

**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 January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Tim Henson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Tim Henson; Susan Legner (6:02 p.m.); Joel Sandeno; Eric Scheuer;
Max Sulzberger**

ABSENT: Paul Warner

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

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

Dr. Jancek reported that we are continuing to have staff appreciation events and activities to keep morale up. He also informed the Board that he and Jackie Froelich have started to discuss what will happen with Prom this year. They have sent out an email to other local school districts to see what their plans are, and most have not started discussion on this yet. We still have a deposit with Station 343 from last year, and it is their hope to hold it there this spring.

Jack Connor was in attendance to discuss ongoing heat issues in the building. The upstairs classrooms, Library and Math classrooms have been cold and he has had A&R Mechanical here for the last 4 days working on getting the system up and running. Jack has asked A&R to get ideas on solutions to either upgrade this system or replace it. This will have to be bid out eventually, but we will have an independent engineer review whatever those solutions will be. Connor will bring information from A&R to the next Board meeting.

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 \$25,468.82 for the 2022 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes (12/08/21)
- 2) Bills
- 3) Accept Resignation, Amy DeMarse, Class Sponsor (Effective June 1, 2022)
- 4) Employ Marc Gamble, Bus Driver
- 5) Employ Tom Leonard, Bus Driver
- 6) Employ Breanna Bartlett, Special Education Paraprofessional

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek reported that we would have to change our entire health plan in order to offer insurance to the yellow bus drivers. Due to this problematic issue, we looked at compensation again. There is a shortage of yellow bus drivers and he is trying to come up with creative ways to entice more CDL drivers to work for us. Dr. Jancek has proposed to raise the route pay from \$40/route to \$45 or \$50/route. He also proposed to eliminate the Driver Other pay (pay for anything not involving driving students), and replace it with each driver's hourly rate. Currently Driver Other is minimum wage (\$12/hour). After discussion, the Board was in support of raising the CDL route pay to \$50/route and eliminating Driver Other pay immediately, retroactive to January 1, 2022.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Berta, to approve CDL route pay of \$50/route and eliminating Driver Other pay for all transportation, replacing it with the employee's hourly rate, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek reported that we had a conference call with the DCEO grant representative on our Maintenance Shed grant of \$100,000. She sent us further paperwork, but indicated that there is a lot of red tape to get through in order to receive the money. We are hoping it gets through the approval process by the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that tomorrow he will be purchasing 2 new Chrysler Pacifica vans for the Transportation Department from Heller Ford in Pontiac. He attempted to purchase these locally but was unable to do so as they had none available for purchase. The total cost of the 2 vans together will be \$73,748.48, including trade-ins of both of our black vans.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Sandeno, to approve the purchase of 2 new vans, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek reported that a former student damaged the grounds across from the ball diamonds with their vehicle. The former student has been identified and charges are pending where the district will be seeking restitution.

AD Ferguson spoke to the Board about getting back into a Football co-op with GSW. Coaches Standiford and Thompson met with GSW Supt. Josh DeLong to discuss this earlier this year. They felt that talks went very well. The GSW Board will be discussing this as well. Ferguson wants to get a proposal by this spring. We will also need to discuss GSW's commitment to the program financially as well as in the coaching area, hoping to get a GSW staff member to help with coaching. More information will be forthcoming at future meetings.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Legner, to approve a Football co-op with GSW to begin in the Fall of 2022, as proposed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Legner, seconded by Scheuer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Tim Henson, President, District #230