

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

**Held by Zoom Meeting  
On January 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Betty Gantzert; Tim Henson (out at 6:15 p.m.); Brian Perschnick; Anne Rodosky**

**ABSENT: Max Sulzberger; Paul Warner**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Pittenger informed the Board that on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> we will begin an after-school study program for any student who has an F. This program will last from 2:15-3:15 and any student who has an F must attend.

Mr. Pittenger noted that next month he will be bringing a recommendation to add a Transitional Math course, as per a directive from ISBE for the 2021-22 school year.

Ms. Ferguson informed the Board that the Governor moved our region to Tier II and then quickly to Tier I. This allowed us to begin practices for our winter sports immediately. This will include Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Volleyball, Cheer and weightlifting may also begin. Boys Basketball has begun, and others will follow by next week. IHSA will hold a meeting on 1/27/21 and will come out with scheduling for February 1<sup>st</sup>. Ferguson will also be attending a meeting on 1/28/21 with the SVC and TCC (Tri-County Conference), which will be our new conference next year. This meeting is to discuss COVID rescheduling of our sporting events.

Dr. Jancek reported that he has received an email from the Livingston County Health Department notifying us that we will be a Pod for COVID vaccine distribution. Our 1<sup>st</sup> vaccinations will be held on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We will also be hosting Odell and St. Paul Grade Schools as well as our GS. The second shots will be scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>. Dwight Schools has a list of 113 employees that are requesting the shots.

Dr. Jancek congratulated English Teacher Erik Borne on recently receiving his PhD.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that our yellow bus lease will expire at the end of the 20-21 school year. He has been in contact with Midwest Transit and they have offered to extend our lease on our (9) 72-passenger buses for up to 2 years. They have already committed our 2 lift buses elsewhere for next year and we will have to get a new lease for these buses. He will continue to be in contact with them regarding the extension of the lease for the other 9 buses.

Dr. Jancek shared photos of the new cabinets in the science lab. He noted that work is progressing and they hope to have the lab in working order by next week.

Dr. Jancek reported that we have received a new set of bleachers that will be placed near the shot put/discus area in the stadium once the weather cooperates.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that he has received a quote for concrete south of the cafeteria so that we may have an outdoor seating area for meals. The amount of that quote is \$17,800 and Dr. Jancek is in contact with ISBE to see if we will be allowed to use our extra federal reimbursement for meals towards this project. They have approved the purchase of the picnic tables but are still working on approval for the concrete.

Dr. Jancek reported that he has locked in a price for octane of \$1.83/gallon for up to 4,000 gallons with Evergreen FS.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$22,510.35 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

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that the taxing bodies have agreed to a tax abatement for the RES Blue Sky Solar Project. They had earlier rejected a \$4,000,000 abatement agreement. The current agreement states that the taxing bodies will abate up to a total of \$2,000,000 over 2 years (80% abatement in year #1 and 20% abatement in year #2). Dr. Jancek reported that at some point this project will increase the overall EAV by \$12,000,000 and should result in approximately \$300,000-\$325,000 in additional tax revenue if we tax to the max.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the Abatement Agreement Regarding RES Blue Sky Solar Project, as presented. Roll call. Berta abstained and Perschnick voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

**Henson left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.**

Dr. Jancek held the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of proposed IASB PRESS Plus Policy Issue 106 updates and asked for final approval.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the IASB PRESS Plus Policy Issue 106 updates, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that the government will be releasing another round of COVID Relief funding and the HS portion should be approximately \$159,000. This will be a one-time lump sum payment and after discussion with the Administration, they are looking at using it for the following:

- 1) Summer School
- 2) .5 to 1.0 FTE Social Worker
- 3) PPE

Dr. Jancek noted that our current Social Worker is split between the HS and GS, and he has recommended moving her to a 1.0 FTE at the GS. This would open the position at the HS to either have LCSSU cover the .5 FTE, or we could possibly hire a 1.0 FTE Social Worker at the HS. The HS would then have to add this position to the regular payroll after our COVID funding sunsets.

President Perschnick informed the Board that we will wait until in-person meetings are allowed again to schedule the Board retreat.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Berta, to go into Executive Session at 6:24 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 Gantzert, seconded by Rodosky, to exit Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Gantzert, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

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Brian Perschnick, President, District #230