educators and administrators.

Community member Walt Lucken

- It is normal practice to question policies and procedures and motivations of staff.
- Community members do respect teachers.
- Respect and understanding needs to be both ways.

Student Joseph Garza

- Has an issue in choir and class participation.
- President Kapp suggested speaking with the teacher and administration.

Other Matters

None

The Board approved a 5 minute recess before entering into closed session.

Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Dave Lilly to enter into closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

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

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:28 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Jones, Board Secretary