

**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 April 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Brian Perschnick called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

**ABSENT: None**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Jancek reported that our recent ISBE Food Service Compliance visit went very well, with no corrective actions. We were compliant in all areas and he thanked Food Service Director Sharon Soto for her efforts for this visit.

Dr. Jancek reported that he received a request for an impact study for the Village of Dwight regarding a new subdivision that may be planned near the Dwight Country Club. He responded by waiving the study as the impact to our districts would be minimal, and would actually be favorable to our schools.

**REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Dr. Jancek reported that he met with Kelly O'Brien of ConnectGen, another wind turbine company that is planning a windfarm on the northeast side of Dwight. Their plan is to have between 20-30 turbines in our school districts with the project to start approximately in the Fall of 2022.

Dr. Jancek stated that he has met with Sharon Soto regarding the continuance of serving meals through the summer months. Their plan is to take one week off at the end of the school year and then to resume meal deliveries on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the summer.

Dr. Jancek met with Nancy Norton from the Grundy County Economic Development Council regarding changes requested in the Blue Sky Solar Project. Since the time that the local taxing bodies met and agreed to a tax abatement agreement of \$2,000,000 over 3 years, the solar company was proposing to ask for the project to be fully assessed for 6 years instead of the 3 that was agreed to; also, it was previously

agreed to that the project would be 300 MW or there would be no abatement; Blue Sky was asking for the threshold to be lowered to 150 MW. Dr. Jancek replied that we stick to our original agreement or the abatement offer can be rescinded. Norton took this response back to Blue Sky and they signed the original agreement today.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$20,339.23 in late mandated categorical payments for the 20-21 school year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Affirm Employment, Abigail Groves, Substitute Teacher
- 4) Affirm Employment, Bruce Statler, Substitute Bus Monitor
- 5) Approve Resignation, Chuck Trainor, Paid Varsity Head Softball Coach
- 6) Approve Volunteer, Chuck Trainor, Varsity Head Softball Coach
- 7) Affirm Employment, Dezi Leonard, Assistant Softball Coach
- 8) Approve Employment, Robert Caridi, Summer Worker
- 9) Affirm Employment, Jocelyn Sims, Van Driver

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek stated that due to the need for extra one-to-one meeting rooms for LCSSU employees and students and for an office for Dr. Jensen, we are planning to construct 2 new offices within the current Meeting Room. There will be a hallway constructed from the Main Office to the Superintendent's Office and the Business hallway and then the remaining space will be split in two, making separate offices or meeting rooms. This job will be done over the summer in preparation for the 2021-22 school year.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Henson, to approve the Summer Construction Project for 2 new offices, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that he is interested in offering medical insurance to our CDL drivers to try to attract and retain more drivers for the district. The cost of medical insurance for the 2021-22 school year for a single employee is \$9,322.50. This would specifically be available to yellow bus drivers that have a full-time route as they have many more requirements to keep their CDL. Board members asked what would happen if the driver waived insurance—would there be extra compensation. He will bring back a proposal to the Board next month.

Dr. Jancek reported that we are purchasing a new groomer for the fields from JW Turf at a cost of \$15,355.72. He noted that we have been using one donated by Chuck Trainor for several years and it is on its last legs. Due to having the new throwing pit at the track, Jack Connor felt it was time to purchase a new one.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the purchase of a field groomer from JW Turf, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek announced that there is a new fee structure for IHSA membership and participation fees. The amount they are charging us for the 2021-22 school year is \$875.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Sulzberger, to approve the 2021-22 IHSA Membership and Participation Fees, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Perschnick, seconded by Berta, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.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