

**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 September 20, 2017 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; Kevin Berta; Betty Gantzert

**ABSENT:** Paul Warner

**Also in attendance:** Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Dan Kaiser, Principal

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Henson, seconded by Rodosky, to open a public hearing on the 2017-18 Budget at 6:02 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no questions or concerns raised by Board members or the public regarding the proposed 2017-18 Budget.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Henson, to close the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Jancek presented a letter from ISBE notifying the district that Lindsey Jensen, English Teacher, has been nominated and chosen as a top 10 finalist for Illinois' Teacher of the Year. A banquet is being held on October 28<sup>th</sup> to honor all 10 finalists and to announce the Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Jancek shared a letter of achievement and recognition of an IASB Professional Development Award for Board member Jennifer Myzia.

Dr. Jancek presented the letter of approval from ISBE for a schoolwide waiver of Title I funds, which allows the district to use Title I funds schoolwide instead of only for targeted students.

**REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Kaiser informed the Board that due to some technological issues with a speaker who was brought to the school for professional development for teachers, the Bureau of Educational Research has provided \$1,200 of certificates towards other professional development workshops that can be used by staff.

Mr. Kaiser and Board member Tim Henson commended all of the students and staff from the school that helped with town-wide clean up on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Special meeting held at the DGS Library on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to review the audit findings with WIPFLI, Inc.

Dr. Jancek will attend the IASA Conference in Springfield from September 26-28<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Jancek reported that our Maintenance crew is still partially staffed and work continues on all of our projects as time allows.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$56,675.38 in late mandated categorical payments for 2017-18. They also owe \$93,607.33 in late payments for the 2016-17 school year. After meeting with legislators, Dr. Jancek noted that we were assured to receive all of the 2016-17 money. Changes have been made to the calculations of General State Aid, which now incorporates Special Ed Personnel and Special Ed Extraordinary payments. This is part of the new formula that was approved by the legislature with the recently passed school funding bill. Once a formula for tier funding is approved the districts should begin receiving those extra payments.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Accept Resignation, Sarah King, Special Education Aide
- 4) Approve Employment, Luke Standiford, Girls Basketball Assistant Coach (Step 1)
- 5) Approve Volunteer, Kyle Henson, Assistant Football Coach

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek presented the final draft of the 2017-18 Proposed Budget for approval. Overall, there is projected to be a surplus of \$323,780 in the 17-18 Budget.

Moved by Myzia, seconded by Berta, to approve the 2017-18 Budget as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ag Teacher and FFA Sponsor Jodi Minnaert and several FFA members were in attendance to request permission to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN from October 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Berta, to approve the FFA members to attend the National Convention as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Minnaert addressed questions regarding repairs and upgrades that are being proposed to the Greenhouse. There are holes in the roof and they have become a safety hazard. She noted that Greenhouse roofs are to be replaced every 10-12 years and the sides will most likely need to be replaced in the next 7-8 years. While investigating the cost of these repairs she also looked into the cost of upgrades, including automatic irrigation and shading systems. She has secured a grant of \$1,500 from ISBE and a commitment of \$5,000 from the FFA Alumni towards the cost of this project, making the Board's cost between \$17,000 and \$18,000.

Moved by Myzia, seconded by Henson, to approve the repairs and upgrades to the Greenhouse at a cost between \$17,000 and \$18,000, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek discussed the replacement of the wooden sliding door on the stage in the gymnasium. It is becoming a maintenance issue as it tends to not work properly and it takes several employees to open and close it. After contacting a vendor that specializes in stage curtains, there were some safety issues found that need to be addressed involving the hardware used to hang the curtains that are already in the Auditorium as well. Dr. Jancek obtained quotes from Gregg Baumann, LLC from Racine, WI to remove and demolish the wooden sliding door and replace it with sound dampening curtains, as well as repair/replace the hardware to the other curtains. Jancek was told by Baumann that the amount of the quote to accomplish this would be under \$25,000 for Packages #1 through #4.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Gantzert, to approve packages #1 through #4 of the bid for Auditorium updates and repairs, not to exceed \$24,999. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek held the first reading of proposed Board policy updates. These will be brought back to the Board at the October meeting, where he will be asking for approval.

Dr. Jancek requested that the Board look at increasing the hourly wage of employees Brandon Brant and Cathy Ferguson. Brant has been instrumental in the transition of employees in the Tech Department and has critical knowledge of the technology in both school districts. Ferguson has been assigned more duties with upcoming state reporting and Dr. Jancek felt that she was deserving of a salary increase to go with this increased responsibility. He is requesting an hourly rate of \$12.36 for Brant and an hourly rate of \$13.75 for Ferguson.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Myzia, to approve the salary increases for Brandon Brant and Cathy Ferguson as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek requested that the Board offer a reimbursement of \$300 towards the banquet expenses for Lindsey Jensen and her family for the Those Who Excel dinner. Each dinner, including for the finalist, costs \$50 and this would allow Jensen, her husband and their parents to attend the banquet free of charge. She is a finalist for Teacher of the Year and the Board voiced their support of Jensen.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Gantzert, to approve a \$300 reimbursement to Teacher of the Year finalist Lindsey Jensen for the Those Who Excel banquet, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were received from Jackie Froelich regarding packages 5 & 6 of the bid for new Auditorium curtains. Dr. Jancek replied that we are not doing those parts of the project.

Board member Paul Warner had emailed questions regarding the absence of a letter of resignation from Varsity Wrestling Coach Ryan King, who will be relocating down south later this month, and a posting for a new Varsity coach. Dr. Jancek noted that he has not yet received a letter of resignation from Mr. King as of yet, but will have the AD look into this. The position will be posted as soon as possible. Warner also asked about the open Baseball coaching positions. Dr. Jancek stated that Mr. Pittenger is in contact with someone interested in the position but is still investigating background and references. Warner also asked about the bus drivers' approval of their Teamsters contract. Dr. Jancek replied that they voted last month and it was approved.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Henson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 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