

**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 January 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Brian Perschnick called the meeting to order at 5:59p.m.

**PRESENT: Brian Perschnick; Kathy Perry; Kim Rodosky; Paul Warner; Kevin Berta; Tim Henson (6:01); Jen Myzia (6:03)**

**ABSENT: None**

**Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Jill Haacke, Acting Secretary; Dan Kaiser, Principal**

**NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS OR RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Kaiser presented 14 Illinois State Scholars, 8 of which were in attendance at the meeting. He noted that the amount of scholars that we have, compared to surrounding schools, is outstanding. He and Brian Perschnick praised the students for their hard work and the staff for their dedication.

Dr. Jancek noted a Tax Protest that was received in the District Office for the BP gas station that was received in the District Office. He attended a meeting regarding this protest and heard that the owners wanted to lower the EAV due to their purchase price of the station.

Dr. Jancek informed the board that there is a possibility that 2 or 3 turbines of a new LaSalle County Wind Farm will fall within the High School district's boundaries.

**REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Gund notified the board that there is one student that is being sent to participate in the Future Music Education Seminar. Mr. Kaiser pointed out that Lucy Rieke is the first on record at DTHS to attend this program. Mr. Gund is going to save money and stay off campus and Lucy will be chaperoned by her mother. The board will cover the cost for the room for Lucy and Molly Turner.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Rodosky, to pull out #5 of the Consent Agenda (Approve Overnight Trip, IMEA Seminar, January 27-29, 2017, Peoria, IL, Justin Gund and Student) and approve as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Kathy Patten and the FCCLA Students presented a budget for state conference. Twenty six students are eligible to attend the conference; they are hoping fifteen to twenty attend. Six students are competing in Star Events at the State FCCLA Conference.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Myzia, to pull out # 6 of the Consent Agenda (Approve Overnight Trip, FCCLA State Conference, April 5-7, 2017, Springfield, IL, Kathy Patten and FCCLA Students) and approve as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The English Department, Erik Borne and Lindsey Jensen, presented to the board their experience at the Illinois Reading Conference. They both enjoyed the event, and took many ideas back with them to help revamp the English curriculum at the High School and to get students to like reading and writing. They will both be presenters next year at the conference.

Mr. Kaiser reported on how the new evaluation system is working with the teachers. They have a committee that determines where the teachers should be and how to make sure the students are growing within the class. This requires the teachers to set goals for themselves and students to measure their successes.

Mr. Kaiser also presented the ACT prep classes that will be taught by Mrs. Zabel, Mrs. Jensen, Mr. Borne and Mr. Schultz, each taking one class. The class will cost \$30, with an additional \$15 for the prep book. If a student attends all four classes they will be given their \$30 registration money back.

Rodosky inquired about how we are testing between the ACT and SAT. SAT's are required by the State of Illinois for any student who is graduating from High School. The SAT is free for students, but the ACT does cost to take the test. SAT prep is offered online and the student can work with Mrs. Froelich for additional assistance.

Dr. Jancek has amended the school calendar to show May 30<sup>th</sup> as the last day of school, due to the use of an emergency day on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

The County Clerk's office informed Dr. Jancek of one open board seat at the High School and two open board seats at the Grade school. Write-in candidates have until February 3<sup>rd</sup> to go to the Clerk's office to fill out paperwork. The open seats will be 2-year unexpired terms.

Dr. Jancek has been working to update the scholarship applications. The Steiniche Scholarship Annuity is running low on funds. Dr. Jancek recommends going forward only awarding up to 4 scholarships to graduating seniors, totaling no more than \$2,000.00 per year. This would be a change from the current process of allowing Steiniche winners to apply for a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year competitive scholarship as well. This new process would begin with the Class of 2017. Also, within three years, the Terwillegar Scholarship checking account will be running low and the board will need to make a decision on how to continue to fund the scholarship. There is a Terwillegar CD in the amount of \$50,000.00 held at First National Bank of Dwight.

