

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #230**

**Held in the Dwight Township High School Board Room
On November 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

Board President Brian Perschnick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Brian Perschnick; Kim Rodosky; Tim Henson; Jenn Myzia (by phone) ; Kevin Berta; Paul Warner; Betty Gantzert

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent (7:16 p.m.); Deb Conroy, Secretary; Dan Kaiser, Principal; Andy Pittenger, Asst. Principal/AD

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Kaiser introduced the 2018 Illinois State Scholars to the Board and had them announce what their future plans are.

Todd and Aimee Becker, parents of a student, were in attendance to thank the staff for their handling of their child's medical issues during school.

Board President Perschnick presented pins from the IASB for Master Board Member Recognition to Kim Rodosky, Paul Warner and Tim Henson.

Dr. Jancek announced that the district has received an ISBE/ESSA 2018 Summative Designation of Commendable.

Dr. Jancek distributed a letter from Ronda Wilder thanking the school for the Veterans Day assembly.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Kaiser's report stands as read.

Dr. Jancek reported that after being contacted by local realtor Bill Sole, a new scholarship will be available to graduating seniors beginning in the spring of 2019. The Sancken Sole Realty Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior pursuing a degree in fine arts or theater. The amount of this annual scholarship will be \$500.00.

Dr. Jancek reported that he met with Bill Abraham to discuss widening some of our restroom doorways for ADA compliance. Abraham explained that by widening the doorways it would create much smaller restrooms due to the changes in structure that would need to be made. He stated that the Auditorium restrooms would be the only ones that could possibly be restructured without losing toilets or urinals. Final decisions on any updates will be forthcoming and this project will begin next summer.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$27,199.51 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2018-19 school year. They also owe the district \$44,717.60 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) Approve Sara Hurt, Substitute Paraprofessional
- 4) Approve John Hurt, Substitute Bus Driver
- 5) Approve Jim Kinnamon, Substitute Bus Driver
- 6) Approve Kathy Wiemken, Head Scholastic Bowl Coach
- 7) Approve Clark Reamer, Volunteer Scholastic Bowl Coach
- 8) Approve Paul Warner, Volunteer Wrestling Coach
- 9) Approve Overnight Stay, Boys Basketball, Danville, IL January 18, 2019
- 10) Approve Overnight Stay, Wrestling, Springfield, IL December 28, 2018
- 11) Approve Laura Ann Duesing, Volunteer Cheerleading Coach

Item #8 was removed from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Gantzert, to approve the Consent Agenda without item #8, as amended. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Henson, to approve item #8 of the Consent Agenda (Approve Paul Warner as Volunteer Wrestling Coach). Roll call. Warner abstained. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek reported on the status of the proposed fieldhouse project. He noted that the committee has been trying to get a guesstimate on the cost of a Morton-type building but are not getting answers to their questions and they feel that they are currently in limbo. He has been contacted regarding a new fieldhouse that has recently opened up in Joliet that he would like to tour. He asked any Board members that would like to attend a tour on November 28th to let him know. If 3 or more members attend, he would need to post a notice for a Special Meeting.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that he has purchased a used van for the transportation department. It is a 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan with 6,516 miles on it and it was purchased from Heller Motors in Pontiac at a cost of \$21,265.94.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Rodosky, to affirm the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan from Heller Motors as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the final reading of Board Policy update recommendations and asked for approval for all as presented.

Moved by Myzia, seconded by Berta, to approve the Board Policy update recommendations, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the 2018 EAV, Tax Levy and Extension and the FY 20 Budget Projections to the Board. There was lengthy discussion on the effect of lowering the rate beyond Dr. Jancek's initial proposal, which is a decrease of 2.22%, or \$81,288 less than the 2017 levy extension. Several Board members want to keep the levy higher than the \$2.5732 rate that is on the proposal. The current rate is \$2.8082 and some Board members feel that with the increased EAV numbers released by Livingston County that we will not be hurt by lowering the tax rate to \$2.57. After a straw poll, the majority of Board members felt more comfortable with a rate in the \$2.70-\$2.75 range. Dr. Jancek will work on this rate issue and the proposed levy will be posted in the District Office until the December meeting, when he will be asking for approval.

Dr. Jancek notified the Board that the Insurance Committee has chosen to move to Health Alliance for the districts' medical insurance for the 2019 calendar year. All other insurances will remain the same as before. Blue Cross came in with renewal numbers that were considered too high for our employees and HA had offers that were very competitive. An employee can get medical, dental and vision under the \$605 cap offered by the Board.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Berta, to approve Health Alliance as the district's health insurance provider for 2019 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Rodosky, to approve Humana as the district's dental insurance provider for 2019 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Henson, to approve Humana as the district's vision insurance provider for 2019 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Berta, to approve Dearborn National as the district's life insurance provider for 2019 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Berta, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Brian Perschnick, President, District #230