

**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 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT: Brian Perschnick; Kim Rodosky; Kathy Perry; Tim Henson; Jenn Myzia; Paul Warner

ABSENT: Kevin Berta

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Perry, seconded by Rodosky, to open a Public Hearing on the 2016-17 Budget. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek reviewed the proposed 2016-17 Budget with the Board. He noted that there would be an overall deficit of \$173,141. However, all funds remain healthy and should be positive at the end of the fiscal year. There were no comments received by the Public or from Board members.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Warner, to close the Public Hearing on the 2016-17 Budget. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Jodi Minnaert, FFA Advisor, and several FFA members were in attendance to request permission to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN from October 18th through 21st. The group informed the Board that they will be taking 18 students by charter bus. The approximate personal cost for each student will be \$100 plus some meals and spending money. Since they are traveling with Riverdale HS FFA, and they have a male chaperone, he and Mrs. Minnaert will be their chaperones for the trip.

Stephanie Flott and Amy DeMarse, current Junior Class Sponsors, were in attendance to ask the Board's support in beginning a bi-annual trip to Europe (Rome and Greece). This trip would be scheduled for summer of 2018. The trip would be taken through Explorica and would last 13 days. They would be taking interested students who are currently Sophomores and Juniors. The cost for a student would be \$3,934. However, if the student signs up prior to October 31st, there would be a \$200 discount. Adults would be allowed to go at a higher cost. The cost of the trip includes travel, transfers, lodging, and all meals and tips, with the exception of lunches (so the students will experience the local cuisine). Board members were supportive of this trip.

Mr. Kaiser reported that Homecoming Decoration Night has been changed to 7:00-9:00 p.m. to accommodate the Volleyball Team and Cheerleading Squad.

Dr. Jancek reported that he will attend the IASA Conference in Springfield from 9/27 through 9/30.

Dr. Jancek announced that the district's auditors, WIPFLI, Inc., will be here to review the Annual Financial Report for 2015-16 on October 19th. There will be a Special GS Board Meeting at 5:30 to review their audits, followed by the regular HS Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that the Maintenance staff has had reports of a foul-smelling substance bubbling up in the tiles in some of the classrooms. They attempted to clean this but it looked worse after they did. Tony Noonan will be investigating if this is a problem with our cleaning chemicals or a problem with the tiles to find a solution to this issue.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$1,595.14 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2016-17 school year. However, they still owe \$56,735.66 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 Student Trip—FFA National Convention—Indianapolis, IN—October 18th – 21st
- 4) Approve Patricia Farrell-Levange, Scholastic Bowl Advisor
- 5) Affirm Employment, Jill Haacke, District Office Administrative Assistant
- 6) Affirm Employment, Carlene Winkler, Special Education Classroom Aide
- 7) Approve Volunteer, Jordyn Tilley, Cheerleading
- 8) Approve Volunteer, Jordan Partney, Cheerleading
- 9) Approve Volunteer, Molly Snyder, Cheerleading
- 10) Repayment of \$2,000 Loan, Bond & Interest to Working Cash Fund

Board President Perschnick requested pulling item #5 out of the Consent Agenda for a vote.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Henson, to affirm the employment of Jill Haacke as a District Office Administrative Assistant (\$12.99/hour on 198-day contract for 2016-17). Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Myzia, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended (with the exception of item #5). Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the final draft of the 2016-17 Budget for approval.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Warner, to approve the proposed 2016-17 Budget as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek updated the Board on the progress of the Summer Projects:

Softball Dugouts—should be complete within the next 2 weeks. Jack Connor is working on the soffit and fascia and the landscapers are working to smooth out the left field area as well as around home plate.

Parking Lot—the narrow lines were ground out and re-lined and the lot now works much better. Also, they are having some issues with the timing of the parking lot lights. They will continue to work on this to try to get the timing adjusted correctly.

FFA Plot Drainage—Dr. Jancek has met with Jodi Minnaert and several of the FFA Alumni to come up with a drainage plan. After the harvest, eight 5-6” tile will be placed to help with the drainage of the plot. At the same time, they will also lay 2 extra tiles--one under Trojan Drive that eventually will connect to help the drainage of the Softball Field as well as another that will allow drainage of the Football practice field. He noted that there will be a need to make a decision on how to cross Trojan Drive since there is a large Commonwealth Edison transformer cable and the Fiber Optic lines along Trojan Drive to worry about.

Dr. Jancek presented the second reading of Board Policy Updates for final approval.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Myzia, to approve the Board Policy Updates as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented revised salary agreements for Tony Noonan and Debbie Conroy. Noonan’s agreement will be amended to add vacation days to a total of 20 per year. Conroy’s will be amended to raise the salary to \$25.72/hour and increase work days to a total of 261. Her vacation days would also increase to 20 per year.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Perry, to approve the revised salary agreement for 2016-17 for Tony Noonan, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the revised salary agreement for 2016-17 for Debbie Conroy, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek distributed a list of Board goals discussed at a Board retreat earlier this summer. Along with these goals was a list of Long Range Capital Projects. These were discussed by the Board and Dr. Jancek asked Board members to prioritize these projects, or amend them as needed.

Dr. Jancek presented the ISBE Application for Recognition of Public Schools for 2016-17 for approval.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Myzia, to approve the Application for Recognition of Public Schools for 2016-17, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for School Year 2015-16 for approval.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Warner, to approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for 2015-16, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented a Corporate Authorization Resolution for First National Bank of Dwight which will allow new D. O. Admin. Asst. Jill Haacke to do business for the school with their bank. This will also remove Linda Dawson's authorization to do school business at FNBD.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Myzia, to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution for First National Bank of Dwight, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented a contract for fuel with Evergreen FS Inc., for diesel at \$1.73/gallon, base price and for octane at \$1.58/gallon, base price. This contract will be good through February of 2017.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the contract for fuel with Evergreen FS, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were received by Jackie Froelich regarding the Board Goals and Capital Projects list; the revised salary agreements of Tony Noonan and Debbie Conroy; and the Financial Aid Night held earlier this month at the school.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Perry, to go into Executive Session at 7:14 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. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Myzia, seconded by Rodosky, to exit Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Perry, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Brian Perschnick, President, District #230