

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Committee Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2010

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

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

Administrators Present: Ron Stoneman, Krista Voss, Amy Hodgson

Public Participation:

Larry Nofzinger inquired about no formal evaluation of the superintendent. President Kapp responded that the Board passed a motion that no formal evaluation would be placed in Superintendent Stoneman's personnel file. Mr. Nofzinger questioned as to what an informal evaluation consisted of.

Beth Chattaway voiced concern regarding the possibility of consolidating the Special Education Director position with another district.

Jim Voss asked that the Board review the worksheet to be presented to them regarding the proposed Special Education Consolidation of Services. Mr. Voss does not feel consolidation is in the best interest of the district.

Wendy Witchell expressed concern regarding the proposed Special Education Consolidation of Services proposal.

Action Item 1 - Appoint Interim Superintendent

Vice President Clinton discussed the process of the Interim Superintendent Committee, which consisted of Dave Lilly and her. Interviews were conducted in an open meeting on March 24, 2010 with two candidates. The Committee is recommending Tom Davis, a retired superintendent from Holt Schools, for the position of Interim Superintendent of Dansville Schools with a proposed start date of March 30, 2010.

Motion by Phil Minshall, seconded by Dan Pheils to appoint Tom Davis as acting Interim Superintendent effective March 30, 2010.

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

Motion by Dave Lilly, seconded by Phil Minshall to accept the proposed Interim Superintendent contract as edited.

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

Action Item 2 - Approve Authorization of Board Secretary & Treasurer as designated payroll signers

Currently the Superintendent is the only authorized signature on the district's payroll account. It is standard practice to have more than one authorized signature on the payroll account.

Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Carolyn Jones to approve the addition of the Board Secretary and Board Treasurer as approved signer for the district payroll bank account.

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

President Kapp requested to add a discussion topic to the agenda, Consolidation of Services. A presentation was given at Ingham ISD on March 24, 2010, which he and Carolyn Jones attended. A copy

of the presentation is available during normal business hours in the Superintendent's office and will be distributed to the Board for review. President Kapp requested this item be listed as a discussion item at the April 19, 2010 regular meeting.

Vice President Clinton stated the Interim Superintendent Committee investigated the possibility of a shared Interim Superintendent and felt that if the district decided long-term to share a Superintendent, a candidate should not be the Interim and then considered for the long-term position.

Action Item 3 - Special Education Director Consolidation of Services Proposal

Treasurer Minshall asked that this item remain tabled until the April 19, 2010 regular meeting. There was a question as to whether or not there would be a contract extension violation if the current Special Education Director contract was not acted upon. President Kapp explained the 90 day non-renewal clause, currently in the administrator contract, which is performance driven. It does not apply to reductions due to economic conditions. Treasurer Minshall wants to meet with the ISD personnel and Mrs. Voss separately prior to making his decision to vote.

Dansville Special Education Director Krista Voss reviewed a worksheet she had prepared for the meeting analyzing the current program costs vs. the proposed Consolidation program. The worksheet is available for review during normal business hours in the Superintendent's office.

Vice President Clinton introduced Tom Davis as the new Interim Superintendent.

Discussion items

Budget, Finance & Personnel Committee – Superintendent Search Process

President Kapp reviewed the Committee's progress to date. A meeting has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on March 30, 2010 at Ingham ISD for the Committee to meet with the Leslie, Stockbridge and Webberville Superintendents to discuss the possibility of sharing a Superintendent and what the arrangement would entail. This discussion is investigation at this point. All options will be considered.

Public Participation

Beth Chattaway stated after hearing Mrs. Voss' analysis, she is concerned with the proposed caseload figures. She does not feel this consolidation is in the best interest of the district.

Mary Warfle stated she feels the district provides good service with the current special education program and does not think the proposed consolidation is best for the district.

Larry Nofzinger welcomed Mr. Davis to the district. Mr. Nofzinger also inquired if the option of a part-time Superintendent/part-time Middle School principal was considered.

Tricia Malthaner asked if the district would proceed with the same superintendent hiring process as when Superintendent Stoneman was hired.

Jim Voss welcomed Mr. Davis to the district. He also stated that he felt the current district special education program was successful and attractive to school of choice families, increasing our state funding.

President Kapp motioned that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for purposes of reviewing a confidential attorney-client privileged communication. This motion was seconded by Carolyn Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

Minshall – yes O'Rourke - yes

Jones – yes Pheils - yes

Clinton – yes Kapp - yes

Lilly – yes

○ 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

○ **Motion passed**

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:33 p.m.

The Board engaged in general discussion with Tom Davis as to the state of the district.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary