

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2007

A regular meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Debbie Hedemark. President Hedemark added a discussion item to the agenda: committee memberships.

Present: Hedemark, Kapp, Lilly, Minshall, O'Rourke, Pheils
Absent: Clinton

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Joan Weber – Mrs. Weber concerned about the layoff process initiated last spring and requested the Board to research all aspects of any decision they make.

Barb Culham – Concern that August minutes were not part of Board packet and noted a draft of the minutes must be prepared within 8 days of the meeting.

Devin Hahn – Concern for lack of a clear transportation policy in Dansville Schools.

Board Reports and Correspondence

Superintendent's Report:

Interim Superintendent Wertz introduced Ann Marie Lindsay as the new Administrative Assistant and commended Sue Steudle for her work with the district and assistance during the transition to the new Administrative Assistant.

Interim Superintendent Wertz reported unofficial enrollments indicate a reduction of 20 students. The 07-08 budget is based on a stable enrollment.

Due to classroom needs, a ½ time aid is being reinstated in the Young Fives program. The continuous budget development for 2007-08 includes documenting the current personnel costs and revenue to be generated by the student enrollment.

Elementary Report:

Elementary Principal Faith Norman reported a great school beginning. She highlighted the Back to School was well attended. On Thursday Sept 17, 2007 the Elementary observed Constitution Day. The next phases of the Battle Creek Science kits and The Right Traits have been added. Grades 3-4-5 are teaming math, science and social studies. We have received the full amount of the Spanish Grant of \$183,000 for materials, equipment and classroom updates. The Elementary office purchased a new bus radio for \$800. The cost of repairs to the old one was equal to replacement.

Middle School Report:

Middle School Principal Terry Jones discussed the activities associated with the Rachel's Challenge day. Because of a conflict with MEAP tests, the Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences have been moved to October 30th and November 1. The 8th grade trip to Washington DC scheduled next month was presented. This year each student will have their own fund raising account.

Curriculum Director Report:

Terry Jones noted the MEAP tests will be October 3 – 28, 2007.

The professional development committee continues to meet to set the schedule for PD throughout the year. A main focus for professional development is on writing at all levels.

High School Report:

High School Principal Amy Hodgson presented the schedule for Rachael's Challenge on Sept 19 at the High School. She commented on the smooth start of school year. The HS has 100% of all forms returned to school. ACT written papers and scores of our students have been received for each student and are being used by HS staff as part of their professional development as they address writing across the curriculum.

For Action

- Moved by Kapp, seconded by Pheils to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of:
 - September bills, including estimated payroll
 - Unapproved August Prepays.
 - Motion approved: 6 yes, 1 absent

- Moved by O'Rourke, seconded by Lilly to approve the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. May 7 through May 11.
 - Motion approved: 6 yes, 1 absent

- Moved by Kapp, seconded by O'Rourke to approve the tax levy.
 - Motion approved: 6 yes, 1 absent

- Moved by Pheils, seconded by Lilly, to approve the hiring of Jessica Doecker.
 - Motion approved: 6 yes, 1 absent

President Hedemark asked for board input regarding the policy process and possible committees.

Minshall and O'Rourke volunteered to be on committee for Transportation of Students.

Dr. Wertz to make recommendations on Citizen Concerns.

Dr. Wertz to make recommendations on Wellness policy and School of Choice.

Chair of Committees: Facilities Planning Committee (Kapp volunteered), Evacuation Plan (Clinton) and Finance (Kapp, Hedemark and Minshall)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be October 15, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary