

**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 June 21, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board member Betty Gantzert asked Dr. Jancek if he had any more information on the property assessment issue that had been previously addressed by Mike Carpenter. Dr. Jancek reported that he had been trying to get a meeting with the new county assessor but one has not yet been scheduled. He will keep the Board apprised of developments as they come.

Jenn Myzia informed the Board that she has been elected as Corn Belt Division Resolutions Chairwoman for 2017-18.

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

A letter of thanks was received from Carol Pfeifer for the party and gift she received at her retirement.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Kaiser informed the Board that one student had dropped from Summer School.

Dr. Jancek reported that he has submitted an application for a REAP grant from the federal government. He has figured that the HS would qualify for between \$30,000-\$33,000 in grant funding. If received, the HS could receive this grant for each of the next 5 years. It would be used to upgrade our technology equipment for students.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that during a recent storm our phones and intercom system were knocked out. It was found to be a damaged server, and after this happened it was found that our backup server is over 8 years old and also needs to be upgraded or replaced. Since we are currently upgrading our servers with our new contract with Quality Network Solutions, these servers can be upgraded and incorporated into the new system. Dr. Jancek has been in contact with our insurance company regarding this issue and once we have all of our costs figured out we will submit a claim for coverage.

Dr. Jancek reported that work on both the Baseball Dugouts and the Maintenance Shed is continuing and with Tony Noonan returning to work on June 26th, Jack Connor should be more available to complete these projects on time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$129,784.22 in late mandated categorical payments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Accept Resignation, Ryan Kemp, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
- 4) Employ Sarah King, Special Education Paraprofessional (\$10.50/hr)
- 5) Approve Volunteer, Brandon Thompson, Boys Basketball Coach
- 6) Approve Luke Standiford and Cassandra Nugent, Freshman Class Sponsors
- 7) Approve Cassandra Nugent and Christine Stephens, Assistant Volleyball Coaches (.5 each)
- 8) Accept Resignation, Justin Stevenson, Business Teacher
- 9) Authorize Payment of Fiscal 2017 Bills
- 10) Authorize Payment of July 2017 Bills
- 11) Authorize Inter-Fund Transfers
- 12) Authorize Employment of New Faculty & Staff Members (2017-18)

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

Moved by Henson, seconded by Myzia, to go into Executive Session at 6:14 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 Student discipline; According to Section 2, subsection c, #9 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Berta, to exit Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A transfer of Working Cash funds was needed to close out the Debt Services fund to a zero balance for the end of the 2016-17 school year. We have completed payment of our General Obligation Bonds for the Cafeteria/Roof Projects and with taxes not being received at 100% of what was requested through our levy, there was a deficit in the fund of \$2,641.45.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Berta, to approve the transfer of \$2,641.45 from Working Cash to the Debt Services Fund, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kaiser recommended Andrew Pittenger for the open Assistant Principal/AD position. Mr. Pittenger has been a P.E./Driver's Ed/Health Teacher in the district since 2008. He would be offered a 3-year

contract, 220 days per year, at \$72,000 salary (year #1), single employee insurance allowance of \$605/month, Board-paid TRS and a 3% salary increase is incorporated for years #2 and #3. He also will be Head Football Coach for the 2017-18 year.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Warner, to approve and employ Andrew Pittenger as Assistant Principal/AD for the 2017-18 school year, as presented. Roll call. Rodosky voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek recommended Eric Long for the open Technology Specialist position at the HS. Mr. Long has been a Math/Business/Technology Teacher in the district since 2012. He would be offered a 3-year contract, 261 days per year, at \$82,000 salary for all 3 years of the contract, single employee insurance allowance of \$605/month, Board-paid TRS and 20 vacation days. Mr. Long would also be Varsity Boys Basketball Coach; however, the Board would reserve the right to make decisions annually on outside salary opportunities such as coaching.

Moved by Myzia, seconded by Warner, to approve Eric Long as the HS Technology Specialist for the 2017-18 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kaiser recommended Kathy Wiemken for the open Business Teacher position for the 2017-18 school year. Mrs. Wiemken has served both districts in Technology and as a GS Technology Teacher since 2013. She would be placed at MS+0, Step 11 on the salary schedule.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Rodosky, to approve Kathy Wiemken as the Business Teacher for the 2017-18 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kaiser recommended Steve Turner for the open Math Teacher position for the 2017-18 school year. He would be placed at MS+32, Step 6 on the salary schedule. As part of his duties, Turner will teach Dual-Credit Calculus.

Moved by Myzia, seconded by Henson, to approve Steve Turner as a Math Teacher for the 2017-18 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dues for the Illinois Association of School Boards for 2017-18 are in the amount of \$2,336.00.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Henson, to approve IASB Dues of \$2,336.00 for the 2017-18 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented a proposal to approve physical therapy services for students from Results PT for the 2017-18 school year.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Henson, to approve Results PT to perform physical therapy services for our students for the 2017-18 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that he has signed a new 3-year contract for natural gas services with CenterPoint Energy for the 2017-18 through 2019-20 school years. This contract was set to begin on July 1, 2017 and will result in a charge of \$0.3575/therm.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Myzia, to affirm the contract for natural gas services with CenterPoint Energy as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the proposal for property/casualty insurance renewal from Prairie State Insurance Company (PSIC) for the 2017-18 school year. The cost for our property/casualty insurance, including Workman's Compensation, will be \$61,958.00 which is a decrease of 12.20% or \$8,607.00.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Warner, to approve the PSIC insurance renewal for 2017-18 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that new rules require all districts that want to receive Title I funds to submit a Title I Plan to ISBE prior to receiving any federal money.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Gantzert, to approve the district's Title I Plan for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek requested a new 5-year employment contract that would begin in the 2017-18 school year so that this would be his final contract prior to retirement. He is currently ending year #1 of a 5-year contract. This new contract would extend his contract by one year, taking him into retirement at the end of the 2021-22 school year. The current contract included an annual salary increase of 3% and that was also requested for the new contract. Other components of the contract are: Board-paid TRS; Employee plus dependent insurance at the \$2,500 deductible option; and 20 vacation days on a 261-day contract, all prorated at a 60/40 split with the GS.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Myzia, to approve a new 5-year employment contract for Dr. Jancek as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Henson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Brian Perschnick, President, District #230