

**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 February 13, 2019 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 (6:01 p.m.); Joel Funk; Michael Cornale; Eugene Mortensen; Cathy Ferguson

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Jill Haacke, Acting-Secretary; Brandon Owens, Principal; Julie Schultz, Asst. Principal/AD

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS OR RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Jancek presented to the board a thank you note from the Ellis family.

Dr. Jancek informed the board of the Public Hearing before the Dwight Plan Commission regarding the proposed annexation of some property between Route 66 and Interstate 55. The Village is looking at this land for a Federal Detention Center.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. Schultz reported that the 8th Grade boys basketball team will be playing for third place in State this Thursday at the tournament in Mt. Pulaski.

Mr. Owens reported that all MAP testing has been completed. The end of the trimester is February 22nd. Cornale inquired how the E-Learning days have been going and if the specialty teachers were able to send out curriculum to the students during those days.

Dr. Jancek reported that he went on a tour of a nursing home that is for sale in Flanagan. LCSSU is looking to make this purchase for all of their programs. The property would house all of the offices and there is plenty of room to grow as a program for the needs of the co-op. LCSSU is currently leasing two

properties in Pontiac. The board inquired if the purchase and renovations would make the billing higher for the Grade School. He assured them that the school's cost would stay the same or go down.

Dr. Jancek commended the teachers on the great job they did with the 5 days of E-Learning. Between working with students and parents, everyone seemed to be pleased with how the emergency days were handled. Dr. Jancek noted that there are still 3 additional days that need to be made up and he inquired if the board or administrators would be interested in making up two of those days as E-Learning days the Friday before and the Monday after Easter. Mr. Owens presented this idea to the teachers and he reported that a majority of the teachers were fine with adding the two remote learning days over Easter break. There were mixed reviews from the board on adding the two remote days and nothing will be changed for Easter break.

Dr. Jancek reported that Gallagher Bassett and the district are currently negotiating the bill that we received from ServPro on the clean-up of the roof leak. He is also working on getting an amended bill from H&S Contracting (the first set of roofers that came on New Year's Eve to help stabilize the roof). We have a quote to redo the whole hallway and choir office. We awarded TomKat roofing the roof repair job. As soon as the weather breaks, they will be here to repair the roof. Once the roof is done, we will begin final work on the ceiling, drywall and flooring.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state currently owes \$34,345.28 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2018-2019 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the amended 2018-19 Teacher Seniority List for approval.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Funk, to approve the amended 2018-19 Teacher Seniority List, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented a proposal to review Board Policy 5:60 Travel Expenses (First Reading). The change on the form would take the maximum registration rate for a conference up from \$500 to \$550.

Dr. Jancek is requesting that the board consider hiring a full-time sub for the school district. During the 2017-2018 school year, there were only two days that a sub was not needed and so far, this school year there have been four days that a sub was not needed. Dr. Jancek has talked to the teacher union president and this sub would not be in the union, would not be tenured and would not be added to the seniority list. His recommendation is to pay the permanent substitute \$140 a day, totaling \$25,200 annually plus district insurance options. This decision would be made independently of the High School District. The board discussed the pros of having this full-time sub and then the idea of raising the sub daily pay rate. Some members feel that will not solve the problem of the multiple subs that are needed. Dr. Jancek will get more information for the board so they can make a decision at the next meeting.

Dr. Jancek presented a “Resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by the District.” This resolution will help make payments for the bonds more flexible for the board, allowing current funds to be put towards the project.

Moved by Funk, seconded by Cornale, to approve the resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by the District, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Dr. Jancek presented the selection of First Midstate Inc. as Underwriter / Placement Agent and Chapman and Cutler LLP as bond / disclosure counsel to the Underwriter / Placement Agent with respect to the District’s General Obligation School Bonds. We have used First Midstate in the past for our bonds.

Moved by Partney, seconded by Mortensen, to approve First Midstate Inc. as the bond agent with respect to the District’s General Obligation School Bonds. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Partney, seconded by Mortensen, to go into Executive Session at 7:19 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 Partney, seconded by Funk, to exit Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Cornale inquired on scheduling with the lower grade levels going into the 2019-2020 School Year. Mr. Owens and Mrs. Schultz are at the early stages of scheduling and will be sure to keep the board informed on what they are looking at for the following year. Dr. Jancek also advised to keep an eye on registration numbers as we get them in throughout the summer.

Ferguson invited the entire board to the Corn Belt Division Meeting. This meeting will be hosted by the High School and Grade School Board and held at the High School on Thursday, March 14th.

Moved by Partney, seconded by Ferguson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jill Haacke, Acting-Secretary, District #232

Marc Ellis, President, District #232