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## Daniel Boone School District gets grant to create summer jobs for students

The Daniel Boone School Board has learned the district will receive a \$17,000 grant to provide summer jobs for students.

Six students will be hired based on financial need to perform light maintenance, and one teacher will be paid from the grant as supervisor, Dr. Gary L. Otto, superintendent, told the school board at its meeting Monday night.

Daniel Boone and Hamburg were the only two districts in Berks County to receive the federal stimulus funds through the county, he said.

The board also:

Voted 6-1 to hire Danielle S. Penza as district business manager. Her three-year contract will pay \$85,000 annually, effective July 1.

Penza was an accountant at Rose Tree Media School District, Delaware County, for three years and at Great Valley School District, Chester County, for six years. She will replace interim business manager Ernest W. Werstler Jr.

Andrew Basile voted no, saying Penza lacked experience. Grant A. Gagnon and Alan D. Ross were absent.

Was told by Werstler that the homestead and farmstead tax credit will be \$231 per qualifying property, down from \$238 in 2008.

Recognized 18 students in teacher James Less' building and installing a playhouse at the manufacturing technology class for designing, Monocacy Elementary Center, Douglassville.

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