

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2009

A regular meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Kapp.

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

Administrators: Ron Stoneman, Nancy Jungkans, Terry Jones, Amy Hodgson, Faith Norman

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

None

Special Presentations

Beverly Bonning, Thrun Law Firm, gave a presentation on switching school election dates. A handout is available at the Superintendent's office for review. Ms. Bonning explained that prior to 2003 schools ran their own elections and a legislation movement consolidated elections to May or November. Ms. Bonning listed a number of items for consideration in this matter:

- If the school switched to November elections, Board member terms would run in a January to December cycle. To achieve this, current board members would have their terms extended to January 1.
- Ms. Bonning will develop a schedule of the district's options with scenarios of each choice detailing the Board member term schedules.
- Other important issues involved millage renewal and the expenses involved. Currently the District has yearly millage renewal, which stops the Headlee rollback. Renewing this millage in May 2009 allows for two additional chances to achieve, one in August and November. A district can vote millages one year ahead of time or pay for a special election.
- The process of switching elections involves a resolution authorizing a public hearing, a public hearing and a resolution approving the new election date.
- If school elections were held at the same time as county, state or federal elections, the school could reduce their costs for combining with these other elections.

Board Reports and Correspondence

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Stoneman reminded the Board of the Community meeting scheduled for January 20th in the Middle School gym.
- A February 2nd Kingscott presentation to the Board Facility Committee in the Elementary Library is also scheduled.
- Mr. Stoneman discussed the February Professional Development activity regarding the countywide emergency response procedures. A DVD will be viewed and material distributed.
- The budget process needs to begin. Ingham ISD will review current reporting. In February, the Finance Committee will meet to ensure the district has a balanced budget.
- Mr. Stoneman reported the wrestling team currently undefeated.

- The High School computer classroom is progressing. During construction, the High School will have a mobile computer lab for classes.
- The water hook-up is complete with the Village of Dansville.
- Winter break cleaning went well and much was accomplished. Additional contract cleaning for approximately \$1700 was done to detail clean the HS gym (backboards, walls, vents, etc.)
- The district is updating the boys locker room with painting and repairing locker doors.

All principals responded to specific Board questions regarding their individual principal reports. These reports are posted on the district website.

High School Report

Principal Amy Hodgson reported:

- Beginning second semester, the high school will begin a new program for At-Risk students. Based on grades of at-risk students at the end of the first semester, students may be recommended for Academic E.R.

Middle School Report

Principal Terry Jones reported:

- The Middle School will have both a Power Hour after school program and an At Risk program.

Elementary School

Principal Faith Norman reported:

- An At Risk program has been developed for the elementary school. The program is on Tuesday and Thursday each for different grade levels. Transportation is provided for At Risk students on these days.

Board Reports

Transportation Committee Update – None

Finance Committee Update – A meeting is scheduled on January 26th at 6:30 pm in the Elementary Library. Janet Yachim, Ingham ISD Supervisor of Business and Grant Services, will attend and give a presentation of the current budget.

Facilities Committee Update – A meeting is scheduled on Feb 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Elementary Library. Kingscott will give a final presentation of their services offered to Dansville Schools.

Superintendent Evaluation Committee – This committee met on January 2nd and developed 2009 Superintendent goals. The Superintendent Evaluation is scheduled for February 16th in the Elementary Library at 6:30 p.m.

Policy Committee – This committee met on December 29th and January 12th. The committee is concerned about the organization of district policies. It has been determined there is a standard numbering system throughout the county, which will be utilized by Dansville Schools.

For Action

- Motion by Dan Pheils, seconded by Charlie O'Rourke to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 – 6
 - 7 yes, 0 no
 - **Motion passed**

- Motion by Dan Pheils, seconded by Dave Lilly to approve the resolution authorizing the Board President to execute a contract on behalf of the school district with Consumers Energy.
 - 7 yes, 0 no,
 - **Motion passed**
- The motion to approve the Operating Millage Renewal Proposal was tabled until the February 16, 2009 Board meeting. Changes will be made to the proposal language.

Discussion

1. Date for Superintendent Evaluation Meeting in February 2009
 - a. Board members received current updated superintendent evaluation form and were asked to return them completed to the Board President by the end of January.
 - b. Vice President Mary Clinton asked for clarification on the numbering system of evaluating the superintendent.
 - c. President Mike Kapp will consolidate all the evaluations. The Board will have discussion to establish a consensus on performance.
 - d. Phil Minshall suggested more detailed descriptions of each ranking number.
 - e. This form has not been changed from previous years. The Committee is investigating changes for the 2009-10 evaluation.
 - f. Mr. Stoneman stated the written comments would clarify each ranking more clearly and he appreciated the opportunity allowing the comments.
 - g. Dan Pheils suggested a summary from Mr. Stoneman on his accomplishments and achievements for the 2008-09 school year.
 - h. The 2009-10 quarterly meetings will be utilized for Mr. Stoneman to update the Board of his goals.
 - i. A meeting was set for February 16, 2009 at 6:30 pm for the Superintendent evaluation and proposed millage renewal.
2. Election resolution and certification of ballot language.
 - a. New language will be developed and presented to the Board at the February 16, 2009 special board meeting.
3. Discussion of Superintendent Goals for 2009. President Kapp reviewed the proposed goals and the rationale of their development.
 - a. Possible approval at February regular board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pheils, Secretary