

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT #232**

**Held in the Dwight Common School District Library
On September 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Bo Partney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mark Christenson; Michael Cornale; Marc Ellis; Cathy Ferguson; Bo Partney; Eric Scheuer; Nick Stipanovich

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Stipanovich, seconded by Scheuer, to open a Public Hearing on the 2020-21 Budget. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the final draft of the proposed 2020-21 Budget to the Board. He noted that ISBE now requires us to include Student Activity Funds within our district budget; however, we do not have to include those in district funds. He noted the projected surplus of \$466,585 over all funds.

Moved by Stipanovich, seconded by Ellis, to close the Public Hearing on the 2020-21 Budget. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that Bo Partney is being recognized as a Master Board Member, Level I by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

A thank-you note was received from Tammy Stolzenbach for the service award that she received at last month's Board meeting. Stolzenbach will have served 30 full years with the district at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. Schultz' and Mr. Jenkins' reports stand as read.

Dr. Jancek noted that we are having a Special Joint Meeting next Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30 in the HS Cafeteria to review our Annual Financial Reports with Matt Scheuler from WIPFLI, Inc. He will also add to the agenda discussion on when the Board and DEA would like to begin negotiations for the 2021-22 contract.

Dr. Jancek stated that we are planning a survey to be sent out soon to parents on what they would choose for their students' learning plan for the next quarter. He noted that Mrs. Schultz has received information from several remote families that may want to return to in-person learning next quarter. This will lead to the addition of data days on October 19 and 20 where it will be decided what the next semester looks like. The 19th and 20th will be 2 of our newly added remote days in the amended calendar.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that we have had several rains since the roof has been repaired, and we have only had a few drops come through in the hallway that leads to the gym. TomKat has been here to repair those small leaks and will continue until they are all fixed. The flooring is set to be installed beginning September 21st. By that time, all of the ceiling tiles and lights should be replaced. Hopefully the office will be able to open up shortly after that time.

Dr. Jancek reported on a recent conversation with the owner of Sendra Services regarding the way our HVAC project was left, as well as the outstanding extra payment that was requested from Sendra for change orders that were undertaken without approval from our Administration and Board. Dr. Jancek relayed to him that he would need to present his case in front of the Board of Education since he has no power to negotiate any type of settlement in this situation. He has not heard back from the owner in regards to attending a meeting at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state currently owes \$46,192.68 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2019-20 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items for consideration on this month's Consent Agenda are as follows:

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Accept Resignation, Alycia Ferrari, 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
- 4) Approve FMLA Request, Jared Steck
- 5) Approve Corilyn McCullough, Speech Team Coach

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Stipanovich, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek noted that we purchased a \$1.25M CD at Bank of Pontiac at a rate of 1% for 18 months.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Christenson, to affirm the \$1.25M CD at Bank of Pontiac, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek addressed the issue of public accessibility to Board meetings in this time of COVID-19. He has spoken to Tech Director Logan Murray to find out where we would be able to hold these type of public Zoom meetings. Murray suggested that the only space that would work effectively would be the HS Auditorium. Partney suggested that we allow public viewing of the meetings, but for anyone wanting to speak, in-person attendance would be mandatory. The public would be able to email questions regarding meeting topics prior to the meeting but would only be able to watch or listen to the meeting. Dr. Jancek stated that he will have Murray attend the Special Joint Meeting on September 16th to discuss what we will be able to do regarding this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the Proposed 2020-21 Budget for final approval.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Scheuer, to approve the 2020-21 Budget as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the 1st reading of proposed PRESS policy updates. He will bring these updates back to the October meeting for final approval.

Dr. Jancek announced that ISBE has allowed school districts an additional 5 Remote Planning Days to be added to their school calendars. After meeting with the Administrative Teams and DEA leadership, it was decided to add 3 of those RDPs on 10/19/20, 10/20/20 and 1/5/21. We will still have 2 additional days available to add should we need them in the future.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Scheuer, to approve the amended 2020-21 School Calendar, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that Transportation Director Mia Kreush and Bus Driver Marc Gamble were terminated at a Special HS Board meeting on 9/02/20. He noted that Angie Goley has taken charge of the Transportation Department paperwork along with the help of some of the Drivers and they have come together to get the students transported as best as possible. Moving forward, he wants to let the dust settle with Transportation, he would like to see what the staffing for the department looks like. He believes this job needs to be done by committee instead of relying on only one person. This will be looked into closer when things settle down.

Cornale addressed the issue of possible reimbursements to staff for any expenses they may have if asked to do remote learning in their homes. He feels that it is necessary to get a policy in place stating the districts' responsibilities. Dr. Jancek will look into this issue and bring back recommendations at the next Board meeting.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Stipanovich, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #232

Bo Partney, President, District #232