

**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 April 15, 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; Betty Gantzert; Anne Rodosky

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Dan Kaiser, Principal; Andy Pittenger, Asst. Principal/AD

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following community members were in attendance to comment on the decision by the Board to review and possibly rescind their vote on extending the Football co-op with GSWHS:

John Engelman
Cam Klingler
Wilton Jackman
Ethan Mack
John Klingler
Janelle Biros
Tonya Mack
Andy Pittenger
Alan Jackman
Thomas Jackman
Bo Partney
Luke Standiford

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS

A thank-you note was received from Reatha Owen, IASB, regarding the Boards of Education hosting a recent Corn Belt dinner meeting.

A thank-you note was received from Gardner South Wilmington HS for the Board's support in extending the Football co-op with their school.

A thank-you note was received from Police Chief Tim Henson for the Board having allowed use of the district's facilities for the recent Village board meeting regarding the ICE Detention Center.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. Patten and several FCCLA students were in attendance to report on the results of the State Conference. They reported that 4 of their Star Events qualified for Nationals, which will be held in Anaheim, CA from June 29th through July 4th. They also reported that Izzy Burkhardt was elected to a state office. She will have to give a speech and do an interview before it is decided what office that will be. She is hoping for the office of President. The students asked permission to attend the National Conference from June 29th through July 4th and then fly home on July 5th, as flight times would not work out for them to come home on July 4th.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Kim Rodosky, to approve attendance at the FCCLA National Conference in Anaheim, CA as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Kaiser's report stands as read.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that we will need to hold a Special Joint Meeting on April 24, 2019 to exit the old Board, seat the new Board members and reorganize. He recommended holding off until the regular May 15th meeting to hold interviews for the open 2-year seat. The Boards will also discuss other joint issues at this meeting, one issue being the upcoming increase to minimum wage and how it will affect both districts.

Dr. Jancek also informed the Board that by next month the Exploratory Committee should be able to set a date for the open community forum meeting on the proposed Fieldhouse.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$67,588.91 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) Approve B/G Cross Country Coach, Anna Oelschlager
- 4) Accept Resignation, Eric Long, Technology Specialist & Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
- 5) Accept Resignation, Angie Goley, Head Cheerleading Coach
- 6) Accept Resignation, Kathy Perry, Volunteer Cheerleading Assistant Coach
- 7) Approve Molly Snyder, Football Cheerleading Coach
- 8) Approve Melissa Snyder, Basketball Cheerleading Coach
- 9) Approve Melissa Snyder, Competitive Cheerleading Coach

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek held the 2nd reading of proposed Board policy updates and asked for final approval.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Berta, to approve the proposed Board policy updates as recommended. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board, Administration and community members held a lengthy discussion on the merits of keeping the Football co-op. At the March 20th meeting, the Board had approved continuation of the co-op. However, some felt that more discussion needed to be held with more information as keeping the co-op would move our students into 3A competition. The Gardner parents brought up the possibility of appealing to the IHSA on changing the co-op multiplier. The Board directed the Administration to investigate this possibility and to work with the GSWHS Administration and Board to formulate that appeal. The Board, while being sympathetic to the plight of the affected GSWHS students, felt a greater need to protect the Dwight Football players from potential injury in playing against 3A competition.

Moved by Perschnick, seconded by Henson, to rescind the March 20th decision to extend the Football co-op with GSWHS; this will discontinue the Football co-op for the 19-20 school year. Roll call. Warner and Berta voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger reviewed the painting plans for the gymnasium floor with the Board. He noted that on the attached design, the lettering for "Gymnasium" will be turned to face the home crowd.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek noted that earlier this year Dwight agreed to take over the Cross Country co-op from GSWHS. After speaking with the DEA, Dr. Jancek recommended the new Head Coach receive a stipend index of 0.07, or \$2,525, for Year 1.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Gantzert, to approve the new Cross Country Head Coach stipend index of 0.07, or \$2,525, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger noted that we have had a co-op with Pontiac Township High School for Girls' Swimming for several years. He recommends continuing this co-op.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Kim Rodosky, to approve the continuation of the Swim co-op with Pontiac Township High School, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger brought the proposals for painting of the gym and for bleacher repair/replacement to the Board. The low bid for painting was from Popp Painting of Pontiac, at a total cost of \$7,500 for painting the gym walls, ceiling and weight room ceiling. He estimates the job will take 2 weeks, and he will try to schedule the painting to occur prior to the gym floor repair/refinishing.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Warner, to approve the gym painting quote from Popp Painting, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger spoke with the bleacher company about what was causing the marks on the floor when rolling out the bleachers. The representative from Bleacher America Inc. stated that the marks were caused from the old, dirty wheels and noted that the wheels could be cleaned or replaced. He stated that our bleachers are actually in very good condition; however the wheels need attention. After looking at the quotes to replace the wheels (\$15,500) over just cleaning the wheels (\$12,200), it was decided that for the price difference it would be prudent to have the wheels replaced.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Berta, to approve the purchase and installation of new wheels for the bleachers at a cost of \$15,500 from Bleacher America Inc., as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek asked to table New Business, Item #5 (Approve Memorandum of Understanding, Joliet Junior College).

Dr. Jancek reported that LCSSU has purchased the former Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Flanagan and therefore will be moving from Pontiac next Fall. The cost of the building is \$230,000 and the Board has given them a budget of \$1,000,000 to make this purchase as well as any renovations necessary to convert the facility to be used for the school. This should eventually result in lower costs to the districts as there will no longer be monthly rent paid and there will be a much larger facility where they may expand services. However, transportation costs may increase slightly. They plan to open in the Fall of 2019.

Dr. Jancek noted that we will have an open Board seat after the recent election. This results from Kim Rodosky choosing to not run again and will open an unexpired 2-year seat. The Board decided they would like to hold interviews during their regular monthly meeting on May 15th. Dr. Jancek will advertise this opening in The Paper as soon as possible in order to get candidates lined up in time for the meeting. The unofficial results of the election are as follows:

2-Year Seat (Vote for 1)

Betty Gantzert—581 votes
1 Open seat remains

4-Year Seats (Vote for 3)

Kevin Berta--537 votes
Paul Warner—437 votes
(No candidate results in an open 2-year seat)

Moved by Berta, seconded by Anne Rodosky, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Brian Perschnick, President, District #230