

DANVILLE SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 7th, 2022, 6:00pm
Danville School Library & Zoom Teleconference
[Video Recording Available](#)

School Directors Present: Clayton Cargill, David Towle, Melissa Conly, Molly Gleason.
Planned absence: Tim Sanborn

School Administrators & Staff Present: Secondary Principal David Schilling, Superintendent Mark Tucker (Zoom), Elementary Principal Sarah Welch (Zoom), and Incoming Secondary Principal Larry Fliegelman (Zoom)

Student Representative: Thomas Edgar

Public Present: Abby Bartell, Rob Balivet, Alison Despathy. Joined over Zoom: Chelsea Hewitt, Jo Guertin, Simon Fisher, Kaity White, Lindsey Mitchell Wheeler, John Blackmore, Dolores Blackmore, Mary Wyand, Kristin Franson

1. **Call to Order:** Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. A roll call of board members and introductions were made around the room.
2. **Additions/Changes to Agenda:** None
3. **Approve Minutes**

Motion: Dave T. moved to approve the May 3rd, 2022 meeting minutes, Melissa seconded, all in favor.

Motion: Melissa moved to approve the May 6th, 2022 meeting minutes, Dave T seconded, all in favor.

4. **Administrative Reports:**

- [Superintendent's Report](#) - Mark Tucker

Mark shared that Danville will receive PCB testing soon. No testing date yet, and it will likely be done by the end of July. Remediation funding was approved by the legislature.

Clayton provided a clarification on the job openings on the report Mark shared: There is only one middle school teacher opening. The other has been filled.

Mark added that the new nursing support model is working well, and they saw it in practice this week when Molly Brock came from Walden to support the school.

- [Principals' Report](#)

Sarah reported elementary students are back to field trips after not having any during the pandemic. They've been to Echo, the Polar Caves, Sugar Ridge, the McReynolds Farm, and the Montshire Museum to name a few. They had their first in-person community meeting, and everyone enjoyed being back together again. A step up day was held this week for students to meet teachers, and the middle and elementary students have a field day coming up with the help of the PTG.

Dave S. shared that the newly formed chapter of the National Art Honor Society has brought recognition and connection for students outside of Danville. High schoolers will be participating in June Term, which will be held the last three days of school. It offers mini courses that focus on transferable skills and is fun. The 8th grade graduation is June 10th; high school graduation is Saturday, June 11th, with a parade at 10am and graduation at 11am. The parade was an idea that came out of the pandemic and everyone enjoys it.

Dave T. suggested sending a photo and caption to the paper for the National Art Honor Society. Dave S. will submit it.

Sarah added that the Principals' Report lists the school's open positions at the bottom of the page, and there will be support staff positions open soon. They are interviewing for the math interventionist (listed as the shared position with Peacham on the superintendent's report).

- [Student Services Report](#)

Mark stated that questions can be emailed to him. Dave S. added the SLP at Danville is not leaving.

- [Student Representative Report](#) - Thomas Edgar

Thomas shared that grades 5, 6 and 7 went to Nature's Classroom; there were elementary concerts recently; and a field day is coming up on June 14th to end the year.

Clayton added that Liza and Ava would typically be at the meeting, but they had a game. He thanked them both for their mentorship and service to the Board.

5. Board Business:

- Building Project (*Presentation/Q&A*):

Mark opened the discussion stating it is now up to the School Board to decide what to do about the three options, with input from the community.

Clayton added that the community tours and discussions weren't official board meetings. They were an opportunity for community members to see the deficiencies at the school and ask questions of Cam and administrators (he thanked Dave and Sarah). There were eight community members at the first tour/discussion and 30 at the second.

Rob Balivet shared [his email](#) with the Board supporting option 3, building a new school.

There was discussion on the questions and concerns raised from community members, including the tax impact and a cost analysis of a pre-k through 8th grade school option.

Mark will reach out to a few of his contacts to gather estimates on the tax impact, and Mike Concessi can create a cost analysis of a pre-k through 8 option.

Clayton opened up the meeting for public comment on the building project. Public comment was given by Chelsea Hewitt, Kristin Franson, Alison Despathy, Delores Blackmore, and Rob Balivet.

- Establish Facility Committee: Initial Assignment of Members (*Discussion/Possible Action*)

Mark stated the Facility Committee will take direction from the Board of Directors, serving as a subcommittee. There will be representation from the School Board, the administration, staff, parents, and community members. Eric Hewitt expressed interest, as did Rob Balivet, Bruce Melendy and Jonathan Austin-Shortt. The committee will operate under the rules of the School Board and more than two school members can participate seeing as those rules are being followed.

Motion: Dave T. moved to establish the Facility Committee for the purpose of studying the school renovation project, Melissa seconded. Clayton opened it up to the public for comment. No comments given. All board members voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion: Dave T. moved to nominate Rob Balivet to the committee, Molly seconded, all in favor.

Motion: Clayton moved to nominate Dave Towle to the committee, Melissa seconded, all in favor.

Motion: Molly moved to nominate Clayton to the committee, seconded by Dave T., all in favor.

Motion: Dave T. moved to nominate Mark Tucker in an advisory role, Melissa seconded, all in favor.

Motion: Dave T. moved to nominate John Blackmore to the committee, Melissa seconded, all in favor.

Motion: Melissa moved to nominate Eric Hewitt, Dave T seconded, all in favor.

Motion: Dave T. moved to nominate Jonathan Austin-Shortt, Melissa seconded, all in favor.

Motion: Melissa moved to nominate Kaity White to the committee, seconded by Dave T., all in favor.

Abby Bartell offered to send student names to serve on the committee.

- Establish Ground Rules for the Committee (*Discussion/Possible Action*)

Motion: Dave T. moved to allow committee members to add members to the committee without convening the School Board, Melissa seconded, all in favor.

Motion: Dave T. moved to give authority of the committee to the School Board; decisions will come back to the School Board for guidance, and the committee is doing work on behalf of the larger board.

- Establish Meeting Norms (*Discussion/Possible Action*)

Motion: Dave T. moved to table this discussion until Tim is present, Melissa seconded, all in favor.

- Public Comment Protocols (*Review/Possible Adoption*)

Clayton read the [Public Comment Guidelines](#). Dave T. suggested adding “taxpayers” in addition to “residents.” Dave S. recommended changing “teachers” to “staff.” Simon Fisher added the same comment via Zoom.

- New Hires (*Recommendation by Superintendent/Approval*): Mark stated there are no new hires at this time.
- Superintendent Summer Hiring Authority (*Discussion/Possible Action*)

Clayton stated the Board must grant the superintendent hiring authority over the summer so he can hire staff. Dave T. suggested including an end date.

Motion: Melissa moved to give Mark hiring authority through September 6th, 2022, Dave T. seconded. Clayton opened it up to questions and comments from the public. No comments. All board members voted in favor.

- Sevigny Fund Request (*Discussion/Possible Approval*)

Dave shared a [request](#) that came from Randy Rathburn and Marvin Pritchard for aluminum benches in the soccer field to replace the wooden, rotted benches which would allow for more flexibility and multi-use.

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Motion: Dave T. moved to grant the Sevigny Fund request in the sum no greater than \$3,987.50 for two 8ft backrests and two 15 ft backrests, Melissa second, all in favor.

6. **Other Business:** No other business discussed.

7. **Public Input:** No public comment given.

8. **Future Agenda Items**

- Meeting Norms
- Public Comment Protocols
- Building Project
- Building Committee
- Next Meeting Date - July 5th

9. **Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Dave T. moved to adjourn, seconded by Melissa. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by Molly Gleason, Clerk, June 9, 2022