

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Special Meeting Minutes
June 10, 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: Mary Clinton, Carolyn Jones, Dave Lilly, Mike Kapp, Phil Minshall, Charlie O'Rourke, Dan Pheils

President Kapp reviewed the Board Public Participation District Policy, reminding all in attendance that comments will be limited to 5 minutes in accordance with the policy.

Public participation

Michele Momberg and Nicole Greiter, DEA Co-Presidents, read a letter from the DEA in support of Amy Hodgson being named Superintendent of Dansville Schools.

Michael Bayard – parent, stated he did not support Amy Hodgson becoming Dansville Schools' Superintendent.

Faith Norman, Elementary School Principal, read a letter of recommendation from the Dansville Schools Administrators in support of Amy Hodgson being appointed Dansville Schools' Superintendent.

Carol Colburn, Dansville Community Member, stated the district hired a superintendent search firm and should continue with the process, including Mrs. Hodgson as a candidate. Mrs. Colburn stated all applicants should be reviewed and the top candidates be interviewed.

Matt Wieborn, parent, stated he supports Amy Hodgson being Dansville Schools' Superintendent.

Aaron Minshall, former Dansville High School student, read a letter of his high school experiences. He stated he did not support Mrs. Hodgson as the next Superintendent of Dansville Schools.

Krista Voss, Teacher and Special Education Director, read a letter from teacher Tracy Galloway, supporting Amy Hodgson as Dansville Schools' Superintendent. Mrs. Voss also stated she supports Mrs. Hodgson becoming the next Superintendent of Dansville Schools.

Leo Bayard, former Dansville High School student, stated he did not support Mrs. Hodgson becoming the next Superintendent of Dansville Schools.

Amanda Johnson, teacher, stated she supported Mrs. Hodgson becoming the next Dansville Superintendent.

Barb Culham, Dansville Community member, stated the superintendent search process should continue. The district needs a person with experience and interviewing all applicants would allow for the most qualified person to be hired.

Suzy Wieborn, parent, stated she attends the same church as Amy Hodgson and supports her as the next school Superintendent.

Kathy Nofzinger, school employee, stated she works in the High School office with Mrs. Hodgson and supports her becoming Dansville Schools' Superintendent.

Terry Jones, District RTI coach, stated she that while she was the Middle School Principal, she worked with Mrs. Hodgson and thinks she would be a good choice for the next Superintendent.

Travis Gucky, Elementary teacher, supports Mrs. Hodgson as the next Superintendent.

Dave Klingbiel, High School teacher, supports Mrs. Hodgson as the next Superintendent and stated she was a very good High School Principal.

Mark Calderone, parent, stated he support for Mrs. Hodgson becoming the next Superintendent.

Shelby Sweers, former Dansville High School student, stated Mrs. Hodgson improved discipline at the High School as Principal and feels she would be a good Superintendent.

Mark Slabaugh, parent, stated Mrs. Hodgson did a good job at the High School Principal position and is glad she is being considered for the Superintendent.

Mick Ream, Middle School teacher, supports Amy Hodgson as the next Superintendent.

Amy Scott, High School teacher, enjoyed working with Mrs. Hodgson in the High School and supports her as the next Superintendent.

Jan Sweers, parent, stated she was on the Dansville Board of Education when Mrs. Hodgson was hired as High School Principal and feels she would be a good Superintendent of the district.

Dan Price, High School teacher, supports Mrs. Hodgson as the next Superintendent. Mr. Price cautioned the Board that if they were to interview other candidates, they would not know exactly what the person was actually like. He stated the Board and community know Mrs. Hodgson and are comfortable with her.

Nicole Williams, parent, stated the district needs consistency and Mrs. Hodgson would provide that consistency. Mrs. Williams stated she supported Mrs. Hodgson as the next Superintendent.

Nancy Jungkans, Athletic Director, stated Mrs. Hodgson is very hardworking and supports her becoming Dansville Schools' Superintendent.

Mary Zaleski, former district employee, supports Mrs. Hodgson as the next Superintendent.

Ann Anderson, former co-worker of Mrs. Hodgson, stated Mrs. Hodgson should be named the next Superintendent of Dansville Schools.

Beth Chattaway, parent, voiced support for Mrs. Hodgson becoming the next Superintendent of Dansville Schools.

Kathy Driggs, Elementary teacher stated the district needs consistency and feels Mrs. Hodgson would provide that consistency.

Bobbi Joseph, former district employee, stated support for Mrs. Hodgson being Dansville Schools' Superintendent.

Cori Riebow, High School Counselor, stated Mrs. Hodgson would be a good Superintendent and voice support of her being appointed.

Mike Farrier, parent and coach, voiced support for Mrs. Hodgson being the District Superintendent.

James Voss, parent, supports Mrs. Hodgson being the next Superintendent.

Darrin Ried, district employee, stated his support for Mrs. Hodgson becoming the next Superintendent. He stated Mrs. Hodgson was familiar with the district and knows the community.

Ted Senieve, stated it was very impressive the amount of support Mrs. Hodgson is receiving to be the next Superintendent and supports the Board appointing her.

Carol Colburn, Dansville Community member, asked for verification that the posting of the vacancy is a Superintendent/Middle School Principal position. It was confirmed yes.

Interim Superintendent Davis gave a short PowerPoint presentation supporting Mrs. Hodgson as Dansville Schools' Superintendent.

The Board members discussed the action item of hiring Mrs. Hodgson as Dansville Schools' Superintendent.

Vice President Clinton stated the district needed someone familiar with procedures and long term commitment. She feels Mrs. Hodgson will provide that stability.

Trustee O'Rourke expressed support for Mrs. Hodgson.

Trustee Jones asked to postpone the vote to evaluate Mrs. Hodgson's qualifications.

Trustee Lilly expressed support for Mrs. Hodgson.

Secretary Pheils would like to continue with the search process, including Mrs. Hodgson as a candidate. He feels the process started needs to continue and be completed.

President Kapp expressed support for Mrs. Hodgson.

Treasurer Minshall stated nothing said this evening would change anyone's mind.

Motion by Dave Lilly, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke, to hire Amy Hodgson as Superintendent for a term of 4 years.

Treasurer Phil Minshall questioned stating the length of the contract in the motion before completion of contract negotiations.

Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dave Lilly, to amend the first motion as follows; to hire the internal candidate, Amy Hodgson, as Superintendent/Middle School Principal for a term not to exceed 4 years.

There was discussion as to whether a motion should have a maximum length of time.

Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Dave Lilly, to appoint the internal candidate, Amy Hodgson as Dansville Superintendent/Middle School principal for a minimum term of not less than 3 years.

Roll Call Vote	O'Rourke - Yes
Minshall - No	Pheils - No
Jones - No	Kapp - Yes
Clinton - Yes	
Lilly - Yes	

- o 4 yes, 3 no
- o **Motion passed**

President Kapp stated a Contract Negotiation Committee needed to be appointed and suggested he and Mary Clinton be members. He also asked for another Board member to participate. Trustee Jones accepted the invitation. A meeting will be scheduled for the week of June 14, 2010.

Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke, to suspend the MASB Superintendent Search process pending successful contract negotiations with Mrs. Hodgson.

- o 4 yes, 3 no (Minshall, Jones, Pheils)
- o **Motion passed**

It was noted the position of High School Principal needed to be posted as soon as possible.

Discussion Item

2010-11 State Aid Note - This item will be an action at the June 21, 2010 regular Board meeting.

Interim Superintendent Davis relayed to the Board that Elementary teacher, Sara Oesterle, accepted the position of Elementary Principal effective July 1, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary