

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #230**

**Held in the Dwight Township High School Library
On March 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Joel Sandeno; Eric Scheuer; Max Sulzberger; Paul Warner

ABSENT: Tim Henson; Susan Legner

Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Deb Conroy, Secretary; Andy Pittenger, Principal; Cathy Ferguson, AD

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS OR RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized Dillon Sarff, who placed 2nd in the State Wrestling competition in February.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Pittenger announced the Students of the Month as:

Lilly Duffy
Sarah Dolan
Iris Beier
Ella Kargle

Ms. Ferguson thanked Max Sulzberger for allowing the use of his facility for baseball/softball practices.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that we have been experiencing some issues with the size of our current Driver's Ed car, which is a 2016 Ford Fusion. It has 80,000+ miles on it and some of our bigger students cannot fit comfortably in order to drive it. He has looked at DeLong Ford here in town and found a 2020 Ford Explorer with 35,000 miles priced at \$37,000. He will contact DeLong's to see if we can make a deal on this vehicle as it has more room for the students, and also will be available to staff for school use when available.

Dr. Jancek announced a new program to entice teachers to get a Bilingual Education endorsement. ISBE is offering a tuition and fee reimbursement through a grant once the ESL/ELL license is obtained.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that a former student will appear in court for damaging the grounds last fall by doing donuts in the grass South of the student parking lot. The estimate to repair the damage was \$1,490 and the district is seeking that amount in restitution. The defendant will appear on April 13th.

Dr. Jancek announced that there will be a Special Joint Meeting held in the HS on Wednesday, March 30th at 5:00 p.m.

An incident of indecent language at the school play last weekend was addressed. Dr. Jancek put out an apology on Facebook to families for this unfortunate incident and will be speaking with the Drama Director to make certain policies and procedures are followed in the future that will prevent such instances from occurring again.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$12,186.48 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2021 school year; and \$7,245.66 for the 2022 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Minutes (Regular Board Meeting of February 9, 2022)
- 2) Minutes (Special Joint Meeting of February 9, 2022)
- 3) Bills
- 4) Affirm Dan Edwards, Volunteer Track Coach
- 5) Approve Resignation, Stephanie Flott, Class Sponsor

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Casey Pelham from A&R Mechanical was in attendance to discuss solutions to our HVAC problems. He offered several options to the Board, including a retrofit with additional equipment to handle the load, as well as replacement of portions of the system. Dr. Jancek recommended that we move forward by getting a quote from the engineers on different solutions to this issue. Pelham stated that he will get the ball rolling and get back to us with quotes as soon as possible.

Dr. Jancek notified the Board that the Blue Sky Solar Project has been sold to another company. This company wants to extend the project another 5 years, to a total of 35. Also, due to the different sizes of panels and placements, Dwight schools stand to receive \$3M more in revenue over the course of the project than was originally projected.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented the 2021-22 Seniority List for approval.

Moved by Scheuer, seconded by Berta, to approve the 2021-22 Seniority List, as presented. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger presented the list of tenured and non-tenured teachers for the 2022-23 school year for approval as follows:

- 1) Amy DeMarse—Special Ed
- 2) Nicole Dunnill—Spanish
- 3) Eric Englert—English
- 4) Patricia Farrell-Levange—Art
- 5) Cathy Fatigante—Special Ed
- 6) Stephanie Flott—Media Specialist
- 7) Tamara Fritchtnitch—FACS
- 8) Eric Hall—Band/Chorus
- 9) Melissa Harri—Lifeskills
- 10) Julie Jensen—PE
- 11) Sid Krople—Ag
- 12) Paul Lebryk—Science
- 13) Anthony March—Math
- 14) Devi Pappas—English
- 15) Carli Serpe—History
- 16) Todd Severns—History
- 17) Jessica Smith—Social Worker
- 18) Luke Standiford—PE
- 19) Rebecca Stipanovich—Science
- 20) Mitch Thompson—PE
- 21) Steve Turner—Math
- 22) Karen Zabel--Math

Moved by Sandeno, seconded by Scheuer, to approve the list of tenured and non-tenured teachers for re-employment for the 2022-23 school year, as presented. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek relayed a request from the FCCLA to attend their State Conference from April 7th through April 9th. The conference is in Springfield.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Sandeno, to approve the request from FCCLA to attend their State Conference, as presented. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek also relayed a request from the FFA to attend the State Dairy Judging Trip in Vandalia, IL from March 31st through April 1st.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Warner, to approve the request from the FFA to attend the State Dairy Judging Trip in Vandalia, as presented. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger informed the Board that he would once again like to hold the Graduation ceremony outside at the stadium, weather permitting. Graduation will be held on Friday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. The gym will already be set up for GS Graduation on Thursday, May 26th in case of inclement weather.

Moved by Scheuer, seconded by Sandeno, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Max Sulzberger, Vice-President, District #230