

DANVILLE SCHOOL BOARD: REGULAR MEETING UNAPPROVED
MINUTES JUNE 3, 2025

DANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 6:00 pm
In Person and via Zoom

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

School Administrators Present: Matt Foster (Superintendent), Mike Moriarty (Assistant Superintendent), Sarah Welch and Natalie Conway (Principals), Randy Rathburn (Athletic Director). Randy Rathburn (contacted via phone for a clarification on Seigny Fund Request)

Student Representative Present: Kearah MacDougall.

Community Members Present: None.

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:**
 - May 6, 2025

MOTION: Tim moved to approve the minutes, Eric seconded, all in favor.

4. **Administrative Reports:**

- **Superintendent Report**

Included in the packet. Matt gave an update on the latest news at the statehouse as of today regarding Bill H454. Conversations between legislators are still taking place. The senate and the house return on June 16th. More information will follow after June 16th.

Clayton asked a question and for follow-up regarding the Tax Anticipation Note. Matt will communicate this to the Finance Department.

- **Student Services Report**

Included in the packet. Sarah confirmed there is no summer program this year at Danville.

- **Principals Report**

Included in the packet. Two evening custodian positions have been filled. Thank you to the staff who have gone above and beyond to assist in this work prior to these positions being filled.

Kearah and Natalie shared that Prom went very well, as did Spring Fling. Sarah said the Touch-A-Truck event was well received, by the younger students especially.

5. **Board Business:**

- **Graduation Requirements (Discussion/Possible Action)**

Natalie spoke on this item. There are 48 semesters of high school, 6 periods a day, 2 semesters a year. 38 are requirements, 10 are “extra”, which a lot of students opt not to do. The Danville School leadership and staff propose the following changes to the Board, to begin with the incoming freshmen of 2025-2026:

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- 1) 1 of the existing 6 required semesters of global citizenship be civics.
- 2) 1 of the existing 6 required semesters of math be financial literacy.
- 3) Of the existing 6 required semesters of PE, an option can include participation in athletics for 1 semester.
- 4) Going from 2 semesters of electives to 6 semesters of electives.
- 5) 1 of the existing 6 required semesters of CTE be career exploration.

These changes will make 42 semesters of required coursework.

None of these are new classes, just changing whether students are required to take them.

MOTION: Eric makes a motion to approve the requirement of 42 semesters of coursework from the existing 38. Tim seconded, all in favor.

- **New Hires (Discussion/Possible Action)**

Lindzey Beal, K-4th Grade Literacy Interventionist: Coming from Hardwick as a special educator. Will be on a provisional license as an interventionist.

MOTION: Tim made a motion to hire Lindzey Beal as the K-4 Literacy Interventionist. Seconded by Dave, all in favor.

Taeryn Robbins, 5th-8th grade Math Interventionist: Has experience as an interventionist within CCSU schools and elsewhere.

MOTION: Tim made a motion to hire Taeryn Robbins as the 5th-8th grade Math Interventionist. Seconded by Kay, all in favor.

Remaining open positions: Middle School Special Educator, 4th Grade Classroom Teacher, Driver's Education Teacher (Summer Only)

- **Policy C29: District Equity Policy (Discussion/Possible Approval)**

Both an overview and the full policy is included in the packet. Only slight changes to wording between the existing and updated policy. Recommended for approval by the CCSU Board, though not a required policy.

MOTION: Tim made a motion to approve updated Policy C29. Seconded by Eric, all in favor.

- **Policy D23: Selection of and Access to Instructional Materials (Discussion/Possible Approval)**

Both an overview and the full policy is included in the packet. This policy ensures the schools have a non-partisan process in selecting instructional materials.

MOTION: Tim made a motion to approve updated Policy D23. Seconded by Eric, all in favor.

- **Superintendent Evaluation Committee Update (Discussion/Potential for a Proposed Executive Session in accordance with V.S.A. 313(3) Evaluation of an employee)**

Eric shared that a committee has been established and spoke on the required survey and everyone's responsibilities. Results of the survey will be shared with all boards in the CCSU.

- **Superintendent summer hiring authority (Discussion/Board Action)**

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This has been authorized in prior years. It was not done last summer due to the change in Superintendent. Summer hiring authority will be entailed thusly. Superintendent has the authority to hire after consulting with the board chair on his recommendation to hire.

MOTION: Dave made a motion to grant the Superintendent, Matt Foster, hiring authority during the summer until September 2nd. Seconded by Tim, all in favor.

- **Town Meeting Committee Recommendation (Discussion/Possible Action)**

Glenn Herrin, Danville Selectboard Vice-Chair, proposed the School District routinely start the 10:00 AM Danville floor meeting, with the town following. This has traditionally alternated between the two boards, with one going first and the other starting at the conclusion. The request comes from a recommendation of the Town Meeting Committee. Clayton gathered the consensus that the Board is agreeable to this. He will report back to Glenn.

- **Sevigny Fund Request (Discussion/Board Action)**

Request for a total of \$5,972.00 for the purpose of herbicide application to Town Softball and Baseball infields with residual control (\$1,000.00) and fertilizer & insecticide application to 8.8 acres (\$4,972.00).

Randy Rathburn explained this is an annual occurrence for grub treatment. The area treated will be closed for a minimum of 24 hours.

MOTION: Dave made a motion to allocate no more than \$5,972.00 from the Sevigny Fund for herbicide, insecticide and fertilizer application. Seconded by Tim, all in favor.

6. Public Input:

None.

7. Future Agenda Items / Next Meeting Date

- Endowment Funds
- Next (tentative) Regular Meeting: July 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Tim moved to adjourn at 6:43 pm, Eric seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Ellie Keefe