

**MINUTES OF A
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF
THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION
OF
DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT #232
AND
DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #230**

**Held in the Dwight Township High School Cafeteria
On September 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

Board Vice-President Nick Stipanovich called the GS portion of the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Mark Christenson; Michael Cornale (by Zoom); Marc Ellis; Cathy Ferguson; Eric Scheuer (by Zoom); Nick Stipanovich

ABSENT: Bo Partney

Board President Brian Perschnick called the HS portion of the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Betty Gantzert; Brian Perschnick; Anne Rodosky; Max Sulzberger; Paul Warner

ABSENT: Tim Henson

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Jill Haacke, District Office Assistant; Logan Murray, Tech Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Matt Scheuler, from WIPFLI, Inc., was in attendance by Zoom to report to the Boards on our Annual Financial Reports. Both districts maintained a 4.0 rating out of a 4.0 and both districts are in solid shape.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that he was recently approached by DEA President Chuck Butterbrodt in regards to beginning contract negotiations for the 2021-22 DEA/BOE contract. The DEA is interested in picking up where they left off after the negotiations for the 2020-21 year were resolved. DEA Vice-President Jackie Froelich noted that they don't want to waste anyone's time so if the Boards needed time to get through the Budget or Tax Levy first they understand. All Board members were in favor of moving forward now with negotiations. Members on the negotiations team for the HS will be Paul Warner and Tim Henson; Marc Ellis and Michael Cornale (with Eric Scheuer as an alternate) will be members for the GS team.

Dr. Jancek reviewed the possibility of holding virtual Board meetings for the public. Tech Director Logan Murray reported that there is not an optimal area at the GS to hold this type of meeting at this time. There are logistical issues with the areas at the GS, as well as technological issues. The HS Cafeteria

currently has the best setup to achieve this goal, and the GS Board members agreed to move all GS Board meetings to the HS Cafeteria until such a time as the GS issues are resolved.

Dr. Jancek reviewed issues with the Transportation Department. He noted that things are running much more smoothly right now under the direction of Angie Goley. She and Dr. Jancek both feel that it would be prudent to work through all of the different issues with Transportation by committee instead of hiring a new Coordinator. This will allow more employees to work to their strengths in the different job aspects involved. Both Boards were in agreement that we should move forward with this structure and see how things play out.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Christenson, to adjourn the GS portion of the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Rodosky, to adjourn the HS portion of the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, Districts #230 & 232

Nick Stipanovich, Vice-President, District #232

Brian Perschnick, President, District #230