

**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 October 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT: Marc Ellis; Nick Stipanovich; Joel Funk; Michael Cornale; Eugene Mortensen; Cathy Ferguson

ABSENT: Bo Partney

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chuck Butterbrodt commented on a solution for air conditioning for windowless classrooms.

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Jancek shared a complimentary email regarding Tech Specialist Logan Murray.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Owens' and Mrs. Schultz's reports stand as read. Mrs. Schultz did report that the deadline for hiring a Wrestling coach is October 26th.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that he has received notice of a tax appeal in Grundy County. Approval of the request would drop the EAV approximately \$400,000.00.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state currently owes \$12,879.66 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2018-19 school year. Currently, the 2017-18 school year is completely funded.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek reported that he has been in contact with a contractor regarding a VRF air conditioning system. He has also been in contact with the Herscher Superintendent who estimated approximately \$12,500 per classroom for multi-coverage units. Dr. Jancek feels like there are multiple options for different areas of the school, such as the gym, cafeteria or band room vs. a regular classroom that has windows. Window units are still a consideration for the regular classrooms. Dr. Jancek will continue to investigate to find the best, most cost-efficient solution for cooling the classrooms and bring that information back to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented a proposal to add 8 more security cameras as well as move 3 cameras to better placements on the outside of the building. These cameras would be paid for from Fund 60 and would increase the safety of the building, particularly in the Elementary wing. The cost of these additional cameras would be \$14,011.00.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Funk, to approve the additional camera purchase from Velocita Technologies, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek discussed different investment strategies with Bank of Pontiac (Dwight Branch) that would greatly increase our interest income for the district. One strategy is to move our regular checking account into a money market account, which would increase the interest rate from 0.05% to .8% at a minimum. This would result in approximately \$16,000--\$27,000 per year. The second strategy would be to invest \$1,000,000 of our funds in a CD that would pay at least 1.8% interest. This would result in approximately \$18,000-\$25,000 of additional interest. The funds that would be invested would come from the Transportation Fund, O&M Fund and Working Cash.

Moved by Stipanovich, seconded by Cornale, to approve the investment strategies recommended by the Superintendent, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek noted that we are in the 3rd year of a 3-year School Resource Officer agreement with the Village of Dwight. He stated that we need to look into how we would like to structure this contract in the future prior to approval of any future contract.

Dr. Jancek presented the 2017-18 EIS Administrator & Teacher Salary & Benefits Report for approval. He noted that we would need to affirm this report as it was to have been approved by October 1st.

Moved by Funk, seconded by Ferguson, to affirm the 2017-18 EIS Administrator & Teacher Salary & Benefits Report, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Schultz presented a proposal to co-op Wrestling with Saunemin Grade School. Saunemin expects to send 2 students to wrestle and Dwight currently has 5 students interested. We are still in need of a coach; however, we need to approve this agreement at this time in order to make the time schedule.

Moved by Funk, seconded by Stipanovich, to approve a Cooperative Wrestling Agreement with Saunemin Grade School, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the first reading of Board Policy update recommendations. He will hold a second reading at the November meeting where he will be seeking approval.

Moved by Stipanovich, seconded by Ferguson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #232

Marc Ellis, President, District #232