

**DANVILLE SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 6th, 2022, 6:00pm**  
**Danville School Library & Zoom Teleconference**  
[Video Recording Available](#)

**School Directors Present:** Clayton Cargill, David Towle, Tim Sanborn, Melissa Conly, Molly Gleason

**School Administrators & Staff Present:** Superintendent Mark Tucker, Elementary Principal Sarah Welch, Secondary Principal Larry Fliegelman, Dave Schilling (Director of the Career, Technical & Experiential Learning Program) via Zoom

**Student Representative:** Thomas Edgar

**Public Present:** Eric Hewitt (Advisory Group Representative), Kaity White via Zoom, Andrew McGregor (Caledonian Record) via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Introductions were made around the room.
2. **Additions/Changes to Agenda:**  
None
3. **Approve Minutes:**
  - Motion: Tim moved to approve the July 5th, 2022 minutes, Melissa seconded, all in favor
  - Motion: Tim moved to approve the July 21st, 2022 minutes, Dave seconded, all in favor
  - Motion: Melissa moved to approve the August 16th, 2022, Dave seconded, all in favor
4. **Administrative Reports:**
  - [Superintendent's Report:](#)  
Mark Tucker shared that school started on September 24th. He expects the initial PCB testing results to be in soon. In the event remediation is needed, the state has set some funding aside and will need to establish a process for distributing funds. To test for PCBs, air is sampled in different areas, and the readings are compared to threshold levels. Certain levels require immediate action while lower levels do not. If an immediate action level is detected in a specific area, that area will be closed until it is remediated, similar to what occurred in Cabot with the gymnasium.

Covid-19: Health monitoring at schools has shifted back to school nurses. Mark shared guidelines with families in a recent newsletter. There is no longer routine testing and no mask requirement (masks are available for staff) and the school nurse will make decisions

about sending kids home. The nurses have materials to test if needed. Sarah added there have been active cases in the school.

**Nurse Staffing:** Student Health Coordinator Molly Brock has started, and they are looking to fill the LNA position. Molly is working to standardize health protocols for all seven schools in the supervisory union.

**Indoor Air Quality Research Project:** The VT Health Department has chosen Danville as one of 50 schools in the state to participate in a research project sampling the air quality in schools. Efficiency Vermont is coordinating the project and will be installing small air tests in three classrooms at Danville.

- [Principals' Report:](#)

Sarah and Larry shared the principals' report. There was a short discussion on the new bleachers in the gym. They are motorized and wheelchair accessible.

- [Student Services Report:](#)

No questions, comments or discussion.

- [Student Representative Report:](#)

Thomas shared that the first cross country meet is coming up, there's been progress on the yurt, and he gave an update on the dress code: Many students and staff feel the dress code is outdated and should be changed as it bans certain styles of clothing, such as crop tops, and targets women as they are more likely to be in violation of the rule. A survey was sent to staff and students in grades 7-12, and the results are included in Thomas' report. Students and staff are discussing changes to the policy with Principal Larry Fliegelman and a proposal will be coming soon.

## 5. Board Business:

- **Building Video Update (*Discussion*):**

Clayton reported that the building video with Cam from TruexCullins is available, and it provides a tour of the school and addresses the reasons why the school building project is needed.

- **Danville Building Advisory Group Update (*Discussion*):**

Eric Hewitt reported as a representative of the newly formed Danville School Building Advisory Group. He shared it was a slow start as many people at the first meeting hadn't seen the project information and video. The next meeting is on September 14th, at 5:30pm, at the school library.

Clayton offered clarification on the following: 1) The purpose of the group at this time is to look at the building options, gather community input, and provide a recommendation

to the school board, 2) The group can vote to come to a consensus. For example, to determine a building recommendation for the board or for distributing information and surveys to the public.

Mark responded to Andrew McGregor's public comment about Vermont's Open Meeting Law and the purpose and structure of the group, which also came up at the first meeting of the advisory group. The group started as a subcommittee, and as a subcommittee, the group was legally required to have a minimum of three school board members in attendance at every meeting. Mark received counsel from an attorney about changing the structure to an advisory group to comply with the quorum rules and Vermont's Open Meeting Law, and stated the Secretary of State has advised to rely on an attorney's counsel if questions arise about rules and statutes. He stated the purpose of the group is to look at different building options and gather feedback from the community. The advisory group has no authority to make a decision that binds the school board. The board authorized the group to determine membership, and they will need to determine the core group. Larry shared the advisory group will be finalizing membership at the September 14th meeting. Clayton and Mark will provide a copy of the written legal advice to the advisory group.

Clayton stated the first advisory group meeting was advertised in the Caledonian Record and on the school website. Molly will send Larry a flyer to be distributed for the September 14th meeting, and Eric will send an agenda.

Melissa mentioned that the advisory group will discuss mailings, postcards, and contact information on the website. Molly is working with Scott to develop a page on the website for the project.

Mark is meeting with Nicole Mace, Finance Director from the Winooski School District to inquire about tax impact modeling and how their school project was financed.

#### **6. Other Business:**

- Student Representative Search:

Clayton shared the policy on student representation on the school board. The board is looking for junior candidates to attend the October school board meeting. Clayton will serve as a mentor for Thomas Edgar.

#### **7. Public Input:**

- Dave Schilling gave a public comment to acknowledge Thomas Edgar's recent awards. He received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Program and is Danville's recipient of UVM's Green and Gold Award.

**8. Future Agenda Items**

- Official School Enrollment Numbers
- Student Representative Search
- Building Advisory Update
- Next meeting is on October 4th, 2022, at 6:00pm.

**9. Meeting Adjournment:**

- Motion: Melissa moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by Molly Gleason, Clerk, September 7, 2022