

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

**Held in the Dwight Township High School Board Room  
On February 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Brian Perschnick called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PRESENT: Brian Perschnick; Kim Rodosky; Tim Henson; Jenn Myzia; Betty Gantzert**

**ABSENT: Paul Warner; Kevin Berta**

**Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Dan Kaiser, Principal; Andy Pittenger, Asst. Principal/AD**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Parent John Klingler was in attendance to speak to an issue with the Wrestling program and how it affected the participants. He requested extra support with financial assistance for the participants for the next season due to this being an issue not of the fault of the participants. This issue has affected their future college prospects and Mr. Klingler feels that extra support is warranted. Unfortunately the IHSA will not recognize all of the wrestlers' wins due to this issue. Mr. Pittenger will be investigating an appeals process with IHSA. Dr. Jancek first recommended that the school looks at the individual records of the wrestlers and recognize those records as they were achieved. Secondly, he wants more time to research all angles of financially supporting these student athletes before any decisions are made on how to go about this. Mr. Pittenger informed the Board that after a discussion with the Klinglers, a recruiting plan was developed to reach out to colleges and programs proactively to explain this situation as an effort to help the student athletes when they begin to look for scholarships.

**NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS**

Kathy Stewart, Drama Director and members of the cast of The Sound of Music were in attendance to perform a mini-scene for the Board.

Molly Turner, Sports Boosters President, was in attendance to give a brief annual report on all the Boosters' activities and present a list of donations to the Board.

Anne Rodosky, Football Fanatics spokesperson, was in attendance to give a brief annual report on all of their activities for the year and highlight what they provide to our Football team.

The Board thanked both for all of the support that both organizations provide to our students and schools.

**REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Kaiser read a letter he received from the Iroquois West Principal thanking the members of Rachel's Challenge for removing snow from all of the vehicles in the parking lot at a recent Basketball game. This was a student-led activity that was appreciated by all who were in attendance. Mr. Kaiser also read a note of support of our Rachel's Challenge program from local citizen Tom Tock.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that a workshop will be held on the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) standards at Lexington HS on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Jancek, Erik Borne (HS) and Sam Bastian (GS) will be in attendance to review these new standards that will go into place as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Jancek also mentioned that the Governor has once again brought forth the idea of a pension cost shift to the local districts. There are currently no plans set for if or when this could happen.

Dr. Jancek spoke about the latest mass school shooting and indicated to the Board that he feels that our schools have been proactive in preparing for the possibility of a school shooting and that we are better prepared than many other schools.

Dr. Jancek reported that the Exploratory Committee recently toured the Channahon Rec-Center and the Morris Fieldhouse. They are attempting to narrow their opinions of what components they would like to see in a possible future facility in Dwight.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$94,383.57 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2017-18 school year.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of PRESS Plus Board Policy updates.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Gantzert, to approve the PRESS Plus Board Policy updates, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of an amendment to Board Policy 5:60 Travel Expenses, which would increase the limit on the cost of housing from \$250/night to \$300/night. This allows for extra fees and taxes which have put employees over budget on this item in the past.

Moved by Myzia, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the amendment to Board Policy 5:60, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented Jack Connor's proposal for the new restroom facility for the Baseball/Softball fields. This building would be handicap accessible for 2 gender-neutral restrooms as well as storage space behind the restrooms. This storage space would hold football practice equipment, baseball/softball equipment or lawn maintenance supplies and equipment. Dr. Jancek noted that we already have much of the block that will be needed for this building. The flat work will be contracted out and Jack will finish the rest of the work.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Gantzert, to approve Phase III of the Baseball/Softball renovations, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek reviewed the highlights of the proposed school calendar for 2018-19 and asked for its approval.

Moved by Myzia, seconded by Henson, to approve the 2018-19 school calendar as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board about possible renovations of the restrooms in the school, as well as the possible installation of an elevator. He noted that many of our bathrooms have narrow doorways which would need to be addressed. Other cosmetic upgrades could be done by local contractors. They estimated the cost to install an elevator to be between \$100,000 and \$125,000. The total cost of for all restroom renovations and the installation of an elevator is estimated to be between \$200,000 and \$250,000. He would look to be putting together a proposal by Fall of 2018 and possibly have work begin in the summer of 2019.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Myzia, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with BLDD as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger presented a proposal to add a new weight room stipend that would keep students coming in the summer which would in turn improve their overall health and fitness. Luke Standiford, PE and APT Teacher, has grown student interest in weight lifting and would like to open up the weight room for 4 days per week (6 hours per day—4 sessions at 1.5 hours each) as well as adding a 2-hour Freshman weight room orientation, making a total of 176 additional hours over the summer. These sessions would run from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June through the end of July. This stipend would follow the same index rates as the current weight room stipend in the DEA/BOE contract, and Dr. Jancek has received approval from the DEA to add this stipend if the Board approves.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Henson, to approve an additional weight room stipend as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that he worked with the Pontiac and Saunemin school districts to get quotes on leasing new buses for the 2018-19 school year from Midwest Transit. Midwest Bus Sales also bid but the prices from Midwest Transit were better. Our 3-year lease is up as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. With the other school districts, the total leasing bid was for 45 buses in total, giving us a better cost for the 11 buses that we would require. We would lease 9 regular 72-passenger buses and 2 wheelchair buses. The wheelchair buses are convertible with track seating so we could also haul equipment with a few modifications. He wants to hold off on the Maintenance Agreement, as we are also in talks with Gray's Garage for maintenance. He wants time to compare these agreements based on the best situation for the district. This portion could be approved at a later date.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Myzia, to approve the new 3-year lease agreements for 11 new buses with Midwest Transit, as presented (with authority to act on the Maintenance Agreement portion at a later date.) Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Rodosky, to go into Executive Session at 7:50 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 Gantzert, seconded by Rodosky, to exit Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Accept Resignation, Dan Tarnowski, Head Wrestling Coach
- 4) Affirm Jack Connor, Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds
- 5) Affirm Natasha Furlano, Special Education Aide
- 6) Affirm Alycia Ferrari, Substitute Teacher & Classroom Aide
- 7) Approve Kolby Hoffman, Volunteer Softball Coach
- 8) Approve Tim Harms, Volunteer Softball Coach
- 9) Approve Jamie Stanton, JV Softball Head Coach
- 10) Approve Aidan Connolly, JV Assistant Coach
- 11) Approve Patricia Farrell-Levange, Volunteer Softball Coach
- 12) Approve Dan Tarnowski, Assistant Baseball Coach
- 13) Approve Matt Norton, Assistant Baseball Coach
- 14) Approve Gary Beier, Volunteer Baseball Coach
- 15) Approve Eric Link, Assistant Football Coach

The Board requested that item #12 be voted on separately.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to exclude item #12. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Perschnick, to approve Consent Agenda item #12. Roll call. Myzia and Rodosky voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Myzia, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

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Brian Perschnick, President, District #230