

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #230**

**Held in the Dwight Township High School Library
On November 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Tim Henson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Tim Henson; Susan Legner; Joel Sandeno; Eric Scheuer; Max Sulzberger

ABSENT: Paul Warner

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Cathy Ferguson, AD; Jackie Froelich, Guidance Counselor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Froelich asked that we verbalize all Admin reports so that everyone can hear them.

Max Sulzberger asked if there was a reason why we are not going with a mask optional policy. Dr. Jancek replied that it is the Board's duty to follow the law, which is still an executive order from the Governor. IHSA still requires masks as well.

Cathy Ferguson thanked the Board for hiring a full-time nurse for the HS. She noted that Mrs. Siebert has been kept very busy and she is grateful to have her here.

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS OR RECOGNITIONS

The packet contains emails of praise for AD Cathy Ferguson and her handling of the Regional Volleyball Tournament.

Also included in the packet is a notice of ownership transfer of the Blue Sky Solar Energy LLC project.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Pittenger's report stands as read.

Ms. Ferguson announced that the first round of Turkey Tournament games will be held here on Monday through Wednesday. The final rounds will be held in Woodland this year. Also, we have 19 students potentially interested in forming a Trap Shooting Club, and this will be discussed further in the future.

Dr. Jancek reported that we are looking at improved communication with our buses. We have spotty communication at times with our buses depending on where they are. We asked the Village to use the water tower for our repeater and antennae but our request was denied. Dr. Jancek stated that we are

looking into using one of our stadium light poles for this purpose, while getting updated equipment as well.

Dr. Jancek also announced that the \$50,000 matching Maintenance Grant has been approved. We will be using this grant to construct a new Press Box for the stadium.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$37,694.00 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2022 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Approve Amie Thompson, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- 4) Affirm Employment, Allison Siebert, School Nurse
- 5) Affirm Kelly Sirk, Teacher Substitute
- 6) Accept Resignation, Angie Goley, Cheerleading Coach

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

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented his proposed Tax Levy to the Board. He noted that the estimated EAV increase for 2021 will be 3.75% currently amongst the 3 counties; however, he is having issues getting our EAV rate from LaSalle County at this time. With very healthy current fund balances, he recommended a decrease of \$133,864 over all funds, or a percentage of -3.48%. A Board request to see the numbers if we lowered the proposal by half a million dollars was made. After much discussion by the Board, they felt that lowering the levy request was appropriate but not as much as \$500,000 due to upcoming planning for some of the larger building projects that the district has put off for some time. The Board will hold a Board goals meeting on December 1st beginning at 4:00 p.m. to do a walk-through of the property. During this walk-through they will discuss future building and grounds projects they want to start scheduling, and will adjust their levy proposal based on those project costs. This proposed levy will be on display until the December Board meeting, where Dr. Jancek will be asking for final approval.

Guidance Counselor Jackie Froelich reviewed new or amended course offerings that the Curriculum Advisory Committee is proposing for the 2022-23 school year. The proposals are as follows:

- 1) Remove Vet Science offering and replace with Farm to Fork
- 2) Add a Digital Photography course
- 3) Revise Physics offering to AP Physics

Moved by Sandeno, seconded by Sulzberger, to approve the proposed course offerings for the 2022-23 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented a resolution from IMRF to include compensation paid under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF earnings. After we had an IMRF audit at the HS recently it was found

that we were missing this resolution. This resolution would allow us to continue to pay IMRF on total gross wages and not remove any Section 125 deductions. This is standard for other school districts.

Moved by Scheuer, seconded by Berta, to affirm Resolution 6.72 regarding IMRF/IRS Code Section 125 Plan, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business Item C-4 has been tabled. Due to this tabling, there was no need to go into Executive Session under Section 2, Subsection (C), #1 of the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Scheuer, to enter Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent in which case the basis for the findings shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; According to Section 2, subsection c, #11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Legner, seconded by Sandeno, to exit Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Berta, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Tim Henson, President, District #230