

**DANSVILLE SCHOOLS**  
**Public Budget Hearing**  
**June 22, 2009, 2009**

A public budget hearing of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Mike Kapp.

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

Members Absent: None

Administrators: Ron Stoneman

Public Participation

None

Janet Yachim, Business and Grants Supervisor at Ingham ISD, gave a presentation on the proposed 2009-10 Dansville Schools budget, which is available for review in the Superintendent's office during normal business hours.

Mrs. Yachim reviewed the general fund and school services fund appropriations acts for 2009-10. Mrs. Yachim stated:

- Special Education claim funds are assumed to decrease in 2009-10 due to lower tax revenue collections.
- Staff reductions of media coordinators implemented and the technology budget was reduced significantly.
- Special Education Secretarial position eliminated.
- Will utilize in-house grounds maintenance.
- Elimination of 4 kindergarten routes due to all day kindergarten.

Vice President Clinton asked why the School Service and General Fund accounts are separate. Mrs. Yachim stated the School Service fund is a special revenue fund defined by the State of Michigan. It is not part of the general operating of the district, as the district is not required to offer them.

Mrs. Yachim stated the district has a limited amount of movement financially as utilities are variable and can increase drastically.

Superintendent Stoneman stated all staff has agreed to pay a fee for utilizing small appliances in their rooms.

Mrs. Yachim stated in 2010-11 the district will have a significant reduction in the athletic field payment.

Mrs. Yachim reviewed the breakdown of budget expenses:

- 83.5% of budget is salary and benefits (which includes contracted custodial services)
- 2% for maintenance (no personnel included)
- 3.5% contracted services, which includes copy machine leases, postage, conferences, dues, fees, interest on state aid note
- 3.8% supplies & transportation supplies (fuel)

- 1.2% transportation expenses (excludes fuel)
- 2.5% athletic fund

Vice President Clinton stated that at this time, the district has a balanced budget, but depending on state projections and the economy, more reductions are needed from the school budget.

Superintendent Stoneman stated the district had approximately \$185,000 more to reduce. That amount includes the \$110 per pupil reduction (\$100,000), a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher (\$50,000), and 10% to fund equity (\$30,000).

Vice President Clinton stated that based on comments from the Board at the June 15, 2008 regular board meeting, the consensus is to continue working to reduce the budget.

President Mike Kapp commented that the reductions will be difficult, but the Board and Administration will be working together toward common goals.

Superintendent Stoneman stated framework should be implemented through the Finance Committee and Administration. A meeting should be scheduled after July 4 to continue reduction review. Superintendent Stoneman is encouraged by enrollment as it has risen slightly.

### Discussion

Darrin Ried verified the budget was generated using 15 less students. He asked what would happen if the district didn't lose 15 students. Superintendent Stoneman stated that with the many variables from the state and economy, not losing the full 15 students was encouraging but the funds would be immediately utilized.

President Mike Kapp stated the district will have to look at best/worse case scenarios to help determine the way to proceed.

Superintendent Stoneman reminded the Board to remember increases in insurance, salaries, steps, of about \$200,000+ for school year 2010-11. The Federal Stimulus funds will be used to fill gaps in funding. There will be no remaining stimulus money to backfill at that time.

Karen Kimball verified the stimulus funds were for 2 years.

Superintendent Stoneman stated the State of Michigan spent some of the stimulus money in 08-09 school year, leaving some for 09-10.

Roger Lessa suggested reducing wages instead of personnel.

Superintendent Stoneman replied wages are negotiated items and currently under contract. He stated it can be discussed during contract negotiations. Roger Lessa stated there was a contract but the district was eliminating positions regardless. Mr. Lessa stated a pay decrease should be suggested. Superintendent Stoneman stated he had approached the teacher union regarding them not receiving their salary increase this for 2009-10, but that proposal was not accepted.

Janet Yachim stated the teachers will be paying 5% copay for insurance in 2009-10.

Roger Lessa stated he felt drastic measures were needed to reduce costs. Administration costs are too high.

President Mike Kapp stated each line item will be investigated.

Leanne Minshall suggested investigating athletic reductions.

President Mike Kapp stated the Board appreciated all suggestions and will compile all for discussion at a later date. The current meeting is for the approval of current balanced budget.

Other Matters

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Pheils, Secretary