

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2008

A Board Workshop of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Board President Debbie Hedemark

Members Present: Mary Clinton, Debbie Hedemark, Mike Kapp, Phil Minshall, Dan Pheils, David Lilly, Charlie O'Rourke

Others Present: Ron Stoneman, Superintendent, Jann Jencka, Mid Michigan Leadership Institute

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Jencka reviewed and discussed the workshop agenda topics with workshop members. Discussion on topics follows.

- Communication Expectations
 - Superintendent will contact each Board Member starting with the President on any issue of crisis proportion as it may appear on the news or in the newspaper.
 - Voice mail to members is acceptable
 - Exercise caution with e-mails as they are subject to FOIA
 - Superintendent will send via e-mail a 2 page or less Board update usually a couple times per month – more or less if necessary.
 - Confidential information will be shared by phone.
 - E-mail for FYI's or issues with less urgency.
 - When individual Board members contact the Superintendent with a question or issue, the Superintendent will determine if all Board members get the response.
 - The Superintendent and Board will do everything possible not to surprise each other.
 - Board packets need to be in the mail by Wednesday afternoon to ensure they arrive Thursday.
 - Certain issues may arise that the Superintendent will request the Board President to contact other Board member(s).

- A workshop on expulsion procedures, protocol and options is needed for Superintendent and Board Members.

- Board Member Ground Rules
 - Come prepared for each meeting
 - No surprises
 - Ask questions for clarification
 - Get the whole story
 - Disagree respectfully
 - We will be open-minded on issues until we've had a chance to hear the whole story.
 - We will be courteous to one another. All of our views will be heard.
 - We will maintain confidentiality of privileged information.
 - When a Board decision is made, we will all support it.

- Board Member Structural Procedure
 - Mostly okay
 - Special meetings will be called as necessary
 - Budget is an area we need more time, information and meetings to understand and process

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary