

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

**Held in the Dwight Grade School Rooms 17-18W
On October 11, 2017 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; Joel Funk; Michael Cornale (6:04 p.m.); Eugene Mortensen

ABSENT: Kim Frauli

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

Matt Schueler, partner with WIPFLI, Inc, was in attendance to do a final report on our Annual Financial Report for 2016-17. The GS attained a 3.65 out of a possible 4.0, which is Recognition status and the highest potential rating.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were received from Kim Heath & Julie Schultz regarding keeping the 8th Grade graduation ceremony.

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Bailey recognized the Board Scholars from the 2016-17 school year:

6th grade (last year):

- Lola Furbee
- Ava Kargle
- Addison Harms

7th grade (last year):

- Alayna Airgood
- Emmett Emmons
- Rachel Heath
- Ella Kargle
- Daniel Petree
- Jordan Schultz

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Owens' report stands as read.

Mr. Bailey noted that new cabling has been installed for the new camera system. He does not have a firm date yet for the actual camera installation. It was noted that one camera has been moved into the gymnasium.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that the issue with the Pre-K bus pickup and drop off at a local home has been settled with an agreement reached with the owners of a duplex near that home. The bus may pull into the duplex's parking area to turn around as long as there are no activities near there during drop-off and pick-up.

Dr. Jancek updated the Board on maintenance issues. He noted that 2 new water fountains have been installed which were ordered prior to the water testing issue. These fountains have bottle-filler capability and are filtered. There is a leak with one of the fountains which will be addressed.

In the next 2-3 weeks, Lovell Excavating will be onsite to tie up several projects. They will pour concrete for the hallway floor where it was opened up for the sewer project; they will drill holes into the asphalt to place new signage; and they will have to dig up the sidewalk at the entrance of the back parking lot due to the new culvert not being level with the old culvert under the sidewalk. They will dig farther down and push that old culvert down farther to level out the 2 culverts.

Dr. Jancek notified the Board that the district will not be receiving a REAP grant this year. They stated that the district is ineligible to receive one due to our poverty level. Our Title I level of 43% (as recognized by ISBE) does not match the poverty level they state we are at, which was 15.4% which they say was based on census data. The REAP grant was going to be used to purchase laptops for the teachers this year.

Dr. Jancek announced that he has received the projected EAV from Livingston County for this year. It is projected at approximately \$85,300,000. Last year's EAV was approximately \$79,900,000.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state currently owes \$126,404.59 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2017-18 school year, in addition to \$116,899.16 for the 2016-17 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Approve FMLA Request, Erin Hablutzel (Projected December 13 through April 3, 2018)

- 4) Affirm Treasurer's Bond, \$1.5 Million, Cost \$1,541
- 5) Affirm Employment, Chelsey Stacy, Library Aide (\$12.45/hr)
- 6) Accept Resignation, Ryan King, Wrestling Coach
- 7) Affirm Employment, Substitute Aide, Kathy Shaw
- 8) Affirm Employment, Substitute Aide, Carol Pfeifer
- 9) Affirm Employment, Substitute Aide & Teacher, Aidan Connolly
- 10) Affirm Employment, Substitute Teacher, Kady Sassenger

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented his proposal for a new Building Use form for both districts. It is his hope that the new form helps to clarify district policies and expectations on the use of our facilities, as well as streamline the information for all involved when any individual or group requests the use of our buildings or equipment.

Moved by Partney, seconded by Mortensen, to approve the updated Facility Use form with modifications (for grammatical errors), as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek held the 2nd reading of proposed Board policy updates and asked for approval of all.

Moved by Funk, seconded by Cornale, to approve the Board policy updates, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek explained that Illinois State University has notified the district of a copyright infringement with the GS logo. Dr. Jancek has submitted several amended logos but they have declined each one. He noted that the Board has several options to choose from, including going with a completely different logo, keep amending the current logo until they agree that it is no longer 80% or more similar to the ISU logo, settle into a 10-year agreement with ISU to exclusively use their logo, or possibly switch the mascot to mirror the HS Trojan. Dr. Jancek will continue to look at solutions to this issue and will keep Board members apprised of the situation.

Dr. Jancek included a letter in the packet from Mike Vigna requesting to plant corn instead of soybeans in the GS plot next year. He also requested a continuance of the 5-year agreement to continue to farm the 8-acre plot. Consensus was to allow Vigna to continue to farm the plot until he retires and to allow him to plant corn in the plot next year. Dr. Jancek will bring back an official contract for this to the November Board meeting.

Dr. Jancek and Mr. Bailey discussed the district's options for continuing an 8th Grade graduation ceremony. Dr. Jancek recommended either leaving it as is or having a 2-year phase-in for any changes to

the program. This will be brought back to the Board in the spring when a date for graduation will be finalized.

Dr. Jancek requested that the Board look at increasing the hourly wage of Technology Assistant Brandon Brant. Brant has been instrumental in the transition of employees in the Tech Department and has critical knowledge of the technology in both school districts. Dr. Jancek felt that he was deserving of a salary increase to go with this increased responsibility and he is requesting an hourly rate of \$12.36 for Brant.

Moved by Funk, seconded by Stipanovich, to affirm increasing Brandon Brant's hourly rate to \$12.36/hr. as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek reviewed the recent water testing results with the Board. Ideal Environmental Engineering performed the tests and several faucets and one water fountain were found to have high levels of lead. Levels were tested both stagnant and after flushing and levels were reduced after the flushing. Dr. Jancek noted that the water was tested right after students returned to school which may have influenced the quality of the water that was tested. When we voluntarily tested the water last year, it was mid-year and all levels were under the acceptable level of 2 ppm. Tony Noonan, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, is removing the screens on the fixtures and once we are done with that, we will have these sources tested again to see if they come back at acceptable levels. Currently we have signage at all areas that tested high to not drink any of that water. If the new tests reveal acceptable levels, we will leave the screens off of our fixtures.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board about a possible out-of-district tuition waiver for a Pre-K student. He wanted to know if the Board would support a staff member receiving a tuition waiver so that they may enroll their student in Dwight schools. It has been past practice to allow staff members to enroll their student tuition-free. Although the current issue may not now happen, he would like to know what the Board would support if this issue came up again. Board consensus is that they would entertain the idea of allowing a tuition waiver for a staff member's child(ren) should they live out-of-district but further investigation and discussion would be necessary. Dr. Jancek would like to bring this issue back to the Board at a future meeting.

Moved by Funk, seconded by Partney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #232

Marc Ellis, President, District #232