

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2010

A regular meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Mike Kapp.

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

Administrators: Tom Davis, Amy Hodgson, Krista Voss, Faith Norman, Nancy Jungkans

Pledge of Allegiance

President Kapp asked for a moment of silence in memory of student Carly George and school employee Lisa Lessa.

President Kapp proposed an agenda change to move the 2010-11 school budget presentation by Janet Yachim to the 3rd special presentation. The agenda change was approved.

Treasurer Minshall requested action item 7 be discussed earlier in the agenda.

President Kapp explained that a tabled motion can be acted upon or the motion can be disposed.

Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Phil Minshall to take the motion from the table.

- 6 yes, 1 no (Mike Kapp), 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

Action to enter into a consolidation agreement with the ISD to share Special Education

- 0 yes, 7 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion failed**

Public Participation

Barb Culham asked the status of the Superintendent Search and confirmed that that Board did employ MASB as the search firm. Mrs. Culham also asked for clarification of the proposed Superintendent Evaluation policy regarding compilation of information. President Mike Kapp stated information gathered was compiled by the committee and then the full Board would meet to finalize the evaluation.

Sara Oesterle asked for clarification and confirmation that the Action Item 7 motion failed.

Larry Nofzinger informed the Board that Amy Hodgson saved a teacher's life by performing the heimlich maneuver. The teacher was choking.

Linda St. Amant suggested the staff review life savings procedures each year.

Special Presentations

Terry Jones gave a presentation regarding RtI (Response to Intervention). The presentation is on file for review in the superintendent's office during normal business hours.

Bruce Johnson gave a Special Education Review Presentation. The presentation is on file for review in the superintendent's office during normal business hours.

Janet Yachim, Business Office Supervisor at Ingham ISD gave an overview of the proposed 2010-11 budget. Ms. Yachim reminded the Board a budget needs to be adopted by June 30, 2010. Ms. Yachim asked for Board direction as to ending fund equity balance desired. A Budget, Finance and Personnel committee meeting was scheduled for June 7 to discuss 2010-11 budget.

Board Reports and Correspondence

Superintendent's Report:

- The Elementary principal search is continuing. No candidate has been selected yet.
- High School teacher, Amy Scott is resigning her position to become employed at a family business.
- There is a tentative verbal contract agreement with the DEA
- The High School break-in case is still under investigation by law enforcement.
- The Community Planning Committee facility master plan will be available on the website when finalized from Kingscott & Associates.
- There is a rough draft of the 2010-11 school schedule, which meets the desired reduction of 3 FTE.
- The High School had a successful prom last weekend
- The state Special Education allocation will be higher than anticipated (\$40,000).

High School Report

- The High School report is available on the school website

Middle School Report

- The Middle School report is available on the school website

Elementary School

- The Elementary School report is available on the school website

Board Reports

Finance, Budget & Personnel committee – This committee decided to use MASB as the firm for the superintendent search. A Community meeting is scheduled for May 25 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Library for public input and suggestions.

Facilities committee – This committee met May 3rd with Kent Phinney of Kingscott & Associates. Due to the urgency of hiring a new superintendent, the committee felt it was best to postpone a formal master plan process, but pursue a sinking fund renewal

Policy Review committee – None

DESPA Negotiation committee – None

Superintendent Evaluation committee – None

Transportation Committee – None

Treasurer Minshall stated:

He attended the prom and was impressed. Advisors Cori Riebow and Leah Braman did a great job.

The Spring Fling put on a great presentation and tribute to Dave Norman.

The Big Play was fantastic, Angie St. Amant and Karen Cheadle directed another hit, and all while donating their time.

The FFA Banquet installed their new officers, who did a wonderful job presenting. Amanda Johnson, once again, prepared her students for this banquet.

The April 21 art reception featured Dansville student art.

He attended the Quiz Bowl banquet on April 21st, for which Mrs. Braman, advisor, did a very good job with a tight budget.

Trustee Jones reported:

The Middle School Resource field trip went to Kalamazoo Air Field. The group was great and had a good time.

Michele Mudar stated the Middle School Science Olympiad team took 48th place at the State Science Olympiad competition.

Trustee Lilly stated the 8th Washington trip was a success and the students behaved very well, as usual.

For Action

- Motion by Mary Clinton seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 - 6
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dan Pheils to approve the presented Superintendent Evaluation policy for district implementation.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**
- Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Dan Pheils to approve the resolution to participate in the Advisory Committee to explore the consolidation of various services.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

Roll Call Vote

Minshall – yes	O'Rourke - yes
Jones – yes	Pheils - yes
Clinton – yes	Kapp - yes
Lilly – yes	

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Phil Minshall to approve the resolution to submit a one millage proposition at the August 3, 2010 special election, utilizing the Lansing State Journal as specified newspaper circulation method.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

Roll Call Vote

Minshall – yes	O'Rourke - yes
Jones – yes	Pheils - yes
Clinton – yes	Kapp - yes
Lilly – yes	

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the resolution expressing support for Ingham ISD proposed general fund budget.
 - 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
 - **Motion passed**

Discussion

1. Superintendent Search Recommendation
 - a. Superintendent Davis gave a presentation, which is on file in the superintendent's office for review during normal business hours, giving his recommendation of Amy Hodgson as the next Dansville Superintendent.

- b. Recommend a special meeting to discuss this proposal
 - c. Vice President Clinton stated the Board has always welcomed community input and should do so for this recommendation. Superintendent Davis suggested the Board have a public meeting for community input.
 - d. Trustee Jones expressed concern as to how the superintendent search process is evolving. It is a very important decision and needs to be researched carefully.
 - e. The Board scheduled a special meeting on June 10, 2010 at 7 pm to discuss this recommendation.
2. Memo of Understanding – Race to the Top
 - a. The state is applying for a second round of grant funds.
 - b. There is no formal resolution but there are required signatures by the Board President, Superintendent and MEA representation.
 3. Superintendent Contract Committee
 - a. This is a potential committee to help develop a new Superintendent contract for negotiation of that position.
 4. 2010-11 School Budget – This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Public Participation

Barb Culham stated the Board needs to proceed with the current superintendent search process to evaluate all candidates available to the district. Mrs. Culham stated it is important to have an interview process to ensure the most qualified individual is hired for the position.

Kathy Nofzinger stated she has worked for district and numerous principals throughout the years. Mrs. Nofzinger has a very high opinion of Amy Hodgson and recommends her for the position.

Dave Norman stated the district needs stability in leadership. Mr. Norman recommended Amy Hodgson for superintendent.

Tracy Galloway stated she has a very high opinion of Amy Hodgson and recommends her for superintendent. The district needs stability.

Faith Norman stated she works very closely with Amy Hodgson, who has high integrity and recommends her for the position of superintendent.

Jim Voss stated he works with Cal Hodgson through DCAA and has a high opinion of him, as well as Amy.

Sara Oesterle stated Amy Hodgson is a good administrator and recommends her for superintendent of Dansville Schools.

Doug BeVier stated he was glad Tom Davis and Dan Wertz offered to mentor Amy if she were to get the superintendent position. He feels the district needs stability.

- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke to enter into closed session to discuss DEA and DESPA negotiation, after a 5 minutes break.

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**

Returned to open session at 10:05 pm

Trustee Jones asked Wendy Witchell the outcome of the school track meet and the status of Mrs. Witchell's son in his races. Mrs. Witchell responded her son, Warren, broke another school record.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary