

**MINUTES OF A
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF
THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION
OF
DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT #232
AND
DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #230**

**Held in the Dwight High School Cafeteria
On October 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

Board President Nick Stipanovich called the GS portion of the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Lori Bowman; Mark Christenson; Marc Ellis; Tara Hansen (5:51 p.m.); Jaime Mallaney; Nick Stipanovich

ABSENT: Michael Cornale

Board President Tim Henson called the HS portion of the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Tim Henson; Susan Legner; Joel Sandeno; Eric Scheuer; Max Sulzberger (5:54 p.m.); Paul Warner

ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BUSINESS

Matt Scheuler and Tonya Lofgren from WIPFLI were in attendance by zoom to review the audits for both districts. Scheuler noted that the GS will still need to undergo a Single Audit this year due to the amount of federal funds that were expended. This will occur most likely in November-December, but definitely before March of 2022. He stated that both districts have a rank of 4.0 out of a possible 4.0 and are in good financial health.

Dr. Jancek explained the projects that he will be submitting for the districts' matching Maintenance Grants. At the GS, there is a need to refurbish the playground—removing mulch and increasing the size of the K-8 playground as well as the Pre-K playground; adding new equipment and laying new mulch. At the HS, the district is in need of replacing the stadium press box. Dr. Jancek will submit the applications before Friday, October 8th for these grants. The grant is valued at \$50,000 with a \$50,000 match from the district.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Mallaney, for the GS to approve the application for a \$50,000 Matching Maintenance Grant, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Sandeno, for the HS to approve the application for a \$50,000 Matching Maintenance Grant, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek announced that after our audits were complete it was determined that both districts needed to increase their Treasurer Bond coverage. The current coverage for the HS is \$2 million and needs to be at least \$2.5 million. The current coverage for the GS is \$1.5 million and needs to be \$1.7 million. We have contacted PSIC already and have quotes to increase this coverage.

Moved by Ellis, seconded by Christenson, for the GS to approve the increase in coverage for our Treasurer's Bond, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Scheuer, for the HS to approve the increase in coverage for our Treasurer's Bond, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Boards of the need for additional help in our Health Services Staff. We currently share a Nurse and Nurse Assistant between the 2 districts, and there has been a sizeable increase in the workload for the staff due to COVID-19 protocols and testing. The nursing staff has had to start their day by 6:30 a.m. some days and are often still in the building at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate testing of our students. Dr. Jancek has proposed the hire of another RN at the HS for the remainder of this school year. This position could be temporary, but that will be decided on an annual basis. Both Boards were in support of posting this position, and Dr. Jancek will work with the nursing staff to make a recommendation for hire at a future Board meeting, along with deciding a respectful salary rate for this new employee.

Both Boards agreed to take a 5 minute recess to move to the Board room for Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.

Moved by Bowman, seconded by Hansen, for the GS to go into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; According to Section 2, subsection c, #1 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Berta, for the HS to go into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; According to Section 2, subsection c, #1 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bowman, seconded by Christenson, to exit the GS portion of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Scheuer, seconded by Sandeno, to exit the HS portion of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Both Boards agreed to take a 2 minute recess to move back into the HS Cafeteria. The meeting resumed at 7:01 p.m.

Moved by Mallaney, seconded by Bowman, to adjourn the GS portion of the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Warner, to adjourn the HS portion of the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, Dist #230 & #232

Nick Stipanovich, President, District #232

Tim Henson, President, District #230