

**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 February 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board Vice-President Jenn Myzia called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

**PRESENT: Kim Rodosky; Tim Henson; Jenn Myzia; Paul Warner; Betty Gantzert**

**ABSENT: Brian Perschnick; Kevin Berta**

**Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Jill Haacke, Acting-Secretary; Dan Kaiser, Principal; Andy Pittenger, Asst. Principal/AD**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Kaiser reported on the E-Learning feedback from his meeting with the teachers. He concluded that the majority of the teachers would prefer one or two days of learning, but five was too many. Many students found it hard to focus on that many days and in turn, many assignments were not turned in.

He also reported that freshmen orientation is next week and the class size is consistent with the smaller classes that have been coming up. The master schedule for the next year is becoming finalized and it seems that some of the Ag and Technology class sizes will be down from normal.

Henson and Gantzert thanked Mr. Kaiser for all of his assistance with events that have been going on around the school. He is always there to assist with set up and accommodate for any group.

**NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS**

The Drama Club came in and presented one of their scenes from their upcoming spring musical, *Oklahoma!* There are 31 student participating in the play this year, and they have been hard at work since before Christmas break. The play will take place March 8-10<sup>th</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Jill Haacke and Andy Pittenger did a final presentation of how the clubs would fundraise going forward with the new rules put into place about school fundraisers. Clubs are permitted to do service and entertainment fundraisers, but no longer allowed the sale of items as a fundraiser. They are also asking that the board allow the Drama department to keep the money they take in for Play ticket sales, instead of it being deposited in the district fund. In turn, the Drama department would give up their district budget.

Education for the new system would start immediately. Meetings will be scheduled with all the coaches to go over budgeting and purchasing and a meeting with club sponsors on how their fundraising and concession stands would work.

A list of action items and rules were presented to the board for them to vote on to input the new fundraising system. The items were presented as the following:

#### Action Items

1. Athletics budget with a total of \$110,000 for supplies and capital outlay to be split amongst the sports. Contingent on rotation items.
2. Budget line total of \$7,000 will be budgeted for Concession Stand payments and start-up money.
3. Drama play ticket sales will be deposited into the Drama Activity Fund, with the removal of their District Budget.
4. Clubs will be given a minimum of \$100 per concession stand they run, with the ability to keep any amount made over \$100.
5. Raise sports registration fee to \$75 per student, unlimited sports.
6. Implement a one-time sponsorship program with four tiers.

#### Rules

1. All sport activities will have to fill out a budget and it would need approval by the AD for the next year's season.
2. The only fundraisers that will be allowed are Service or Entertainment based fundraisers for clubs.
3. All major sporting equipment, uniforms, and warmups will be put into a rotation.
4. Any outside donation will be put toward the facility maintenance of that program.
5. Outside organizations, i.e. Music Boosters, Sports Boosters, FFA Alumni, can no longer use High School students to sell items.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Henson, to approve the proposed fundraising and budgeting proposals, rules and actions as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Pittenger informed the Board that the administration from GSW has asked if Dwight would consider taking charge of the Cross Country Co-Op. Dwight would be responsible for hiring the coach and purchasing uniforms and equipment. There is one participant at GSW interested and five participants from DTHS looking to go out next year. Warner suggested that DGS looks into starting a Junior High program to spark interest. Rodosky and Henson stated since there is a need for the program, we should continue with the program. The co-op would last two years with GSW.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Rodosky, to approve Dwight taking over the Cross Country Co-Op with GSW. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A family from GSW was here to share their experience about what the Dwight Youth Football program and DTHS program has meant to their students. There is one GSW student that is currently a junior that will miss out on his senior year in football if this co-op were not to continue. Andy Pittenger shared his appreciation of the GSW students that participate in the Dwight programs. Unfortunately, the situation put forward by IHSA would bump our competition class to 3A if we were to continue the co-op with GSW.

Mr. Pittenger stated that this co-op is renewable every two years and advises the board to look at the numbers every two years to make their decision. Dr. Jancek stated that action on the football co-op and all other sports programs with GSW will take place at the March meeting.

### **NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS**

A thank-you note was received from the family of Nelda Fransen (Beth Fransen's mother-in-law), Stacie Ellis (Marc Ellis's wife) and Bob Henson (Tim Henson's father) for the flowers the Board sent at the times of the family members' passing.

A letter was received from the IHSA recognizing the Varsity Boy's Basketball team on their outstanding behavior during a game against Iroquois West. The *Sport a Winning Attitude* Report is received when someone reports acts of exemplary sportsmanship and integrity that occur in IHSA events.

IHSA congratulated the Dwight Competitive Cheer team on their outstanding season and their second place award at this month's state competition. Placing second in a state championship is special and reflects well on the character, determination and skill the team possesses. The team was also commended on the professional manner in which they competed in the state tournament.

### **REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Dr. Jancek reported that he will be out next week from Monday to Wednesday for a Superintendent Conference. At this conference, he will gather information on what other districts are doing about substitutes and the new bill that passed raising the minimum wage to \$15.00 by 2025.

Three vendors are expected to submit proposals for the upcoming project at the High School. This project includes the elevators, ADA bathrooms, HVAC in the gym and shop and any energy efficiency projects around the building.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$30,707.39 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2018-19 school year.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Accept Resignation, Aidan Connolly, JV Softball Coach
- 4) Accept Resignation, Robby Smith, Bus Driver
- 5) Approve Jordan Hoffman, Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
- 6) Approve Mitch Thompson, Assistant Track Coach

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Board Vice-President Jenn Myzia opened the discussion of practices and school activities on emergency days. Currently, when school is called, Dr. Jancek looks at the forecast for the day, and if there is a safe weather window of time, he relays that information to Mr. Pittenger and from there it is up to the coaches and sponsors if they would like to have any activity within that window of time. Myzia is concerned that it may be a liability to the school and coaches if they are having students come to school during that approved safe window of time. Some members were also confused with the wording of the messaging going out in the morning to call school, but then coaches and sponsors will contact students with their specific activities. Henson and Warner agreed that the current way we are handling activities on emergency days is working just fine. Ultimately, it is up to the parent/guardian if the student goes to school to participate in activities on snow days. The board is concerned that if a student does decide not to attend for that day, they are getting punished by that coach, even though it is a snow day. It was agreed to look into the policy on missing practice due to weather. The board members decided to continue the discussion when all members were present.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek presented a proposed review of Board Policy 5:60 Travel Expenses for its first reading. The change would raise the maximum dollar amount for conference registration from \$500 to \$550. This increased cost does not happen too often with registrations for conferences, but it has happened in the past and is coming up again in the future.

Dr. Jancek tabled the idea to the board of hiring a permanent teacher substitute within the school district. He is going to ask for more information on what other school districts are doing at his conference next week.

Jackie Froelich inquired the board to look into late start school days. This would push the start time of school back in the morning without canceling an entire day of school. One concern is what parents would do with their younger students when they have to go to work. It was suggested to open the school at the regular time so parents can still drop off their students, but then start school later in the morning.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Gantzert, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Jill Haacke, Acting-Secretary, District #230

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Jenn Myzia, Vice-President, District #230

\*\*\*\*\*Jenn Myzia resigned from the Board on March 6, 2019.

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Tim Henson, Board Member in Attendance 2/20/19

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Kim Rodosky, Board Member in Attendance 2/20/19