

**DANSVILLE SCHOOLS**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 20, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Mike Kapp.

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

Administrators: Ron Stoneman, Krista Voss, Nancy Jungkans

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

Wendy May, a parent, voiced concern about her children crossing M-36 to enter the bus. Mr. Stoneman stated the transportation department was not aware of this particular issue, but it would be investigated. Ms. May also stated she was not happy with the traffic condition of the fenced in parking lot and the volume and congestion in the morning during student drop off. Mr. Stoneman asked if Ms. May had spoken to the Elementary Principal and she stated she had not. Mr. Stoneman stated he would monitor this issue.

Warren Witchell, sub bus driver at Dansville Schools, voiced his displeasure of the new bus routes.

Wendy Witchell, bus driver at Dansville Schools, stated she was displeased with her current bus route.

James Voss, Boys DCAA Administrator, wanted to thank the Board for use of the school facilities for youth basketball throughout the year.

Special Presentations

Steve Kirinovic of Abraham & Gaffney (school auditor), gave a presentation on the 2007-08 school audit.

Board Treasurer Phil Minshall questioned the relationship of affiliated clubs (band boosters, athletic boosters) and if the district should have more control or if they should be separate organizations. Steve Kirinovic responded that it was a decision of the school. He did note that the majority of other school districts were separate from their booster clubs.

Mr. Stoneman stated the ISD would provide a service for the clubs if they remained using the district tax number, but for an additional fee. He stated the Board would need to make a decision on whether or not to financially support the business services of these entities.

Mr. Stoneman suggested to continue the clubs under district finances with the ISD until it can be determined what the costs are and discussion with the clubs. After that, the Board will make a decision about whether or not to separate them from district finances.

Krista Voss, Special Education Director, gave a presentation regarding the Dansville Schools Special Education program. She detailed the special education teachers' current day to day activities. Mrs. Voss also reviewed reports provided by the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services.

Helen McNamara, Ingham ISD Finance Director, and Janet Yachim, Ingham ISD Supervisor of Business Services and Grants, gave a presentation on the new 403(b) regulations and the impact they will have on Dansville Schools. The presentation is available in the Superintendent's office for review.

Federal IRS regulations allow public school employers to establish a Tax-Sheltered Plan for employees called a 403(b). Employees save for retirement on a "pre-tax" basis deducted from their paychecks. Employees do not pay income tax on contributions or investment earnings until they eventually receive distribution from their investment account. 403(b)'s are similar to 401(k) plans in the private sector.

The Board recessed at 9:02 pm

The Board reconvened at 9:12 pm

### Board Reports and Correspondence

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Stoneman confirmed a Community meeting on November 12, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the Middle School gym.
- An architect meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2008 at 7 pm in Elementary library.

Board President Mike Kapp explained that the principals were at a meeting regarding the district's involvement in "Failure Is Not An Option" and they were not present to give their reports. Their reports are available on the school website.

### High School Report

Principal Amy Hodgson reported:

- N/A

### Middle School Report

Principal Terry Jones reported:

- N/A

### Curriculum Director

Mrs. Terry Jones reported:

- N/A

### Elementary School

Principal Faith Norman reported:

- N/A

Board Vice President Mary Clinton discussed an article in the Lansing State Journal discussing foreign languages in schools. She was discouraged that Dansville Schools' Spanish program was not included.

Trustee Carolyn Jones stated she attended the Ingham schools officers' breakfast and met the candidates for local office.

Mrs. Jones also talked about educational related bills being discussed at the state level.

Phil Minshall discussed the Dansville Band trip to Eastern Michigan University to participate in band day. He stated instruction was given to all participate on how to march in

a marching band. He was very proud of the Dansville students and the way they conducted themselves in such a positive and respectable manner.

### Board Reports

Transportation Committee Update – none

Finance Committee Update – none

Evacuation Plan Update – Ann Marie Lindsay discussed the bi-monthly SAFE Schools meeting at the Ingham County Sheriff Dept and a CD produced by that agency. The CD is a training video to be shown to school staff on responding to a “shooter in the building”. All schools in Ingham are complying with a standard procedure regarding this issue. An implementation date of December 1, 2008 is scheduled.

Facilities Committee Update – None

### For Action

- Motion by Charlie O’Rourke, seconded by Mary Clinton to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 – 3, with time correction on the September meeting minutes reflecting meeting adjournment. 9:56 p.m.
  - 7 yes, 0 no
    - **Motion passed**
  
- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dan Pheils to adopt the proposed Board policy for District issued credit cards.
  - Only select athletic, kitchen, school offices and maintenance personnel will be issued a PCard.
  - 7 yes, 0 no,
    - **Motion passed**
  
- Motion by Dan Pheils, seconded by Dave Lilly to approve District issued credit cards.
  - 7 yes, 0 no
    - **Motion passed**
  
- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Charlie O’Rourke to adopt the proposed District Transportation policy as written.
  - 7 yes, 0 no
    - **Motion passed**
  
- Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Mary Clinton to approve an amendment to the current DESPA contract, as allowable in Article 4.1, and replace the current 2008-09 salary formula with a 1.5% increase.
  - 7 Yes, 0 no
    - **Motion passed**

### Discussion

1. Teacher tenure request
  - a. Ishar Rodriguez, Dansville Elementary Spanish Teacher, will achieve tenure in January 2009.
2. Teacher resignation
  - a. Ishar Rodriguez asked to resign effective January 2009. She is moving out of state.
3. Village water hook-up update

- a. The Ingham County Health Department is requiring the district to hook up to the Village water source.
  - b. The tap fee is \$120,000 with an additional \$35,000+ for the hookup fee from Myer Plumbing. The Village is willing to take quarterly payments over the next 24 months.
  - c. Suggestions were made for a non-voted bond.
  - d. This will be a topic of discussion at the Community Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. Sinking fund use for updated High School computer lab
- a. Mr. Stoneman reviewed the need for updates in the High School computer lab. He again detailed the need for new heating and cooling, workstations, etc.
  - b. This will be a topic of discussion at the Community Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
5. Office of Civil Rights update
- a. Mr. Stoneman discussed compliance updates, new parking spaces, updated signs within the buildings, new outdoor signs giving locations of each individual schools.
  - b. This will be a topic of discussion at the Community Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
6. School Calendar Amendment
- a. The early release day of February 12, 2009 was scheduled on count day. The calendar has been revised to reflect February 11, 2009 as the new early release day. This will be an action item for November.
7. Amend resolution of by Board of Education regarding MME testing
- a. The State of Michigan has passed legislation that requires schools to administer the complete MME once and only once to each student. Therefore, we would like to remove the MME retest graduation requirement. Because of the Michigan Merit Curriculum, it is also no longer necessary for students to be required to take classes in the areas in which they are not proficient. Therefore, we would like to remove this entire requirement for graduation.
    - i. Board action on December 18, 2006 will need to be amended to reflect the above changes to this resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 pm

Other Matters

Mike Kapp and Mary Clinton had a meeting with Ron Stoneman. President Kapp recommends a November workshop to set goals for the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Pheils, Secretary