

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DWIGHT COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT #232**

**Held in the Dwight Common School District Library
On January 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Marc Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Marc Ellis; Bo Partney; Nick Stipanovich (6:09 p.m.); Kim Frauli (6:01 p.m.); Michael Cornale; Eugene Mortensen; Joel Funk (6:03 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance: Deb Conroy, Secretary; Ben Bailey, Principal; Brandon Owens, Asst. Principal/AD

PUBLIC COMMENT

A parent expressed a concern regarding whether 6th grade girls would be allowed to play up on an 8th grade volleyball team. Mr. Owens responded that players are only brought up to play when they need to fill a roster. This has happened in the past with 7th grade players being brought up to play on the 8th grade team, but never for 6th to 8th. This should be based only on the number of players on the team and not the level of skill of the player(s).

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

A letter was included in the packet from Mike Vigna and Dan Bossert with a summary of the School Farmland Income for 2017, which was \$600 for the GS portion.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Owens updated the Board on Boys Basketball and the IVC Tournament. He also informed the Board that he is having difficulties getting athletic event workers and noted that we would need to address this situation at some point in the near future.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board that we will submit our Pre-K for All grant to Springfield tomorrow morning. The amount of the grant that we will request is \$330,583 for the 2018-19 school year. Mr. Bailey indicated that it would be approximately 90 days before we would hear if we will receive the grant or not.

Mr. Bailey relayed that interviews will be held for the 2nd Grade maternity leave on Friday. The Board would need to affirm any hire made at the February meeting as the leave will begin in February.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Board President Ellis reported that the state currently owes \$148,493.34 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2017-18 school year. The state has now caught up the 2016-17 school year in full.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Owens reported that he had been contacted by ISU regarding the status of the mascot copyright infringement situation. They wanted to know what the district's plan is regarding this issue. The Board directed the Administration to look for a non-contractual option for a logo if possible. They would like to have something either created or purchased where there would be no strings attached.

NEW BUSINESS

The first reading of Board policy PRESS updates was held. These will be brought back for a final reading and for approval at the February meeting.

Dr. Jancek has requested to increase the housing limit for attendance at conferences or workshops from \$250 to \$300 due to an issue with taxes and fees on a hotel room exceeding the \$250 limit. This is the first reading of this request. A second reading will be held at the February meeting where he will ask for final approval.

Moved by Frauli, seconded by Funk, to go into Executive Session at 6:27p.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 Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Partney, seconded by Cornale, to exit Executive Session at 6:33p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Frauli, seconded by Partney, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye.
Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #232

Marc Ellis, President, District #232