

**MINUTES OF A  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF  
DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT #232**

**Held in the Dwight High School Cafeteria  
On February 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board Vice-President Nick Stipanovich called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**PRESENT: Mark Christenson; Michael Cornale; Marc Ellis; Cathy Ferguson; Eric Scheuer; Nick Stipanovich**

**ABSENT: Bo Partney**

**Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Julie Schultz, Principal; Jeremy Jenkins, Asst. Principal/AD**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were received by the following:

Chuck Butterbrodt, representing the DEA  
Kathy Stewart  
Mary Schultz  
Catie Wilkey  
Jamie Mullaney  
Lori Bowman  
Timberly Jahn  
Deanna DeLong  
Mike Gerber  
Joshua Jahn  
Erica Sandeno

All comments received were regarding a possible return to all in-person learning.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. Schultz reported that we have recently completed AimsWeb testing and they are compiling data. At this time it appears that most students are doing well, even during remote and hybrid learning.

Mr. Jenkins reported that sports have now begun and are all being live-streamed for the public since fans are not allowed at contests. He wants to continue this even after the pandemic subsides, as it is a nice service to offer family members who are not able to attend.

Dr. Jancek reported that School Nurse Erica Sandeno recently had the opportunity to meet with the Health Department to be trained to administer rapid COVID tests. At this time we are going to offer this to HS athletes and coaches only.

Dr. Jancek announced that last Friday we held a vaccination pod at DTHS for all Dwight Public Schools employees, along with employees from Odell GS and St. Paul GS. The Livingston County Health Department vaccinated 107 people. The second round of vaccinations will be held here on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state currently owes \$20,000 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, Nick Schultz, Substitute Teacher
- 4) Affirm Employment, Dezi Leonard, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach
- 5) Affirm Employment, Corilyn Hensel-McCullough, Spelling Bee Coach

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek asked for feedback on the proposed parent survey that will be going out to all families shortly. They want to make certain the wording is clear to all parents that we may not be able to accommodate all social distancing if parents demand to return to all in-person learning. Dr. Jancek recommends that the survey go out by this Friday. He would also like to plan on a Special Board Meeting to be held on either February 24<sup>th</sup> or March 3<sup>rd</sup>, where the Board will decide what the learning platform will be for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Dr. Jancek asked the Board where they would prefer to hold future meetings while restrictions are still in place during the pandemic. After asking Tech Director Logan Murray if it was possible to set up zoom capabilities in the cafeteria at the GS, they decided to move forward with that plan since the cost would be less than \$1,000. Murray will purchase all of the necessary components and have them in place for the next Board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek reported that he has had a discussion with Josh DeLong, Superintendent of Braceville Elementary, about once again filling the part-time Tech Teacher position. In previous years, we have shared a Teacher with Braceville to fill a .5 position here. They need a .5 PE Teacher. He would like to once again post for this position to see if we could find someone to fill this position for the 2021-22 school year.

Dr. Jancek has received quotes to repair and update the Café Kitchen Cooler/Freezer. Every year we lose food two to four times due to breakdowns with our current cooler/freezer. He also noted that the floor has rusted out over time. The quote is from Popejoy Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$18,921, and includes installation. Dr. Jancek noted that we may use the excess reimbursement that we are receiving from the SFSP food program to cover the cost of this project. He also noted that we very recently received a quote for a new dishwasher at a cost of approximately \$23,000. We may also use the same reimbursement funds towards this purchase. Board members asked to receive at least one other quote for replacement of this equipment, and to look at updating the scope of the cooler/freezer to include possibly replacing it entirely instead of repairing and updating it. Once we have received the new quotes we can move forward with the repair or replacement with the better of the 2 quotes.

Dr. Jancek presented the Calendar committee's proposal for the 2021-22 school calendar. He noted that this proposed calendar matches very closely the calendar for Pontiac schools, including LACC and LCSSU.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Ferguson, to approve the 2021-22 school calendar, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Scheuer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #232

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Nick Stipanovich, Vice-President, District #232