

**DANSVILLE SCHOOLS**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Mike Kapp.

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

Members Absent: David Lilly

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

Tim Whipple, Dansville Fire Chief, questioned the possibility of having rescue personnel at home football games. He stated he has some personnel who would be willing to attend these athletic functions and be on call. Mr. Whipple also stated the fire department had Knox box information and would send it to the district.

Aaron Minshall, Eagle Scout and Dansville student presented a flag to the School Board to be used at the High School and asked that the old flag be retired. He will properly dispose of the old flag. He was granted this permission.

Wendy Witchell, parent and athletic booster discussed the old press box restoration project undertaken by parent volunteers and the boy's soccer team. She stated many hours were spent renovating the press box and asked that all members of the Board take the opportunity to view the outcome.

Special Presentations

ADAAG Presentation - LaValle Lamphere, contracted maintenance and Doug BeVier, school maintenance supervisor, reviewed the pending ADAAG complaint. A presentation, pictures and possible solutions were discussed to correct some of the Office of Civil Rights issues and concerns. The complete presentation is available in the Superintendent's office for review.

Principal Amy Hodgson introduced Leah Braman, Allison Rogers and Amy Scott, the new teachers at the High School, who have replaced the retired teachers.

Principal Terry Jones introduced Jessica Doepker as the new Middle School teacher, replacing a teacher who left the district to pursue other interests.

Principal Faith Norman introduced Jennifer Stoneman as the new Elementary Literacy teacher, replacing an Elementary teacher who retired at the end of 2007-08.

Granger Construction Company gave a presentation on facility updates and renovations. They detailed a plan which would help determine the condition of the current facilities, what updates could be done, possible new facilities, help with possible bond proposals and how they would proceed with the district if a partnership was formed.

## Board Reports and Correspondence

### Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Stoneman discussed the successful meeting with State Representative Barb Byrum and the Village of Dansville regarding the Crossing Guards needed in helping the students get to school.
- Superintendent Stoneman attended the first Superintendent meeting at Ingham ISD. The focus was setting district goals that will be implemented countywide. There was discussion regarding School of Choice students and advertising.
- Superintendent Stoneman detailed a district wide meeting on August 27, 2008 for all staff for the start of the 2008-09 school year.

### High School Report

#### Principal Amy Hodgson reported:

- The High School had 299 students in 2007-08. The current count is 314 and increasing.
- Phil Minshall asked about the Dansville Education Foundation donation. Mrs. Hodgson relayed details of the donation as to how it will spent.
- The High School overspent the textbook account but it was necessary as the school was lagging behind in textbook updates.
- Mrs. Hodgson was a member of the county-wide curriculum taskforce through the ISD that worked to develop forms and procedures as well as communication tools related to the Personal Curriculum.
- Mrs. Hodgson discussed establishing a cut score for the Personal Curriculum.

### Middle School Report

#### Principal Terry Jones reported:

- Current student count at the Middle School is 225.
- Mrs. Jones responded to Board member questions regarding her principal report.

### Elementary School

#### Principal Faith Norman reported:

- The Elementary School Handbook is the same as 2007-08 with additions of supervision at athletic events and the school daily schedule time change.
  - Phil Minshall asked how the transportation handbook would be distributed to the Elementary students. Mrs. Norman stated that a manual will be given to each student.
- Mrs. Norman relayed the low count in Young 5's (10 students) as well as the lower count in the Elementary School. The Young 5's program will be re-evaluated after school starts as to the value of the program.
- Carolyn Jones asked Mrs. Norman about the printers that will now not be used in their classrooms due to the new copier/printer in the Elementary office. Mrs. Norman stated they would be given to Tom Pease to evaluate and distribute to other employees as needed. She also stated that the Elementary would be monitoring the amount of usage by teacher using the new printer.
- The Board noted there were not significant changes to the Elementary Handbook as to require Board action to re-approve.
- Mrs. Norman explained the difference between District-wide Registration Day and the Back to School Bash.

A break was proposed at 9:35 pm. The Board reconvened at 9:46 pm

## Board Reports

Carolyn Jones stated she was now Board certified by having completed all required courses.

Transportation Committee Update – None

Finance Committee Update – None

Evacuation Plan Update - None

Facilities Committee Update - None

## For Action

- Motion by Dan Pheils, seconded by Phil Minshall to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 – 4.
  - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
    - **Motion passed**
  
- Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Mary Clinton to approve the resolution for paraprofessional layoffs.
  - Carolyn Jones asked if the Para pros were to be called back to work, would they be offered the required training. Superintendent Stoneman replied that if there was any training given to current Para pros, the laid off employees would be able to attend.
  - Phil Minshall asked if the Para pros could be laid off after any training so they could be paid for their time attending. Superintendent Stoneman stated the resolution was effective 8/18/08 with Board approval but that the Para pros could attend any training that might arise.
    - 5 yes, 1 no, 1 absent
      - **Motion passed**
  
- Motion by Charlie O'Rourke, seconded by Mary Clinton to approve the tax levy (L4029) as presented.
  - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
    - **Motion passed**
  
- Motion by Mary Clinton, seconded by Phil Minshall to cast the District's vote for Chris Coady for the Region 7 three-year term based on the limited information provided on each candidate.
  - 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent
    - **Motion passed**

## Discussion

### District Transportation Policy

Discussion on general transportation policy. Edits will be brought to the Board in September for first reading.

### Release Time Bible Class

This request is a yearly occurrence. Will be brought to Board for action in September.

### Purchase Card Board Policy

Information was given to Board for review. The first discussion will take place in September.

Coach vacancies

Proposed coaches for the positions of Junior Varsity Head Coach and Assistant JV Football Coach. Board will take action in September for Tom Pringle and John Parsons to be named to these positions respectively.

Salary increase and insurance option for Food Service Director

Discussion on this issue. It would be a cash in lieu option with no extra salary. Board will take action at the September meeting.

Salary increase for food service employees

A 2% increase is proposed for employees. Board will take action at the September meeting.

Establish a cut score for the Personal Curriculum

Principal Hodgson discussed this item during her principal's report. She was a member of a task force who would like to establish a county wide standard personal curriculum cut score of 60% minimum of the essential learning targets in order to earn high school credit. Board will take action at the September meeting.

Establish Citizens Bank as new banking facility for Dansville Schools

Citizens Bank has offered the same contract as given to Ingham ISD and Webberville Schools. This item will be brought to action in September with a resolution.

Other matters

Board Member Carolyn Jones questioned how to establish Board policy and how items were introduced. Superintendent Stoneman discussed a process.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Pheils, Secretary