

Damiansville Elementary  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2008

Present at this meeting:

Kelly Arentsen	-Absent	LeighAnn Arentsen	Treasurer
Susan Lynch	-Board Member	Barb Maue	Guest
Jill Kassen	-Absent	Cateri Hellige	Guest
Donna Goebel	-Board Member	Elaine Williamson	Guest
Phyllis Kassen	-Board Member		
Kevin Arentsen	-Absent		
Mike Caraker	-Board Member		
Mike Toeben	-Superintendent		

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM.

Roll Call: Kelly, Kevin and Jill Absent.

Introduction of Guests/Guest Comments – no comments

Consent Items:

3.01 – Approval of Minutes from December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting – The emailed version of the minutes were more up to date than the printed/distributed version, Mike T will swap those out.

3.02 – Approval of Treasurer’s Report – no change in financing from state

3.03 – Approve Payment of Bills – we made our final bus payment early

Phyllis made a motion that we accept the consent items, Donna seconded. Vote 4-0.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

- After-School Tutoring is going very well – students are actually happy about it!
- Volleyball is starting up – it’s a very short season (feb 5<sup>th</sup> through end of March)
- Scholar Bowl season is underway; the kids are enjoying it and doing pretty well.
- The school email changed this past week and apparently there were some issues getting things switched over. Network Solutions and Affinity parted ways and we moved all of our services to Network Solutions. The website was down for several days during this switchover.
- Graduation is set for Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, we need to set it early so that they video lady can be booked early – Barb will coordinate that.
- Hearing and Vision screening will be February 13<sup>th</sup>, we are testing kids according to state law.
- Barb and Mike T are looking at an HP grant that we have a very slim chance at but it’s worth checking into for some new technology.
- The state has a matching \$50,000 grant that we may be eligible for later this year. We are looking at all of the options of how we can use this money, with regards to Health Life/Safety as well as perhaps the new buildings purchase/lease.
- The next SIP day will be Friday January 18<sup>th</sup> and will be reviewing health textbooks as well as looking at the school website a bit.
- Next IASB dinner will be in Carlyle on February 4<sup>th</sup> – Mike C, Phyllis and Donna will attend.

### **Unfinished Business**

5.01 Bus Issues – no new information on loans, waiting to hear if some banks will offer lower rate. Old bus is now paid off. The new bus will be ready in April, he’ll hold until July if we want him to. Ron Goerdes will buy old bus(es) from us for more than the trade-in value. Mike T still deciding if he wants to sell the little bus or not.

5.02 Facilities Management – Building committee – No meeting scheduled. Our Architect (Mike Baysinger) knows the guy at Jim’s Mobile Homes and will call him to see what he can do.

5.03 Board Goals – tabled until next meeting

5.04 School Construction Grant Entitlement –approved at last meeting, signing and sending in to the state this week.

5.05 Technology Needs – Funding Issues – Barb distributed her technology inventory with everything the school has except for the servers. We are in desperate need of some newer equipment in virtually every area. PTO is going to try to address some of this in addition to continuing to gather donated equipment from various sources.

5.06 10-year Health Life/Safety Plan – The Architect finally got his report in to us so that we can submit to the state, however there were errors on the letter and Mike T will ask for a revised version. Many of the items on the survey have already been addressed. Mike T and Randy will review the list and make note of what is left to be done. The Building committee will then use this information as part of the information to set goals for the future of the school. Mike T will also look into using the maintenance grant mentioned above for some of these items if necessary.

**New Business**

6.01 Informative committee on Reorganizing w/ Albers – we received a letter back from Albers interested in setting up a committee. Mike T, Kelly and Susan will participate on our behalf.

6.02 Text Book Loan Program K-6 – Mike T presented a textbook inventory that we currently use along with the dates of print. The biggest needs currently are Health for K-1<sup>st</sup> and Social Studies for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Mike T is waiting for a call back from the sales group to see if we can get quantity 18 for these items rather than 25 and still get our monies worth.

**The next meeting will be February 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the rectory meeting room.**

Phyllis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Donna seconded. Vote 4-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Kelly Arentsen, President

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Mike Caraker, Secretary