

**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 November 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Brian Perschnick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Brian Perschnick; Kim Rodosky; Tim Henson; Jenn Myzia; Kevin Berta; Paul Warner; Betty Gantzert

ABSENT: None

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

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Kaiser and several of the members of the Friends of Rachel club were in attendance to report on the progress of this new organization that was created as a branch off of the Rachel's Challenge presentation that was held in October.

Jodi Minnaert and some of her FFA members were in attendance to report on their recent trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis.

State Representative Tom Bennett was in attendance to present an Illinois General Assembly Certificate of Recognition to 2018 Teacher of the Year Lindsey Jensen.

Included in the packet were thank you notes from the Drama Department thanking the Board for their support for the fall play and from Lindsey Jensen thanking the Board for their support after being chosen the 2018 Illinois Teacher of the Year at the ISBE Those Who Excel banquet on October 28th.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Kaiser reported that our Veterans Day ceremony was very well received and he thanked his speaker, Major Lindsay Leskanich, for attending.

Dr. Jancek reported that through the interview process the Board at LCSSU has offered the position of Director to Josh Olson. Olson is currently an Assistant Superintendent at Olympia schools and will begin his duties on July 1, 2018. Current Director Dawn Conway is retiring on June 30th.

Dr. Jancek reminded the Board members that the December meeting will be held one week earlier than usual, December 13th, at 7:00 p.m. to avoid conflict with Christmas break. The meeting will be held after the GS monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the HS Board room as usual.

Dr. Jancek noted that due to the Maintenance Department still being short-handed, the monthly report will not return until December. He also informed the Board that he has received several applications for the open Maintenance positions and we will be acting on those applications shortly.

Dr. Jancek reported that we have had an issue with the gym floor sealer coming up. It has worn through to the bare wood in some spots. AD Andy Pittenger contacted a flooring expert who came and put down a 1-day sealer on the floor. Pittenger will continue to work with this expert on a long-term solution for this issue.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that the Boys Basketball team will be playing a game against the Woodland Warriors at the United Center in Chicago in January. The district recently purchased the tickets for that game that will be re-sold to members of our community who wish to attend that game as well as the Bulls game later on that day. The cost of the tickets was over \$34,000. Woodland has already sent a check for their portion of the ticket cost and once all of the tickets are sold, that cost will be recouped. Until that time, the Boys Basketball supply budget line will show a negative.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$38,057.62 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2017-18 school year, as well as \$47,028.17 for the 2016-17 school year. Dr. Jancek informed the Board that there is a new Senate bill being proposed, SB 851, that proposed a freeze on property taxes. This freeze does not involve the tax rate, but the dollars in the extension. This is being proposed for Cook and the collar counties and if there is support for this in these counties, it will eventually filter south.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Affirm Board Treasurer's Bond, Nixon Insurance, \$2,214
- 4) Approve Wrestling Overnight Trip, Argenta-Oreana, December 29, 2017
- 5) Accept Resignation, Andrew Pittenger, Head Varsity Football Coach
- 6) Accept Resignation, Todd Severns, .5 Boys Basketball Coach
- 7) Accept Resignation, Coreen Perschnick, Head Varsity Volleyball Coach
- 8) Affirm Employment, Dale Ralston, .5 Boys Basketball Coach
- 9) Employ Custodian, TBA (no candidate at this time)
- 10) Approve Volunteers: Josh DeLong, Gary Baum, Dan Edwards, Paul Warner, Tim Brown and Chris Norton—Wrestling Coaches

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

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that a request was made by Board member Betty Gantzert to look at increasing staff appreciation activities. It was suggested that the Board go back to holding a Christmas breakfast for the staff. Mr. Kaiser will discuss this with his committee and get back to Dr. Jancek on their ideas.

Dr. Jancek distributed information from some of the ancillary organizations that raise money and help to support the schools. Board Vice-President Myzia suggested inviting each organization to a meeting to report on their goals and progress for the current year.

Dr. Jancek addressed the idea of forming an exploratory committee to look into the possibility of building a recreational center that would allow for more gym space for our sports teams, but also possibly an extension of other recreational facilities that would benefit the whole community. Tim Henson and Kim Rodosky volunteered for this committee. Dr. Jancek reviewed the proposed tax levy figures that show how the district can afford to pay for a building bond of approximately \$10 million within 20 years without raising the tax rate. He also indicated that the committee would be apprised of local community and business leaders that would have a stake in the proposed rec center.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Warner, to approve the creation of an Exploratory Committee on the possibility of building a Rec Center. Roll call. Berta voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Perschnick, seconded by Gantzert, to appoint Tim Henson, Kim Rodosky and Dr. Jancek as Exploratory Committee members. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented a proposal for resurfacing of the track from Midwest Track Builders in the amount of \$54,997. He stated that there is currently \$54,000 available in the Track Maintenance Activity fund to be used for this project. The remaining balance would be paid from the O&M fund. The track hasn't been resurfaced since 2009 and it is recommended to be done every 8 years.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Warner, to approve the bid for resurfacing the track by Midwest Track Builders as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek made his presentation on the 2017 tax levy, which will be the 2018-19 extension. He informed the Board that if it holds up, the projected EAV increase is slightly over \$6 million dollars. This increase in EAV allows the Board to abate approximately 5% off of the rate and still receive more money. The proposed levy rate is 2.9501, which represents an increase of \$109,357 (or 2.91%) over the 2016 levy. The proposed levy will be on display until the December Board meeting where Dr. Jancek will be asking for final approval.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Henson, to go into Executive Session at 7:54 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 Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Rodosky, to exit Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Myzia, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Brian Perschnick, President, District #230