

**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 December 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Tim Henson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Paul Warner; Max Sulzberger

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Wynn was in attendance to address Senate Bill 818, which is a proposal of new learning standards for sexual education in schools. He is very concerned about these standards being forced on our students and asked that a resolution he has drawn up be addressed by the Board at a future meeting. Dr. Jancek responded that we have local control over these standards and if there are any of the standards that would be valuable to the district, we can choose to adopt only those. He does not want to move forward with any resolutions at this point but thanked Wynn for his comments, his research and for addressing the Board regarding this important issue.

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS OR RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Jancek read an email from Brad Allen, who is our Horace Mann representative, announcing that Carli Serpe was awarded a \$750 Reading Across History grant.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Pittenger's and Ms. Ferguson's reports stand as read.

Dr. Jancek thanked Detective Gary Beier for his work on the schools' Crisis Plans. Beier held a zoom meeting with both schools last week to review their Crisis Plan information in the wake of yet another school shooting in Michigan recently.

Dr. Jancek reported that we have had a lot of heating issues in the past couple of weeks throughout the school, and repairs are taking time due to supply chain issues. We expect A&R Mechanical to be in the building tomorrow to replace faulty equipment that has been causing these issues and we hope to have heat throughout the school by tomorrow afternoon.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$12,186.48 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2021 school year and \$5,329.19 for the 2022 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Employ Classroom Aide, TBA
- 4) Employ Job Coach, TBA

Dr. Jancek noted that we are tabling Consent Agenda items #3 & #4.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek reviewed his updated proposal of the 2021 Tax Levy and Extension with the Board. After a recent tour of the buildings and grounds with Jack Connor, the Board was informed that we have been having severe issues arise with our heating and cooling system that need to be addressed as soon as possible. Connor also stated that we need to start looking into replacing plumbing throughout the building as the system is still the original equipment from when the building was built 65 years ago and as problems arise, it is more and more difficult to perform simple repairs without tearing out sizeable sections of wall or floor. Many of the pipes are in poor condition and in dire need of an upgrade before a catastrophic failure could potentially cause the need to shut down the school for repairs. After this tour, the Board members decided that they need to levy the max in the O&M fund to make certain they have enough reserves to pay for these needed repairs or replacements. Dr. Jancek also noted the staffing issues we have been experiencing in our Transportation Department. We have a veteran but aging yellow bus driver staff and he stated that the only thing that will fix this issue is to look at offering better pay and benefits to keep our current staff and entice new drivers. He is working on a plan with Transportation Coordinator Angie Goley to try and address these issues as well, and therefore he stated that we should also max out the levy in the Transportation Fund. These 2 changes were made in the proposed Levy from the November meeting, bringing our request to an overall increase of \$79,033 or 2.05% across all funds over last year's Levy. The total amount of the extension would be \$3,927,048.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Sandeno, to approve the proposed 2021 Tax Levy and Extension, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the recommendation for Health, Dental and Vision insurance for the 2022 calendar year as Blue Cross Blue Shield, and for Life Insurance for the 2022 calendar year as Dearborn National. This was the recommendation from the Insurance Committee.

Moved by Sandeno, seconded by Scheuer, to approve the 2022 employee health, dental and vision insurance contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Sandeno, to approve the 2022 employee life insurance contract with Dearborn National, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Every year the district must approve the Annual District Review of Safety Plans, Protocols, Procedures and Safety Drill Report.

Moved by Legner, seconded by Berta, to approve the Annual District Review of Safety Plans, Protocols, Procedures and Safety Drill Report, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Sandeno, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Tim Henson, President, District #230