

**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 May 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board President Tim Henson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PRESENT: Tim Henson; Susan Legner; Joel Sandeno (6:18); Eric Scheuer; Max Sulzberger; Paul Warner**

**ABSENT: Kevin Berta**

**Also in attendance: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent; Amie Lee, Acting Secretary; Andy Pittenger, Principal; Cathy Ferguson, AD (6:31); Jack Connor, Maintenance; Demitrius Skrapates, Technology; Sharon Soto, Food Service Director**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Thank you cards were presented to the board from Jim & Diana Kinnamon and the family of Amy Kargle. Jackie Froelich, Dr. Jancek, and Kathy Wiemken also sent thank you cards regarding their retirement.

**REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Pittenger informed the Board that Jazz Show went well along with the Senior breakfast and cookout. He also noted that finals have begun and graduation will be held outside on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

Ms. Ferguson's report stands as read. Tim Henson thanked Ms. Ferguson for volunteering to host softball regionals.

Dr. Jancek informed the board that the former student who committed the property damage to DTHS failed to appear in court resulting in a bench warrant being issued. A letter has been received notifying the Board that the State's Attorney is beginning criminal prosecution charges. Dr. Jancek also noted alterations to the previous retirement agreement between himself and the Board. He has spoken with TRS and has been advised to enter the Teacher Retirement Insurance Program within four months from his last working day. Dr. Jancek stated he will no longer require reimbursement of vacation days and will honor his agreement to assist Superintendent Delong. As of the end of October Dr. Jancek will no longer be on District insurance but his wife Kari will remain on as single.

Mr. Connor reported that A&R Mechanical Engineers will be here tomorrow to check the electrical boxes to see if there is enough power to support a new HVAC system. There are two options available. The first is splitting the current upstairs system into two separate units to take care of the heating problem. The second option is to put baseboard heaters in the affected classrooms. The HVAC project will be put out to bid for a minimum of two weeks. Mr. Connor ensured the Board that the heating issues will be resolved before start of school in the fall.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes \$17,168.68 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2021-22 school year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, April 13, 2022
- 2) Approve Payment of Bills
- 3) Accept Resignation, Bree Bartlett, Classroom Aide
- 4) Accept Resignation, Justin Eggenberger, JV Assistant Baseball Coach
- 5) Approve Volunteer, Justin Eggenberger, JV Assistant Baseball Coach
- 6) Approve Employment, Mitch Thompson, From .5 to 1.0 Assistant Football Coach
- 7) Approve Employment, Dan Edwards, From .5 to 1.0 Assistant Football Coach

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the renewal of the School Food Contract with Arbor Management, Inc. along with Sharon Soto, Food Service Director. The Board voiced concerns that were brought to them by students and parents regarding quality and quantity of meals served to students. Sharon informed the Board members that DTHS and DGS are offer vs. serve school meaning that students are offered choices of meals compared to being served what is decided by herself and her staff. She appreciated the concerns being brought to her attention and will do whatever she can to help improve the meals.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Scheuer, to approve School Food Contract, Arbor Management, Inc., for 2022-2023 school year as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger revisited the discussion of purchasing new band uniforms. Mr. Hall has been told that since the last presentation price has increased 8%. The representative stated the price will continue to climb five to eight percent every few months. Mr. Pittenger would like to move forward with purchasing a portion of the needed uniforms and finish the order at a later date. Mr. Hall is anticipating sixty band members in the next three to four years.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Legner, to approve purchase of band uniforms up to \$90,000 cap. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger discussed with the Board the additional duties that will be passed along to Mr. Miller as the Registrar, justifying his pay increase to \$16.50 along with 10 additional days to be used at Mr. Miller's discretion.

Moved by Legner, seconded by Scheuer, to approve Registrar Contract Agreement, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek presented the 2022-2023 Extra-Curricular Personnel list for approval.

Moved by Scheuer, seconded by Sandeno, to approve employment of Extra-Curricular Personnel for 2022-2023 school year, as presented. Roll call. Scheuer, aye; Sandeno, aye; Henson, aye; Warner, aye; Legner, aye; Sulzberger, abstain. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the graduating Seniors pending successful completion of requirements for approval.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Warner, to approve graduating Seniors pending successful completion of all requirements, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the 2022-2023 Substitution list for continuation of employment.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Scheuer, to approve substitution list for continuation of employment for the 2022-23 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the 2022-2023 Parent/Community Member Volunteer list for approval.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Scheuer, to approve the Parent/Community Member Volunteer List for 2022-2023 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the FFA Summer Activity Trips for approval.

Moved by Sandeno, seconded by Scheuer, to approve FFA Summer Activity Trips. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pittenger proposed changing the Activity Funding Policy. He suggested that there be one activity account funded by the District that would purchase supplies for concession stands and the earned funds would go back into that same account. Currently the clubs and athletics all have their own activity accounts but they are working on zeroing out the accounts and closing them. Clubs and Athletics will be required to sign up for concessions and community service hours to "work off" their budgets given by the District. Ms. Ferguson stated this will encourage athletes to be more involved in school activities and the community.

Moved by Sandeno, seconded by Sulzberger, to approve the revision of Activity Funding Policy, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed revising future graduation requirements. Mr. Pittenger noted that many students are not participating in school and community activities. He suggest that graduates will be required to fulfill a

number of hours of community service and school activity participation before graduation. The number of hours will be determined at a later date. Mr. Pittenger is proposing a Community Service Committee which will include himself, class sponsors, Superintendent Delong, student council members, Detective Gary Beier, and Kelsey Christenson from the Dwight Fire Department. This requirement will be a way for graduates to give back to the community.

Mr. Pittenger discussed the opportunity to partner with Paws Giving Independence. Paws takes rescue dogs and gives them the required training to turn them into service dogs. The dog itself is free along with the training of the handler. The school will be required to pay for the food and vet bills. Mr. Pittenger noted that the handler will go to Peoria for twelve trainings. He also told the Board that Pontiac and Streator schools have a service dog from Paws. The Board requested Mr. Pittenger put in an application for the service dog and bring the name of the potential handler back to the next Board meeting. Item C8 was tabled until the June meeting.

Dr. Jancek presented the 2022-2023 Prairie State Insurance Cooperative quote of \$88,295.09 for property/casualty insurance for approval.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Sandeno, to approve the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative for 2022-2023 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Connor informed the Board that the remodel of the Art classroom needs a few additional outlets installed which will be completed by Kelly Electric.

Moved by Sandeno, seconded by Scheuer, to approve Art room electrical update, Kelly Electric, \$3,750, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Connor presented the estimate from Kelly Electric to install light poles on each end of the Tennis Court with two LED lights with a timer. He spoke with Kevin McNamera at the Village of Dwight to confirm there is no Village ordinance preventing installation of lights.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Warner, to approve Tennis Court lighting proposal, Kelly Electric, \$11,050, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Scheuer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Amie Lee, Acting Secretary, District #230

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Tim Henson, President, District #230