Dr. Jancek informed the board that Tony Noonan has been out recovering from surgery and Jack Connor has stepped up to assist at the GS as well as at the HS with maintenance.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$107,400.74 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2016-17 school year. However, they still owe the district \$11,513.43 for the 2015-16 school year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Approve FMLA Request, Devi Pappas
- 4) Approve Long Term Substitute Brandi Peters, Kathy Patten's FMLA
- 5) Approve Overnight Trip, IMEA Seminar, January 27-29, 2017, Peoria, IL, Justin Gund & Student
- 6) Approve Overnight Trip, FCCLA State Conference, April 5-7, 2017, Springfield, IL, Kathy Patten & Students
- 7) Approve Employment Reduction 1.0 To .5, Deb Erschen, Second Shift Custodian
- 8) Approve Employment Increase .5 To 1.0, Terry Sarff, Second Shift Custodian
- 9) Approve Stipend Increase .5 To 1.0, Matt Norton, Assistant Wrestling Coach
- 10) Approve Employment, Erin Gaston, Assistant Softball Coach (Step 1)
- 11) Approve Resignation, Elizabeth Danielson, Substitute Bus Driver
- 12) Approve Dismissal Of Employment, Donna Muzzarelli, Substitute Bus Driver

Dr. Jancek elaborated on the shift change between Deb Erschen and Terry Sarff. He also explained that Donna Muzzarelli never came in to finish paperwork and that has provoked the action of dismissal.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Berta, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1-4 and 7-12 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek made the presentation of the Second Reading of the IASB Press Plus Board Policy Updates; Collective Bargaining and Sections 2-8.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Myzia, to approve the IASB Press Plus Board Policy Updates; Collective Bargaining and Sections 2-8, as proposed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kaiser presented the old English curriculum. The new curriculum has been presented to the advisory board and approved. The current 7 courses will be combined to English 3 and English 4 and some will be put into the current English 1 and English 2. Mr. Borne and Mrs. Jensen continued the presentation and focused on the cohesiveness of the English Department moving forward with the new structure.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Berta, to approve the English Department Programming changes, as proposed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Track Coach Larry Lane has asked for an assistant coach to help with the special education students. Mr. Kemp and Coach Lane also approached Dr. Jancek to rearrange the coaching structure for track. Maleah White will most likely be the head coach for the girls, Coach Lane will be the head coach for the boys and Melissa Funk will be the assistant for both coaches. They will also have one volunteer coach. He is asking for support so the DEA can make a friendly amendment to the contract on the coaching structure.

Dr. Jancek was approached by Jodi Minnaert about the Ag shed containing mold. The shed was funded by a grant but was not built to correctly vent any moisture. They are looking to demolish this shed and extend the current storage sheds to include 2 more bays to be used by the Ag/Horticulture classes. Quotes

have been obtained from Opperman, but more quotes will be acquired. The rough estimation is \$35,000 in total for the project.

Rodosky and Perry inquired on the funding for the Ag shed. Dr. Jancek advised that fund 60 will be used for this project and phase 2 of the baseball fields (new dugouts).

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Warner, to approve the demolishing of the Ag Shed and the construction of a replacement as proposed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented a rebate from John Deere for purchasing a new mower for the High School at a cost of \$16,500.00. We will keep the current mower and during the busy season use both mowers to keep up. Money to purchase the new mower will come out of the O&M fund.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Berta, to approve purchase of a new lawn mower at a cost of \$16,500.00, as proposed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the 2016-17 Seniority List for approval.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Berta, to approve the 2016-17 Seniority List, as proposed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Midge Fogarty made a comment on the purchase of the new mower and building of the new Ag Shed.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Rodosky, to go into Executive Session at 7:58 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; and, to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; According to Section 2, subsection c, #2 of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Berta, to exit Executive Session at 8:30p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Berta, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Jill Haacke, Acting Secretary, District #230

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Brian Perschnick, President, District #230