DANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 6:00 pm
In Person and via Zoom

School Directors Present: Clayton Cargill, Dave Towle, Eric Hewitt, Kay Freedy. Absent: Tim Sanborn.

School Administrators Present: Matt Foster (Superintendent), Mike Moriarty (Assistant Superintendent), Sarah Welch and Natalie Conway (Principals), John Burke (Director of Finance)

Community Members Present: Ellen Foster, Marjorie Ste Marie

1. **Call meeting to order:** Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Introductions were made around the room.

2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:**
   None.

3. **Approve Minutes:**
   October 6, 2026
   MOTION: Eric motioned to approve the October 6, 2026 minutes, seconded by Kay. Dave abstained. Motion carried.

4. **Administrative Reports:**
   Superintendent Report (Video Timestamp 2:20)
   Matt gave an update regarding posting Act170 merger committee warnings and agendas. Per legal counsel and VSBA, Matt has been advised not to post these to the school websites until the AOE can give a clear procedure. Until this detail can be resolved by the AOE, the committee meetings are not occurring throughout the state, which is delaying the committee processes.
   The VEHI FY28 health insurance increase has been announced at 2.5%, which is far less than originally anticipated.
   Student Service Report (Video Timestamp 7:13)
   No questions. A consideration to the superintendent to fold this report into his larger monthly report, as it fits with the format of his reporting.
   Principal Report (Video Timestamp 8:00)
   Natalie reviewed the report. Danville was recognized with the Silver Award at the PBIS conference. Two students were selected to participate in a Battle of the Bands Summit at Harwood High School. Fall sports are wrapping up; many students were recognized for their athletic excellence. Natalie and two students went to WYKR 101.3 FM's station as part of their senior project and to "Get the Word Out" about Danville School. Sarah said VT-CAP data was shared out to families in October. The long-term sub for Elementary PE and the Intensive Needs Paraeducator position have both been filled.
   Dave asked about the progress of the Income Sensitivity form. Several reminders have been sent out to families to complete the form. There has been an increase in participation in completing the form.

5. **Board Business:**
   FY28 Budget-Discussion (Video Timestamp 15:19)
   The current budget document shared by John Burke reflects level-staffing from FY27 to FY28.
   Eric asked how sure is the data point of $16,962 as the excess spending threshold. This figure was advised by the state, however it could change with the December 1st letter.
   The board and John examined the budget as it stands. There is not enough information at this time to determine if the excess spending threshold will be met or exceeded. Offsetting local revenues have not yet been calculated. This budget document was estimated with a 7.65% increase in health insurance. The actual increase was just released at 2.5%, so that will be a needed change to be updated in the budget document.
   The board and administration conversed on salaries and FTE positions to ensure accuracy.
   John noted the Special Ed budget is currently showing an estimated increase for Danville of less than $30,000, which is a decrease than what had been discussed at previous meetings.
   The final Census Block Grant revenue amount needs to be received by the state in order to finalize that figure.
   Clayton reviewed what is not known at this time: the LTWADM, tuition revenue.
   Once the December 1st letter is released, the work can continue on developing a more finely-tuned budget for future meetings.
   Policy Committee-Discussion (Video Timestamp 44:11)
   Clayton explained the background behind creating a CCSU policy committee and why it is necessary. A board member from each district, from the CCSU board, will make up the policy committee. The purpose of the committee is to bring worked-through policy drafts to each school board for approval, rather than having each school board work through a policy individually. Action will be taken to elect committee members at a CCSU board meeting.
   Act 170 Merger Committee Updates-Discussion (Video Timestamp 48:10)
   There haven't been any meetings so far due to complications regarding properly warning meetings and posting agendas that the AOE needs to resolve.

6. **Public Input:**
   There was a public comment regarding the budget. This opened the budget back up for discussion.

7. **Board Business, Continued:**
   FY28 Budget-Discussion (Video Timestamp 53:32)

   Public Comment question referred to Payment for Staff / Community in Girls on the Run. That is contractual and part of an appendix in the CBA for teachers, but the payment is open to teachers, community members and support staff. The reason it is there is to make sure staff who make themselves available for such extra work receive compensation. The payment can be refused, or refunded a community member so chooses, as one board member does.

   The question was regarding Nature's Classroom. This is funded through parent contributions, community donations, and fundraisers. There is a Dues & Fees line in the local budget that covers the difference. Natalie said they are looking at future grant opportunities for supporting Nature's Classroom.

8. **Future Agenda Items / Next Meeting Date**
   - FY28 Budget
   - Act 170 Merger Committee Updates
   - Next Meeting: December 1, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

9. **Adjourn**
   MOTION: Dave motioned to adjourn at 6:58, seconded by Kay, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Ellie Keefe