

**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 March 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Tim Henson (6:16 p.m.); Brian Perschnick; Anne Rodosky; Max Sulzberger

ABSENT: Betty Gantzert; Paul Warner

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Jancek reported that we will hold a Special Joint Board Meeting on April 28th to seat newly elected Board members. This meeting will be held at 6:00 in the HS Cafeteria.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that a committee has been formed to put on a benefit for Curt Perschnick, a former student and son of Payroll Specialist Coreen Perschnick. He was recently diagnosed with cancer and the committee wants to put on a fundraiser using school facilities on Saturday, April 3rd. A drive-through meal, 4-court volleyball tournament and other activities have been planned for the day. They have also requested the donation of the Football gate money and concession stand proceeds for that day. The Board members were supportive of this request.

Dr. Jancek reported that he was informed earlier today that Senator Jason Barickman submitted a \$100,000 economic opportunity grant request into his capital project budget for this year on our behalf. This grant would have to be used towards new construction or renovation and planned by the end of June of this year. Dr. Jancek will work with Jack Connor to decide on how to use this grant funding. His thoughts are to add a new Maintenance shed to the south of our Band shed. He will discuss this further with Connor and report to the Board at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$7,318.32 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) Affirm Employment, Lindsey Barickman, Substitute Teacher
- 4) Affirm Employment, Susan Legner, Substitute Teacher
- 5) Accept Resignation, Kathleen Gettinger, Assistant Girls Track Coach
- 6) Approve Employment, Allie Schantz, Assistant Girls Track Coach
- 7) Approve Employment, Lori Schade, Bus Monitor
- 8) Approve Kristine Lebryk, Volunteer Assistant Girls Track Coach
- 9) Approve Employment, Justin Eggenberger, Assistant JV Baseball Coach

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek announced that the HS district has received \$159,000 of ESSER II funding and potentially will receive over \$300,000 in ESSER III funding. We are currently in talks figuring out what we will be using this funding for. It can be used for PPE, Social/Emotional work with students, and addressing learning loss. Dr. Jancek will apply for the ESSER II funding once we have a plan on how to use it.

Mr. Pittenger reported on possible Summer School needs and noted that we won't really know what actual numbers we will have until 2nd semester is done. He noted that many of the students that may need Summer School may not be willing to attend. If they don't we will have to fit in Credit Recovery classes next year or the students may have to double up on the courses they are missing next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the 2020-21 Seniority List for approval.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the 2020-21 Seniority List, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the list of tenured and non-tenured Teachers for re-employment. The list is as follows (**represents non-tenured):

- 1) Cathy Fatigante (Special Ed)
- 2) Jackie Froelich (Guidance Counselor)
- 3) Karen Zabel (Math Teacher)
- 4) Julie Jensen (PE Teacher)
- 5) Lindsey Jensen (English Teacher)
- 6) Nicole Dunnill (Spanish Teacher)
- 7) Melissa Harri (Life Skills Teacher)
- 8) Amy DeMarse (Special Ed Teacher)
- 9) Rebecca Stipanovich (Science Teacher)
- 10) Stephanie Flott (Media Specialist)
- 11) Devi Pappas (English Teacher)
- 12) Patricia Farrell-Levange (Art Teacher)
- 13) Erik Borne (English Teacher)

- 14) Todd Severns (History Teacher)
- 15) Luke Standiford (PE Teacher)
- 16) Steven Turner (Math Teacher)
- 17) Kathy Wiemken (Business Teacher)
- 18) Mitch Thompson (PE Teacher)
- 19) Sidney Mau (Ag Teacher)**
- 20) Anthony March (Math Teacher)**
- 21) Tamara Fritchtnitch (FACS Teacher)**
- 22) Eric Hall (Band Teacher)**
- 23) Tayah Guerrero (History Teacher)**
- 24) Paul Lebryk (Science Teacher)**

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Henson, to approve the tenured and non-tenured Teachers for re-employment for the 2021-22 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek reviewed a letter recently received from the American General Life Insurance Company regarding the Steiniche Annuity. They have stated that we need to indicate our intentions with the balance of our annuity because there is an upcoming maturity date. After some discussion with Board members, it was decided to continue our annuity as is, which will be at a nearly self-sustaining 4% rate of interest assuming we withdraw \$1,000 per year for scholarships.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Sulzberger, to approve rolling over the Steiniche Annuity with American General Life Insurance Company. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented a proposal from FCCLA Sponsor Tammy Fritchtnitch to attend an overnight activity in Springfield with 2 students that will be held on April 8-9, 2021.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Berta, to approve the proposed overnight FCCLA activity attendance by Mrs. Fritchtnitch and 2 students, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger laid out our plans for extra-curricular activities, Prom and Graduation ceremonies to the Board. The Governor's orders seem to be changing on a daily basis and the Board was supportive of the recommendations from Administration to make plans as needed as changes are made daily on social distancing guidelines as well as the number of people allowed in our facilities.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Sulzberger, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Brian Perschnick, President, District #230