

**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 December 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Board President Brian Perschnick called the meeting to order at 7:00 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Jancek informed the Board of a letter of recognition from the Illinois Reading Council thanking Teachers Erik Borne and Lindsey Jensen for their presentation at a recent conference.

The names of the students selected as Illinois State Scholars were read:

- 1) Konnor Dyer
- 2) Jillian Frauli
- 3) Abigail Houch
- 4) Mason Imhoff
- 5) Daniel Muller
- 6) Nikhil Patel
- 7) Hayley Schlabowske
- 8) Scott Schultz
- 9) Logan Widman
- 10) Morgan Zabel

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Kaiser's report stands as read. Dr. Jancek distributed information on how exemptions for HS finals were approved for each student.

Dr. Jancek thanked Jack Connor for his oversight and extra work in helping to fill in during medical leaves at both districts. Dr. Jancek also thanked Chuck Trainor for his donation of time, services and

supplies to improve our Softball and Baseball fields. Trainor also purchased a microwave and refrigerator for the Softball dugout. All of his work and donations at both fields is very appreciated by both schools.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$38,104.01 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2017-18 school year and \$47,028.17 for the 2016-17 school year.

EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that today was the first meeting of the Exploratory Committee investigating the possibility of building a fieldhouse/community rec center. Members of this committee are as follows:

Dr. Jancek
Tim Henson
Kim Rodosky
Justin Eggenberger
Deb Karch
Bill Flott
Ryan Hansen
Chuck Trainor

Today they met to discuss their vision and goals for this project. Their goal is to build a center that can be used by both the schools and community members that will promote lifelong health and wellness, generate revenue for the community, allow extra practice facilities for our sports teams and not increase the tax rate to the districts' taxpayers. The next meeting will be January 10, 2018.

Along with a need for increased practice facility space, Board member Tim Henson began a list of capital improvement projects that the district may need to address in the upcoming years. It was discussed that we need to upgrade both locker rooms and the restrooms in the gym. Dr. Jancek will begin exploring ideas for this and return to the Board with a plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Approve FMLA Request, Tony Noonan
- 4) Accept Resignation, Jeff Froelich, Assistant Football Coach
- 5) Accept Resignation, Erin Gaston, Assistant Softball Coach
- 6) Approve Volunteer, Paul Warner, Head Varsity Baseball Coach
- 7) Approve Employment, Joe Micetich, Assistant Baseball Coach
- 8) Affirm Employment, Cynthia Kromka, Substitute Custodian
- 9) Affirm Employment, Laure DeFrees, Substitute Bus Driver
- 10) Affirm Employment, Deb Erschen, Substitute Bus Driver

Due to a conflict with voting, Item #6 of the Consent Agenda will be voted on separately.

Moved by Myzia, seconded by Rodosky, to approve Consent Agenda Item #6 as presented. Roll call. Warner abstained. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Henson, to approve Items #1-5 & 7-10 of the Consent Agenda, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Much discussion was held regarding the proposed tax levy rate and extension due to healthy fund balances across the board in HS finances. Board members Perschnick and Berta were in favor of dropping the levy rate down drastically while other Board members felt that it would be detrimental to drop the rate extensively. After discussion, they got to a middle ground between \$2.75 and \$2.82. A consensus on \$2.80 meant that the extension would bring in \$3,671,841 or a decrease of \$87,339 (or -2.32%) on the rate from the 2016 levy.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Henson, to approve a levy rate of \$2.80. Roll call. Berta and Perschnick voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the 2017 Tax Levy Rate of \$2.80 and Extension of \$3,671,841, as presented. Roll call. Perschnick voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the proposed choices for employee insurance for 2018, as submitted by the Insurance Committee:

Medical Insurance: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois
Dental Insurance: Humana
Vision Insurance: Humana
Life Insurance: Dearborn National

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Berta, to approve Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois as our employee medical insurance provider for 2018, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Henson, to approve Humana as our employee dental and vision insurance provider for 2018, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Berta, to approve Dearborn National as our employee life insurance provider for 2018, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for 2017 for approval.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for 2017 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

It is an annual necessity that the Board abate the taxes levied for that year to pay debt service on our Alternate Revenue Bonds. Dr. Jancek presented the resolution to abate these taxes which will be paid from the O&M fund reserves.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Henson, to consider and act on a Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012, of the District, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Berta, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Brian Perschnick, President, District #230