

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

Board President Brian Perschnick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Brian Perschnick; Kim Rodosky; Tim Henson; Kevin Berta; Paul Warner (out at 7:18 p.m.); Betty Gantzert

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Dan Kaiser, Principal

PUBLIC COMMENT

Parent Dan Ford was in attendance to discuss an issue with a handbook policy on grades and sports participation.

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

A thank-you note was received from the cast of Oklahoma for all of the Board's continuing support.

A letter of praise regarding the Boys' Basketball team was received from Ronda Wilder Thomas.

Wrestling Head Coach Dan Edwards reviewed the performance of our State Qualifying Wrestlers: Freshman Dillon Sarff; Juniors Daniel Gutierrez and Kade Enerson; and Senior Cameron Klingler.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

FCCLA Members and Sponsor Kathy Patten were in attendance to request permission to attend the FCCLA Illinois State Conference in Springfield from April 4-6. There are 16 students including 10 competitors, which is the highest total of competitors we have ever sent. There is also one student running for state office for the 2019-20 school year. Mrs. Patten is the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors this year. Each student was charged only \$50 to attend; the rest of the funding comes from FCCLA fundraisers.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Rodosky, to approve attendance at the FCCLA Illinois State Conference as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$31,578.39 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2018-19 school year.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that the District Office found a mistake on the property tax extension received from Grundy and LaSalle Counties. This mistake was a result of misinformation from the Livingston County Clerk's office and will make our extension received \$105,292.85 less than what we requested. He has discussed this issue with the County Clerk's office and has been assured that we will receive a Prior Year Adjustment on the Grundy & LaSalle County tax payments next year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Approve FMLA Request, Patricia Farrell-Levange
- 4) Employ Cathy Burke, Long Term Substitute Teacher
- 5) Accept Resignation, Jenn Myzia, Board Member Seat
- 6) Affirm Employment, David Lawson, Substitute Custodian

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the 2nd reading of a proposed update to Board policy 5:60 Travel Expenses for approval. This update would increase the maximum amount we can pay for a conference or workshop registration from \$500 to \$550.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Berta, to approve the proposed update to Board policy 5:60 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that he has met with Bushue regarding questions on whether we could hire a permanent substitute, along with what daily and hourly rates would look like. After this discussion, he noted that we were advised to speak with our legal counsel. This will also tie into the discussion on the new Minimum Wage Law that was recently passed.

Dr. Jancek presented the recommendation from Athletic Director/Asst. Principal Andy Pittenger to renew only the co-op agreements for Boys and Girls Golf, Track, Cross Country and Wrestling with Gardner-South Wilmington High School. Some of the Board members were not in favor of leaving Football out of the agreement, even though including Football would push us into 3A level competition, as was explained at an earlier Board meeting by Pittenger.

Moved by Perschnick to approve the Athletic Co-op agreements with GSWHS for Golf, Track, Cross Country and Wrestling only. The motion died with no second.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Warner, to approve all current Athletic Co-op agreements with GSWHS, including Football, for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call. Henson and Perschnick voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek discussed the Boards' options on the proposed fieldhouse. He noted that at this point it would be a ballot issue for the April 2020 election. He stated that if we intend to move forward the Board would need to commit to an architect to finalize drawings and commit to a funding mechanism by this summer. A public open forum including the architects would be necessary to discuss and educate the community

on the potential benefits of building a fieldhouse, as well as discussing whether it would be a stand-alone versus an addition on the current building. The Board felt it is time to move forward with an open forum and Dr. Jancek will be in touch with the architects to plan out this forum, hopefully to happen in April or May.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the first reading of proposed Board policy updates from PRESS Plus. He will bring this proposal back to the April meeting for a second reading and final approval.

Dr. Jancek asked the Board for approval of continuing IHSA membership for the 2019-20 school year.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Rodosky, to approve IHSA membership for the 2019-20 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek spoke with the Board regarding a Special Joint Meeting with the GS to discuss substitute daily and hourly rates, along with repercussions of the new Minimum Wage Law that was recently passed by the legislature. He would like to have this meeting on April 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will also be held to seat and reorganize the new Board after the official results are received from the election canvass.

Dr. Jancek presented a proposal from AD/Asst. Principal Andy Pittenger to have the gym floor resurfaced and re-painted at a cost of approximately \$30,000. There are concerns with how the rollers on the bleachers are damaging the floor and this would need to be addressed first. Dr. Jancek asked the Board to table a decision on this proposal until we have discussed the HVAC bids in the Performance Contract.

Dr. Jancek presented the bids that were received for the Performance Contract. Bids were received from ESG and Ameresco on multiple projects for the district. Dr. Jancek recommended that we do only part of these projects. His recommendation was to move forward with installing the elevator and possibly do the air-conditioning in the gym. After much discussion the Board members decided that they would like to have the gym floor refinished and that they could move forward with the elevator, putting the air-conditioning on hold for now. The lowest responsible bidder for the elevator was ESG at a cost of \$531,284.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Gantzert, to approve awarding the Performance Contract Option #1 for the installation of an elevator with ESG, at a cost of \$531,284, as presented; also, to approve the refinishing of the gym floor with Allred Flooring Company of Morton, at an approximate cost of \$30,000, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that all of the Non-Tenured Teachers have been evaluated, as well as those Tenured Teachers that were scheduled this year. Mr. Kaiser recommends re-hire for all of his staff. The Non-Tenured Teachers are as follows (Year number is number completed at the end of the 18-19 school year):

- 1) Erik Borne—(Year 3) English
- 2) Patricia Farrell-Levange—(Year 3) Art
- 3) Sidney Mau—(Year 1) Ag
- 4) Cassie McCandless—(Year 2) Social Studies
- 5) Joe Micetich—(Year 2) Math
- 6) Todd Severns—(Year 2) Social Studies
- 7) Luke Standiford—(Year 2) P.E.

- 8) Mitch Thompson—(Year 2) P.E.
- 9) Steven Turner—(Year 2) Math
- 10) Kathy Wiemken—(Year 2) Business

The Tenured Teachers are as follows:

- 1) Amy DeMarse (Special Ed)
- 2) Nicole Dunnill (Spanish)
- 3) Cathy Fatigante (Special Ed)
- 4) Stephanie Flott (Librarian)
- 5) Jackie Froelich (Guidance Counselor)
- 6) Jeff Froelich (Industrial Arts)
- 7) Justin Gund (Band/Music)
- 8) Melissa Harri (Life Skills)
- 9) Julie Jensen (P.E.)
- 10) Lindsey Jensen (English)
- 11) Devi Pappas (English)
- 12) Kathy Patten (FACS)
- 13) Bud Schultz (Science)
- 14) Rebecca Stipanovich (Science)
- 15) Karen Zabel (Math)

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Warner, to approve the re-employment of all of the Tenured and Non-Tenured Teachers, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek noted that the Board will not go into Executive Session A from the agenda.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Gantzert, to go into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under the law or ordinance; According to Section 2, subsection c, #3 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Berta, to exit Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

After conducting interviews for the open Board seat left by the resignation of Jenn Myzia, the Board announced that they will appoint Anne Rodosky to fill the seat.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Gantzert, to appoint Anne Rodosky to immediately fill the open Board seat. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Rodosky recited the Oath of Office and was seated on the Board.

Board President Perschnick asked for nominations for the open position of Vice-President of the Board. Kim Rodosky nominated Tim Henson. No other nominations were received.

Moved by Kim Rodosky, seconded by Gantzert, to appoint Tim Henson as the Board Vice-President. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Kim Rodosky, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Brian Perschnick, President, District #230