

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #230**

**Held by Zoom
On October 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Brian Perschnick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Tim Henson (6:06 p.m.); Brian Perschnick; Anne Rodosky; Max Sulzberger; Paul Warner (6:06 p.m.)

ABSENT: Betty Gantzert

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Andy Pittenger, Principal; Cathy Ferguson, AD; Jill Haacke, District Office Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

Thank-you cards were received from Nicole Dunnill and Tammy Fritchtnitch for memorials received at the time of their Father's passing.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr.Pittenger's report stands as read.

Ms. Ferguson reported that there are upcoming meetings involving the IHSA and how to move forward with sports. She also noted that discipline has been very minimal so far this year.

Dr. Jancek discussed issues with the medical insurance renewal for next year. Although we had approved moving to EBS as our insurance broker, the quotes that Blue Cross came back with were between 20-30% over this year's numbers. After an all-staff meeting, the choice was made to stay with Health Alliance for next year instead of moving to BCBS. Health Alliance's increase was 13.33%. We will still need to stay with EBS for the time being but as we move into the new year, we will discuss our options for a Third Party Administrator for our medical insurance.

Dr. Jancek has been in contact with representatives from the Solar Farm that is being installed in farmground in the district. He noted that the project appears to be moving forward and there will be a meeting on November 2nd where tax abatement agreements will be discussed.

Dr. Jancek noted that there are no major maintenance projects ongoing in the district at this time. Board member Berta inquired as to what was happening with the Gilkey memorial. Dr. Jancek responded that it is being demolished and rebuilt. The maintenance crew will have to move the top of the memorial with

the skidsteer because of the size and weight. Board members asked that this part of the project be done sooner rather than later because of the potential liability. Jancek will discuss this with Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Jack Connor this week.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$17.56 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2020-21 school year; and \$36,210.40 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) Affirm Tanner Regez, Substitute Teacher
- 4) Affirm Alyson Wiemken, Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach
- 5) Affirm Blair Kodat, Volunteer Cheerleading Coach
- 6) Approve Resignation, Gene Mortensen, Driver
- 7) Affirm Tenured Teacher Status, Luke Standiford, Effective 3/18/2020
- 8) Affirm Tenured Teacher Status, Todd Severns, Effective 3/18/2020
- 9) Approve Resignation, Christine Stephens, Assistant Volleyball Coach
- 10) Approve Tayah Guerrero, Assistant Volleyball Coach
- 11) Affirm Tyler Gutzman, Bus Monitor
- 12) Affirm Sharon Scrivner, Bus Monitor

Dr. Jancek noted that the September Paid Bills listed in this packet includes the purchase of a used 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan from Heller Motors in Pontiac at a cost of \$20,912.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the second reading of proposed IASB PRESS Plus Board policy updates and asked for final approval of said policy updates.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Henson, to approve the proposed IASB PRESS Plus Board policy updates as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek reviewed the Board Policy 5:060 Administrative Procedure 2 reference Employee Expense Reimbursement. This is the first reading of the AP and it will be brought back to the November meeting for a second reading and final approval. We are currently in process of reviewing all other APs with the School Board Association at this time and this one will be inserted in with those other Administrative Procedures.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that after meeting with DEA representatives both sides felt it was necessary to focus on non-tenured Teachers for evaluations this year. With the chaos created by the

global pandemic and shutdowns due to positive COVID-19 cases, they all felt it was best to evaluate only the non-tenured Teachers this year and they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to this affect.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Sulzberger, to approve the MOU with the DEA regarding Teacher evaluations for the 2020-21 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for the 2019-20 school year for approval.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Berta, to affirm the EIS Administrator & Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for the 2019-20 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board members that we have a \$2,000,000 CD that is maturing on October 23rd. We also have very healthy fund balances and he feels that we could invest a total of \$3,000,000. He has been looking into options to invest these funds and spoke to Peoples National Bank of Kewanee about their current CD rates. After speaking with representatives from the bank, their rates were .09% for 12 months or 1.01% for 24 months. Due to the uncertainty of the economy during the pandemic, he feels that it is best to invest these funds for only 12 months and see what the next year brings. He will bring this back to be affirmed at the November meeting.

Dr. Jancek reported that the HS can apply for a waiver for schoolwide programming for our Title I funds. This means that we could use our Title funds for all students instead of just those targeted as families that qualify for free/reduced meals.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Berta, to approve the ISBE Application for Schoolwide Programming Waiver, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek notified the Board that during discussion with WIPFLI, Inc. on our recent audit, it was brought to our attention that we have an unreserved fund balance in Fund 60 of \$19,263. Our auditors suggested that we make a permanent transfer from Fund 20 to negate that balance. They told us that it would naturally right itself over the next 20 years or so, but it would be preferable to do a fund transfer to fix this all at once.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Perschnick, to approve the Resolution for Permanent Transfer of \$19,263, Fund 20 to Fund 60, For Unreserved Fund Balance Per Auditor, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Sulzberger, to go into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent in which case the basis for the findings shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; According to Section 2, subsection c, #11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Berta, to exit Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Warner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Brian Perschnick, President, District #230