

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2009

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

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

Members Absent: Dave Lilly

Administrators: Ron Stoneman, Amy Hodgson, Nancy Jungkans

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

Phyllis Konen Co-advisor of the senior class, invited Board members to the Senior Breakfast on May 27th at Hankard Hills Golf Course.

Nancy Jungkans, Athletic Director, gave an update on some Dansville athletes and their accomplishments; Grant Cook made the Lansing State Journal Dream Team for wrestling, Mike Farrier, wrestling coach, was elected Division 4 Coach of Year, Kelsey Effner made first team all state girls for the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan as well as honorable mention all state.

Ms. Jungkans also stated 14 Dansville athletes attended the CMAC athletic scholar's night. She also confirmed that boys and girls Varsity and JV teams will play same nights for next season.

Darrin Ried, bus driver, wanted to respond to a community meeting attendee concern about the length of time her student would be on a bus to and from school. Mr. Ried stated he had offered to pick that particular student up to reduce his time on bus but did not get a response from the parent. He also stated Dansville Schools bus times are significantly less than surrounding schools, which average well over an hour each. Mr. Ried felt, as a bus driver, the routing software was overall effective but admitted no method is perfect and that change is difficult at times.

Special Presentations

Superintendent Stoneman gave a presentation on Dansville Schools MEAP scores. A copy of that presentation is on file at the Superintendent's office for review.

Board Reports and Correspondence

Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Stoneman gave the Board an update regarding several topics:
 - School Administrators have been working hard to achieve a balanced budget for 2009-10.
 - They have currently reduced spending by \$278,000 and have approximately \$42,000 left to reduce.
 - The budget was developed with a reduction of 15 students for school year 2009-10.
 - Currently have \$40-50,000 overage in current year budget.
 - The Insurance increase has been confirmed. The district will pay for the first 5% of the increase.

- A meeting of the Finance Committee was set for May 11th at 5:00 p.m.
- Grounds Maintenance bids on equipment have been received.
 - D & G Equipment was lowest bid.
 - The recommendation from ISD Business Office was to purchase the equipment outright and not lease. In doing so, we eliminate attorney fees and interest payments.
- Technology plan
 - New District plan is due by April 30th. Technology Coordinator Tom Pease is meeting with a committee comprised of representatives from each building to develop a new plan. A draft plan is being reviewed by the district Technology Planning Committee and all comments regarding such are due to Mr. Stoneman by April 24th.
- A Crossing guard meeting is scheduled for April 22 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Representatives from the Village, Township and District will be attendance to finalize funding for the 2009-10 school year.
- Full Day/Every Day Kindergarten
 - Mrs. Norman placed an advertisement in the Lansing State Journal.
 - An ad has been placed in local papers and school newsletter as well as on our website.
 - Current student count is 60 kindergarteners.
 - Mrs. Norman is having weekly meeting with kindergarten teachers for preparation of all day classes.
 - Kindergarten literacy materials are being purchased with a grant from the Dansville Education Foundation.
- Facility Evaluation – Kingscott & Associates Building Assessment was conducted during Spring Break. Kingscott provided a summary from their team meeting.
 - The Middle School has severe structural issues.
 - A May meeting was scheduled with Kingscott to present their assessment of the facilities.
- Doug BeVier, Grounds and Maintenance employee, was hurt at work and will be off work 8-10 weeks.
 - The former grounds contractor was contacted and agreed to help with ground maintenance during Doug's absence.
- A DESPA negotiation meeting will be scheduled in the near future.
- Current district newsletter will be mailed this week.
- The High School computer classroom is completed and being utilized by students.
- Superintendent Stoneman presented Carolyn Jones with a certificate from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for achieving Certified Board member status.

High School Report

- Mrs. Hodgson reported she attended a principals' meeting in March to learn more about the Distance Learning Grant opportunity that is available for county schools. Distance learning would give Dansville students the opportunity to experience virtual field trips and the possibility of shared classes with other districts. Another potential

use would be speakers at professional development. Instead of on-site speakers, they could present electronically.

- Kathy Nofzinger, Secretary at the High School, was nominated to be the Horace Mann/MASSP Secretary of the Year for the state of Michigan. She is one of 10 secretaries who are being considered for this honor.
- The FFA performed very well at the State Competition. The trophy they received can be viewed in the FFA section of the new trophy cases in the Commons.
- The High School Principal report is available on the school website.

Middle School Report

Principal Terry Jones reported:

- The Middle School Principal report is available on the school website.

Elementary School

- The Elementary School Principal report is available on the school website.

Board Reports

Transportation Committee Update – A meeting regarding the crossing guards is scheduled for April 22, 2009. This is not a committee meeting, but a general meeting between the school, township and village.

Finance Committee Update – A meeting was for scheduled May 11th at 5:00 pm.

Facilities Committee Update - Architect Kingscott & Associates would like to present their findings to the Board

Superintendent Evaluation Committee - A meeting is scheduled for April 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Policy Committee – A review will be given by Vice President Clinton during the discussion section.

Legislative Update – Trustee Carolyn Jones reviewed the following bills that are in the House and/or Senate:

1. Proposed requirements for policies; wellness, allergies, bullying, etc.
2. Possible use of sinking funds; technology and buses
3. Requirement of schools to put check registers online
4. Requirement of all teachers to pass ELA, grammar and usage punctuation certification after January 2010.
5. Schools to allow sports activities to qualify as PE credit.

Trustee Phil Minshall commented the Spanish trip very successful and all those who attended enjoyed themselves very much.

For Action

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Phil Minshall to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 - 6 with noted changes to the March 12 and March 16, 2009 minutes as discussed.
 - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
 - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke to consider the proposed resolution designating a Board member representative on the electoral body for the ISD biennial election.

- Mike Kapp was named as representative
 - Ron Stoneman was named as alternate
- 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
 - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dan Pheils to approve a resolution to express support for the proposed Ingham Intermediate School District budget.
 - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
 - **Motion passed**

Discussion

1. Bid review for ground equipment
 - a. D & G Equipment submitted lowest bid.
 - b. Eliminating contracted services and employing a full-time employee will save the district in the long run with quality of service and amount paid out for services. This savings will be about \$25,000 after the equipment is paid for.
 - c. The equipment will last longer as the service from D & G is better and we have control over operators.

The Board gave Mr. Stoneman the authority to continue with the lawn equipment purchase.

2. Policy Review
 - Vice President Clinton reviewed the minutes of the April 13, 2009 Policy Committee meeting and the policies currently under review.
 - Policy 212.1, Policy for Bomb Threats
 - Policy 890, Bomb Threat Procedures
 - Policy 333, Community and Adult Education
 - Policy 341.4, Curriculum Development
 - Policy 721.2, Sale of Surplus Property
 - Policies 461 and 5136, Electronic Devices and Cell Phones & Electronic Devices
 - Policy 347.76, Senior Trip
 - Policy 348.62, Extra Curricular Attendance
 - The Board was asked to review suggested edits and these policies would be brought back for first discussion at the regular May meeting.
3. 2009-10 Budget Review
 - a. The 2009-10 budget has been reduced by \$278,000 and will be reduced by another \$42,000 to achieve a balanced budget for next school year.

Other Matters

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary