

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

**Held in the Dwight Township High School Cafeteria  
On June 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Tim Henson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**PRESENT: Tim Henson; Joel Sandeno; Eric Scheuer; Max Sulzberger**

**ABSENT: Kevin Berta; Paul Warner**

**Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Andy Pittenger, Principal; Cathy Ferguson, AD**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS OR RECOGNITIONS**

Thank-you cards were received from Ginger Brainard and Maureen Drach for gifts they received at the time of their retirement. Also a thank-you was received from Isabella Burkhardt for being selected to receive one of the scholarships from Dr. J's Leadership Scholarship.

**REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Pittenger's report stands as read. He will address changes to the start times with the modified block schedule during Unfinished Business.

Ms. Ferguson stated that Varsity Baseball finished their season in the first round of Regionals. The Varsity Softball team ended their season in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of Sectionals, which we hosted this week. Girls Track is sending 5 team members to State this weekend, and the Boys are at Sectionals this weekend. Wrestling finishes their IHSA sanctioned season on Saturday and then starts an unsanctioned season on Sunday. Summer Basketball has begun; however, both gyms will be shut down from June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup> for refinishing.

Dr. Jancek reported that the Summer Maintenance crews are hard at work cleaning and completing projects, including adding 2 new offices in the HS Meeting Room space. He noted we will also be replacing the carpet in the Main Offices with tile.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$5,418.32 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2020-21 school year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Authorize Payment of Fiscal 2021 Bills
- 4) Authorize Payment of July 2021 Bills
- 5) Authorize Inter-Fund Transfers/Loans
- 6) Authorize Employment of New Faculty/Staff Members (2021-22)
- 7) Accept Resignation, Tayah Guerrero, Social Studies Teacher
- 8) Approve Employment, Jordyn Tilley, Cheerleading Coach
- 9) Affirm Volunteer, Daniel Gutierrez, Volunteer Wrestling Coach
- 10) Accept Resignation, Alicia Horrie, Classroom Aide

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek discussed the Boards' request to hold a joint retreat this summer. Consensus was that this Special Joint Meeting would be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. One item for discussion at this meeting will be making a decision on how to move forward in a search for a new Superintendent for the 2022-23 school year.

Mr. Pittenger reviewed his recommendation for a modified block schedule for the 2021-22 school year. He noted changes in previously proposed start times were due to conflicts with student schedules. The new modified schedule will be traditional schedule on Tuesday & Friday, shortened 2:10 traditional schedule on Monday, and Odd Block Schedule on Wednesdays with Even Block Schedule on Thursdays. This schedule mirrors the Pontiac HS schedule, which also helps with LACC.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek presented the proposal from OSF St. James Medical Center for Athletic Training/Sponsorship services for the 2021-22 school year. The cost for these services is \$3,800 for the year.

Moved by Sandeno, seconded by Sulzberger, to approve the OSF St. James Medical Center contract for Athletic Training/Sponsorship services for the 2021-22 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented a bill from Gardner Grade School for the shared cost of the recent Solar Tax Abatement legal work. The bill will be split among 4 entities (DTHS, DGS, GGS and GSWHS). The cost is \$260 per district.

Moved by Scheuer, seconded by Sandeno, to approve the shared legal costs of \$260 for the Solar Tax Abatement with Gardner Grade School, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the proposed renewal for Property, Casualty, Liability Insurance with PSIC for the 2021-22 school year. The cost of the PCL is \$83,553.00, which is an increase of 16.96% (or \$12,116) over last year.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Sandeno, to approve the renewal of PCL Insurance with PSIC as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger presented Jessica Smith as his recommendation for the new FTE 1.0 Social Worker position.

Moved by Sandeno, seconded by Scheuer, to approve employment of Jessica Smith as a Social Worker for the 2021-22 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Sandeno, to enter Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; According to Section 2, subsection c, #1 of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Scheuer, to exit Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Scheuer, seconded by Sandeno, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

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Tim Henson, President, District #230