

**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 June 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Betty Gantzert; Tim Henson; Brian Perschnick; Anne Rodosky; Max Sulzberger; Paul Warner**

**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 proposed fieldhouse project:

Keith Pokarney  
Mary Pokarney  
Gibs Nielsen

**NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS, RECOGNITIONS**

Izzy Burkhardt and her mother, Andi, were in attendance at the meeting. Burkhardt was recently chosen as the State First Vice-President for Illinois FCCLA. She will be attending the National FCCLA Conference in California next week, along with several other FCCLA members, and will be involved in FCCLA leadership at the state level over the next school year.

**REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Kaiser informed the Board that one of the students taking summer school (English IV) is intending to graduate early, in December of 2019.

Mr. Kaiser noted that this year we will be using Perkins Grant money for power tools for Industrial Arts and for Electronic Babies for the FACS program.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that we are shifting some spaces around for staff to expand our meeting room space. The Board room will now be located in Room 7 (pending a decision on the elevator project); the Business classes will now be held in the former Horticulture classroom; and the old Board room will be opened up as a general meeting room which will be used for small groups, individual therapy and IEP meetings. The old Board room and Superintendent's office are being updated with new tile and paint. We are also in the middle of replacing the tile in the Math classrooms. The old tile has been removed and we are awaiting the replacement of the new tile.

Dr. Jancek commented on the proposed fieldhouse project. He shared comment sheets from the community from the Open Forum meeting that was held on June 5<sup>th</sup>. He also informed the Board that with the new funding bills in Springfield, there may be some additional outside funding to help with the project in the next year or so, possibly up to 50% of the project cost. We have submitted project information to Jason Barickman's office to begin the application process for this grant funding. He recommended holding off on making any decisions on architects or the project until we know if our project will be considered for some of this additional funding. A decision will be made by March of 2020 on whether our project would be accepted in this grant.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$5,833.91 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) Accept Resignation, Dale Ralston, Boys Freshman Basketball Coach
- 4) Authorize Payment of Fiscal 2019 Bills and July 2019 Bills
- 5) Authorize Inter-Fund Transfers
- 6) Authorize Employment of New Faculty & Staff Members (2019-2020)

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek reviewed his meeting with Mike Perrott from Gardner-South Wilmington HS regarding the co-op sports Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2019-20 school year. GSW has agreed to all parts of the contract with the exception of transportation. Perrott has proposed to have the GSW student athletes be responsible for their own transportation to and from Dwight for all practices, events and summer workouts. Dr. Jancek has contacted our attorney regarding the liability for our school district in regards to Rocky's Law, which states that a school district will have up to \$3M catastrophic coverage for our athletes door to door for all school-related events (our insurance through PSIC gives us \$5M coverage). GSW has a meeting this evening and may approve this contract with the new language or may change their language regarding this issue. The Board was in support of telling the GSW administration that our legal counsel strongly recommends that they provide transportation for their student athletes between Dwight and Gardner for all practices, events and off-season workouts, when the event is not scheduled North of Dwight.

Dr. Jancek explained the situation with the Elevator Project with ESG. He explained that after several months since the award of the contract, ESG has moved the siting of the elevator several times due to poor planning. They have had several different crews of engineers and architects in the building looking at blueprints this Spring and they are still making changes, leaving Dr. Jancek and the Maintenance crew with little confidence in ESG. After taking a tour of the proposed siting of the elevator, the Board was not supportive of continuing the project with ESG; however, they still want to move forward with the

installation of an elevator. They have directed Dr. Jancek to go out to bid again early next year for a new Elevator project, with possibly also looking at a different placement of the elevator.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Warner, to approve the cancellation of the Elevator project with ESG. Roll call. Sulzberger voted no. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek reviewed the cost savings our representative from Proven IT predicts with the proposed copier contract. The proposed contract combines billing for the 2 districts, but the HS portion will be split out separately from the GS when they begin billing. The total cost of the contract will be \$5,174.56 per month, which is \$503.57 less than Martin Whalen's total cost per month and there should be further savings with a 15% reduction in paper and print costs.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the copier/printer contract with Proven IT for the 2019-20 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kaiser presented Anthony March as his recommendation to fill the open Math position for the 2019-20 school year. March will also co-coach Mathletes and be a co-class sponsor for the Junior class.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Sulzberger, to approve the employment of Anthony March as a Math Teacher for the 2019-20 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The contracts for property/liability/casualty insurance and Workman's Comp renewal with PSIC were presented. The total cost for the PLC insurance is \$39,601 and the WC insurance is \$16,639. The combined total is \$56,240, which is 2.41% lower than last year, or a savings of \$1,389.

Moved by Henson, seconded by Berta, to approve the PSIC property/liability/casualty/workman's comp insurance quotes, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The 2019-20 Illinois Association of School Board Annual Dues in the amount of \$2,410 were presented for approval.

Moved by Rodosky, seconded by Warner, to approve the 2019-20 IASB Annual Dues, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Consolidated District Plan for the 2019-20 school year was presented for approval. This plan is tied to federal and state grants and must be approved prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Gantzert, to approve the 2019-20 Consolidated District Plan as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The updated Student Handbook was presented for approval for the 2019-20 school year.

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

The updated Athletic Handbook was presented for approval for the 2019-20 school year. This includes updated language on fundraising which reflects the changes that have already been discussed with the Board. These changes were not included in the original handout for the Board for tonight's meeting.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Rodosky, to approve the 2019-20 Athletic Handbook as amended to include changes on fundraising. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the proposed contract for maintenance of our yellow buses with Gray's Garage for the upcoming 2019-20 school year. The cost of this contract is \$17,600 or \$1,600 per yellow bus.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Gantzert, to approve the maintenance contract with Gray's Garage for the yellow buses for the 2019-20 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Berta, to go into Executive Session at 7:42 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 Open Meetings Act. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Rodosky, to exit Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented Logan Murray to fill the Technology Specialist position with a 3-year contract at 261 days per year. The salary for year #1 of the contract would be \$80,000, plus Murray would receive single employee medical insurance at the \$2,500 level plus single employee dental insurance, 20 vacation days, 15 sick days and 2 personal days per year. Salary for years #2 and #3 have yet to be determined. The GS would be responsible for 50% of all salary and benefits.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Rodosky, to approve Logan Murray as Technology Specialist for the 19-20 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented Demetrius Skrapates to fill the Technology Assistant position with a 1-year contract at a pay rate of \$18/hour for 261 days. Skrapates would receive \$605/month towards medical/dental/vision insurance, 15 sick days and 2 personal days. He would be eligible for 10 vacation days beginning in July of 2020. The GS would be responsible for 50% of all salary and benefits.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Henson, to approve Demetrius Skrapates as Technology Assistant for the 19-20 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Gantzert, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

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Brian Perschnick, President, District #230