

**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 February 14, 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; Michael Cornale; Eugene Mortensen

ABSENT: Kim Frauli; Joel Funk

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Ben Bailey, Principal

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Owens' report stands as read.

Mr. Bailey congratulated both Boys Basketball teams for Regional Championship wins and the 7th Grade team for their Sectional championship and Elite 8 State appearance.

Mr. Bailey gave a brief overview of a new ISU & ROE #17 Research Grant, which our school will be participating in.

Mr. Bailey thanked Detective Gary Beier, Chief Tim Henson and Officer Chad Graegert for their help with ALICE training earlier this afternoon.

Dr. Jancek noted that we have updated the 2017-18 Parent Calendar to reflect the current final date of May 31, 2018.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that while architect firm BLDD is at the HS looking at several possible projects, he will have them come to the GS and look at the restrooms to make sure they are ADA compliant. If we need to renovate, it would most likely be done in the summer of 2019.

Dr. Jancek reported that on Feb. 5th, we began using a Point of Sale system in the GS cafeteria and it seems to be working well to date and has been well received so far by parents.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state currently owes \$128,592.28 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2017-18 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Affirm Alycia Ferrari, Substitute Teacher and Classroom Aide
- 4) Affirm Jack Connor, Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds
- 5) Affirm Robyn Houston, Long-Term Teacher Substitute (Mrs. Severson)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that the Administrators have contacted a company that would create, compare and copyright a new logo for us for \$575.00. This would be the final cost for this logo. After another survey was held, the staff and students chose remaining with the ISU logo, which would cost the district \$259 for the next 10 years.

Moved by Stipanovich, seconded by Partney, to approve keeping the ISU Redbird logo and paying the \$259 copyright fee over the next 10 years, as presented. Roll call. Cornale voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek held the 2nd and final reading of PRESS Plus Board Policy updates.

Moved by Cornale, seconded by Mortensen, to approve the PRESS Plus Board Policy updates, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek held the 2nd and final reading of an amendment to Board Policy 5:60 Travel Expenses, which would increase the limit on the cost of housing from \$250/night to \$300/night. This allows for extra fees and taxes which have put employees over budget on this item in the past.

Moved by Mortensen, seconded by Stipanovich, to approve the amendment to Board Policy 5:60, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek asked the Board members their opinion on the date of Graduation. After much discussion, it was felt that for the 17-18 school year it would be too disruptive to change the traditional schedule at this late date. However, in the future, discussion will be held to change the tradition to have the 8th Grade students not miss extra time at the end of each school year as is current practice. Dr. Jancek noted that 8th Grade promotion will be decided at a later date for the 2018-19 calendar.

Moved by Partney, seconded by Mortensen, to approve keeping 8th Grade Graduation on Thursday, May 24, 2018, as presented. Roll call. Stipanovich voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that due to conflicts with the HS schedule and the Pontiac schedules, the proposed 2018-19 calendar has been amended by the Administration to more closely reflect the Pontiac schedules (for continuity with LACC and LCSSU) and to avoid a conflict with a speaker that has been scheduled for the HS staff in August.

Moved by Partney, seconded by Cornale, to approve the 2018-19 Calendar as amended. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mortensen, seconded by Partney, to go into Executive Session at 6:56 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 Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Cornale, seconded by Partney, to exit Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Partney, seconded by Stipanovich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #232

Marc Ellis, President, District #232