

**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 November 8, 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; Kim Frauli (6:06 p.m.); Michael Cornale; Eugene Mortensen

ABSENT: Joel Funk

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Sharon Soto, Cafeteria Manager from Arbor Management Inc, submitted her proposal for the district's Annual Wellness Plan.

Mr. Owens informed the Board that he has a speaker on bullying coming in to talk to K-4 students tomorrow.

Mr. Bailey notified the Board that a practice crisis drill was held today and these will be routinely held on a monthly basis to keep the staff current on crisis procedures.

Mr. Bailey reported that 90% of parents attended Parent-Teacher conferences in October.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that over the past few weeks he has been involved in the interview process for a new director at LCSSU. Dawn Conway will be retiring at the end of the school year. The interview team has decided on a candidate and that name will be presented on Monday, Nov. 13th.

Under Maintenance, Dr. Jancek reported the following:

- 1) New signage has been placed on the property.

- 2) The sidewalk by the Softball field has been repaired. The culvert underneath has been fixed so that the drainage will now flow correctly.
- 3) The hole in the hallway floor has been repaired. The Jr. High hallway repair has not yet taken place but is upcoming. Dr. Jancek noted that we will re-tile these spots over an upcoming weekend.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state currently owes \$94,207.48 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2017-18 school year, as well as \$33,939.77 for the 2016-17 school year. Dr. Jancek informed the Board that there is a new Senate bill being proposed, SB 851, that proposed a freeze on property taxes. This freeze does not involve the tax rate, but the dollars in the extension. This is being proposed for Cook and the collar counties and if there is support for this in these counties, it will eventually filter south.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Approve FMLA Request, Alexandria Severson

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board discussed the recent Mascot survey results. Due to a copy infringement notification from ISU, the district will need to make a change to the mascot. Dr. Jancek's recommendation is to either go with an older version of our mascot or to go with the HS Trojan mascot and colors. Board consensus is to stay with the original Redbird logo, which is a full-body mascot and appears much different from the ISU logo.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek made his presentation on the 2017 tax levy, which will be the 2018-19 extension. He informed the Board that if it holds up, the projected EAV increase is nearly \$6 million dollars. This increase in EAV allows the Board to abate approximately 1.5% off of the rate and still receive more money. The proposed levy rate is 3.3883, which represents an increase of \$177,677 (or 4.98%) over the 2016 levy. The proposed levy will be on display until the December Board meeting where Dr. Jancek will be asking for final approval.

Moved by Stipanovich, seconded by Partney, to go into Executive Session at 7:06 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 Frauli, seconded by Partney, to exit Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mortensen, seconded by Cornale, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #232

Marc Ellis, President, District #232