

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT #232
Held in the Dwight Common School Cafeteria
On March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Bo Partney called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Julie Schultz, Principal

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. Schultz reported that at present we have 92% of our students ready to return to full time in-person learning on March 17th.

Mr. Jenkins was not in attendance but Mrs. Schultz informed the Board that the 7th Grade Volleyball Team will play tomorrow night for the Regional Championship, and earlier tonight the 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team finished their season undefeated with a record of 10-0.

Dr. Jancek reported that Jack Connor and his Maintenance crew are working hard at getting the school ready for in-person learning to begin next week. Jack is also replacing the Library floor with tile similar to that in the Main Office.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state currently owes \$40,000 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, Lindsey Barickman, Substitute Teacher
- 4) Affirm Employment, Susan Legner, Substitute Teacher
- 5) Accept Resignation, Sarah Maddox, 1st Grade Teacher
- 6) Approve Christine Stephens, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek reported that we have received no other quotes on the kitchen appliances that were discussed at last month's meeting. Popejoy was the only quote received. It was suggested to talk to a local business owner about this equipment to see if they had any suggestions, but if no recommendations were given, to approve the purchase from Popejoy.

Mrs. Schultz informed the Board that the Maintenance crew and Teachers are getting the school ready for in-person learning. They have decided to stay with 2 sections of Kindergarten. We are re-purposing the old computer lab for more space and new larger carts have been ordered for the Specials as they will be traveling between classrooms instead of having students move from classroom to classroom. She stated that we will be ready for students on March 17th.

Dr. Jancek reported that we have been discussing what we will use the \$359,000 of ESSER II money for when the money arrives. He also noted that according to what he is hearing, the GS may be eligible to receive a further \$700,000 in ESSER III funding if the President's bill passes. He noted the following have been earmarked for this funding to date:

- 1) PPE
- 2) Plexiglass dividers
- 3) Tables
- 4) New camera and sound system for the cafeteria to live-stream Board meetings
- 5) iPads and Cases
- 6) Chromebooks
- 7) Summer School
- 8) ASSP
- 9) Nurse Assistant salary and benefits
- 10) Tech, Custodial, and other overtime due to COVID planning/cleaning

He will be looking further into what we can use this funding for as things progress.

Mrs. Schultz reported that many of our students in ASSP are making gains. The administration has put these students into 3 categories:

- 1) Those students benefitting from the extra instruction time so that they are on par with their grade level peers
- 2) Those students who need mandatory credit to advance to the next grade level
- 3) Those students who still need mandatory credit and may be retained

All of the ASSP students will be evaluated in the next several weeks to see where they land for the upcoming school year.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

Board member Cornale objected to the Board's approval of tenure status for any teacher as IASB has declared it is not a necessary vote and could actually complicate matters. Therefore, the vote for tenure status was tabled.

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

- 1) Patricia Aldrich (Art)
- 2) Danielle Battles (8th Grade)**
- 3) Samantha Beier (4th Grade)
- 4) Jennifer Boudreau (Life Skills)**
- 5) Emily Brownfield (1st Grade)**
- 6) Kelly Bruce (Kindergarten)
- 7) Chuck Butterbrodt (6th Grade)
- 8) Brittani Dahlman (Social Worker)
- 9) Emma DeLong (3rd Grade)**
- 10) Justin Eggenberger (7th Grade)
- 11) Carol Fink (3rd Grade)
- 12) Amie Gallois (6th Grade)
- 13) Catherine Gartke (Special Ed)
- 14) Stinnett Gettinger (3rd Grade)
- 15) Megan Gorga (Special Ed)**
- 16) Eric Hall (Band)
- 17) Sarah Jones (2nd Grade)
- 18) Amy Kargle (Pre-K)
- 19) Jana Kinkin (Pre-K)
- 20) Jessica Law (Special Ed)
- 21) Jessica Legner (2nd Grade)
- 22) Sarah Maddox (1st Grade—Resigned)**

- 23) Jeanette McCloskey (7th Grade)
- 24) Joy Meister (Kindergarten)
- 25) Madeline Policht (5th Grade)**
- 26) Laura Reamer (Special Ed)
- 27) Suzanne Schall (ECE)
- 28) Mary Schultz (8th Grade)
- 29) Drew Smith (Chorus)
- 30) Jared Steck (PE)**
- 31) Christine Stephens (Special Ed)
- 32) Kathy Stewart (5th Grade)
- 33) Tammy Stolzenbach (PE)
- 34) Barb Svornik (Reading Specialist)

Moved by Cornale, seconded by Stipanovich, 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 presented the proposed contract with Hillman Pediatric Therapy for physical therapy services for the 2021-22 school year. The hourly cost for PT for next year will be \$74/hour.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Scheuer, to affirm the professional service agreement with Hillman Pediatric Therapy for physical therapy services for the 2021-22 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Christenson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #232

Bo Partney, President, District #232