

**DANVILLE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022 - 7:00 pm**

**Zoom teleconference pm - No physical space designated for meeting.**

**Members present** Bruce Melendy (Chair), David Towle, Tim Sanborn, Clayton Cargill, Robert Edgar | All Zoom remote connections

**Administration present** Mark Tucker, David Schilling, Sarah Welch

**Public present** Melissa Conly, Katie Fiegenbaum (*Caledonian Record*), Lisa French, Lance Horne, Molly Gleason, Todd Gratton, Kristin Mantius, Lindsey Mitchell-Wheeler, Sara Stinson, Beth Williams, Mary Wyand

**1 Call to Order** [00:04:35] Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call of directors present: Clayton - present, Dave T - present, Tim - present, Robert - present, Bruce - present.

**2 Meet the candidates** (Discussion). Candidates for positions of Danville School Board Director. Times represent meeting recording time stamps in *mm:ss* {minutes seconds}. A transcription of each candidate's comments is provided.

- **Clayton Cargill** (07:50 to 08:58) Candidate for **3-year** position as a director

**COMMENTS** My name is Clayton Cargill. I'm asking again to be set back down into my 3-year seat that I ran for 3 years ago and sat in. When I sat three years ago - when I asked to be seated 3 years ago in this seat, what I told you what I was interested in is positive outcomes for the students in the school, and the way to do that was to improve the teaching environment. I wasn't sitting down into the job to make drama, and I wasn't sitting down into the job to do anything other than learn what I was doing and do the best that I could at what I was doing. And as I came in and in the course of two or three years, I definitely received an education in how to sit on the board. It is really a learning process. and I think that there are several people that will remember me having said "I don't understand what you're saying -- say it again, so I can learn it along the way." And I think with that experience going forward that I will be a better board member than I have been, and I promise that I will always come to meetings as prepared as possible. And I will always maintain a transparent standard. Thank you.

- **Melissa Conly** (09:19 to 10:45)\* and (12:50 to 14:11)\*\* Candidate for **1-year** position as a director. There was significant noise\* in the audio transmission for some connected to the meeting, and so Robert asked the Chair to permit Melissa to repeat her comments. Bruce agreed she could do so, if she wanted to. Melissa said she would "revisit the highlights."\*\* Only the first set of recorded comments is transcribed.

**COMMENTS** Thank you, Bruce. Good evening, everyone. My name is Melissa Conly. I've lived in Danville for 11 years now. I'm the parent to a middle schooler in the school at this time. Even though I haven't lived in Danville all of my life, Danville holds a very special place in my heart. My grandparents grew up in this town. My mom, my aunt and my uncle all graduated from Danville, and so the school and this community hold a special place in my heart. I currently work for the Agency of Human Services for the State. I have a Masters in Mental Health Counseling, and I have really have made it my goal in life to support people by listening. You know listening to pros and cons, helping them set goals, and just be a part of changing their lives. So, it is important to me to be active in the school. I want my daughter's educational experience to be positive. I want her peers and all the students there to have the very best experience in school to really lay the foundation for their future. And I feel that by joining this board I can be a fresh perspective, I can balance the history of Danville, and I can really take into account community concerns but most importantly student voice. So, I would love the opportunity to join the board. Thank you.

- **Molly Gleason** (14:49 to 16:18) Candidate for **1-year** position as a director

**COMMENTS** Hi everyone. My name is Molly Gleason. And first off, I'd like to thank the board members for serving and giving their time. You know the last few years have been incredibly challenging for everyone, especially the school, and I hope to bring the same dedication and professionalism to the position that you all have. So, my husband, Adam, and I live in West Danville with our two kids. Amelia is in 5th grade and Ethan is in 2nd grade. I grew up in a small town in Maine, and Adam graduated from Danville and has a long family history here on the Webster side of the family. And you know we both appreciate the connection Danville school has with the community, and I'm so grateful our kids get to go to Danville, where their peers are like family, and you know teachers are invested in the education and well-being of every student. Still a little bit about my professional background, I started working with kids and teens in my early twenties, and after working at a group home for teens, I realized that policy-making is where I can make the most difference and help more kids and families. So, I decided to go to graduate school and pursue a career in public policy, and I still love working with kids, and I'm thankful for the role I have as the leader of our Girl Scout Troop in Danville. So, lastly, I'm excited about this opportunity. I know it's a big job. I'm ready to learn and bring my experiences to the role to serve our community which supports our kids in so many ways. Thank you for your time.

- **Lance Horne** (16:50 to 19:56) Candidate for **1-year** position as a director

**COMMENTS** Hi everyone, Lance Horne. I grew up in Danville. Allison and I have been high school sweethearts since freshman for me, sophomore for her. And she came down to Rhode Island with me when I went to business school, and I got a Bachelor's in Business Administration and have spent the last 20 years or so of my career doing non-profit fundraising. So, I've had many clients from the Veterans of Foreign Wars to children's health hospitals to all kinds of different needs -- that of [looking at] lymphoma, March of Dimes -- all kinds of different walks of life. I've done fundraising from a strategic standpoint, an account management standpoint, a production-operations management standpoint, and I kind of went around to different agencies and production facilities, and currently I work for a company out of Tulsa that has 26 different companies that reports into it. And I currently am in a client-phasing, on-boarding role. So, it is looking at a lot of the budgets and looking at what their needs are, or their fund-raising needs, whether it is DR-TV or direct mail or email - donor cultivation. So, in dealing with so many different, diverse organizations and folks, I've really kind of developed a good ability to work with people of all walks of life. I first ran for school board 3 years ago -- very passionate about my kids and education. I have a 23-year-old, a 21-year-old, a 17-[year-old] and 11-[year-old], all of whom have attended Danville, [and] currently two of them are. These past two years have been very trying for everybody, and it has not been easy for anyone, so I've really toyed with the thought of running again, and after so many people kind of coming at me -- "yeah, you really should do it." It is a huge undertaking as you current board members know. Bruce, you've been there a long time. It is not an easy task. You've got a lot on your plate. I've served on a couple boards not in the public sector but in the private sector within my organization. But I would be looking forward to the opportunity to learn what it is like to serve on a board for the school. I am very interested in promoting children's well-being and supporting the staff, getting them the tools that they need and the facility that we all dream for. Real big fan of the trade program that Mr. Schilling has proposed; that is something that this area really needs and definitely would be very interested in being part of that. Thank you all for your time and consideration.

**3 Public Input** [00:21:17] None.

**4 Adjourn**

**MOTION** Tim moved to adjourn the meeting; Clayton seconded. Vote: unanimous. Motion: ADOPTED. Bruce adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Edgar (Clerk), 8 February 2022.

Meeting video recording [2022-02-03 DSB Spec Candidates.mp4](#) c. 80 Mb, 00:23:01

Budget Informational Meetings will occur on Thursday, February 24, 2022 @ 7:00 pm and Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 7 pm. See Danville School Board website for links.

The next Regular Meeting will occur on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm.