

**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 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

Board President Tim Henson called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Tim Henson; Susan Legner; Eric Scheuer; Max Sulzberger

ABSENT: Joel Sandeno; Paul Warner

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Jancek relayed a request from Transportation Coordinator Angie Goley that she get to have an assistant in the Transportation Department for a couple of hours every day. The amount of work that needs to be done in that office is more than one person can handle without working constant overtime. Goley has asked that Stephanie Weissmann be allowed to do this additional work. Henson agreed that she needs the additional support and the Board is supportive of this request.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Pittenger stated that Project Graduation went very well. He reported that Cathy Ferguson will take on the position of handler for the therapy dog. He also reported that Mr. Hall was able to negotiate with the band uniform company to get the original quoted price of \$74,979.90 for the new uniforms that have been ordered.

Ms. Ferguson reported that the Boys sent the 4 x 400 relay to State, where they placed 20th with a personal record. They will be recognized at a football game in September. She stated that girls Softball regionals and sectionals went very well, but she is still waiting on the financials. She noted that girls basketball will start to meet on Thursdays and Fridays this summer. She also reported that due to low numbers, there will be no Competition Cheer squad again this year. She informed the Board that we recently had sports physicals again here in the building with Dr. Shah, and the funds paid towards those physicals will be donated towards their chosen sport(s) once again. And finally she reported that the students who had damaged a gym door have been working off their volunteer hours and have learned a great deal from the experience. She thinks this is a very positive discipline experience for them and thanked the Board for their support with this situation.

Jack Connor was in attendance to report on Maintenance. He reported that we will send bids to the papers for the HVAC project tomorrow. He also reported that the old press box has been dismantled and Rob Caridi and Eric Hall have begun building the new press box that is being supplemented with the 2022 Maintenance Grant matching funding of \$50,000.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$4,258.86 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2022 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 25, 2022
- 2) Authorize Payment of Fiscal 2022 Bills
- 3) Authorize Payment of July 2022 Bills
- 4) Authorize Inter-Fund Transfers/Loans
- 5) Authorize Employment of New Faculty/Staff Members (2022-23)
- 6) Accept Resignation, Mitchell Thompson, Girls Track Coach
- 7) Accept Resignation, Amie Thompson, Girls Basketball Coach
- 8) Employ Rob Caridi, Bass Fishing Coach

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek reported that due to availability of parts the Blue Sky Solar Project is pushing back their timeline by one year for the purposes of the tax abatement agreement that was agreed to earlier this year.

The HVAC project was updated under Report of Board Committees.

Mr. Pittenger asked the Board to approve new graduation requirements regarding school and community service hours. He wants to make it mandatory to complete 25 community service hours and 20 school service hours in order to graduate. This will help the students to become better citizens, while also helping the community and local organizations. Those hours would be prorated based on graduation year for the first 3 years, and would also be pro-rated on when a student starts attending DTHS. All service hours would be set up, monitored and tracked by the school in the Skyward system. Board members asked if it is legal to hold graduation for students that don't complete their hours, and Pittenger and Dr. Jancek replied that they would consult our attorney regarding this issue. The Board is supportive of this concept but tabled the vote until we find out the legality.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jancek presented a resolution to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Dwight, IL and Dwight Township High School #230 to provide a Police School Resource Officer. The cost of this Resource Officer for the 2022-23 school year will be \$21,000; for the 2023-34 school year will be \$23,000; and for the 2024-25 school year will be \$25,000.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Legner, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for a Police School Resource Officer, as presented. Roll call. Henson abstained. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that Mrs. Barbara Steiniche passed away earlier this year. Mrs. Steiniche had created an annuity that holds the Steiniche Scholarship funds with AIG. When she passed away, that

triggered necessary action by the district to close out those funds with AIG. Dr. Jancek presented an Entity Beneficiary Resolution Regarding Barbara Steiniche Death Benefits that must be adopted by the Board in order to obtain those remaining scholarship funds in the amount of \$21,599.10.

Moved by Scheuer, seconded by Sulzberger, to adopt the Entity Beneficiary Resolution Regarding Barbara Steiniche Death Benefits, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek held the first reading of PRESS Plus Board policy updates with the Board. These recommendations will be brought back to the next Board meeting for final approval.

Dr. Jancek has reviewed Executive Session minutes and has asked that all past minutes remain closed.

Moved by Berta, seconded by Scheuer, to approve keeping all past Executive Session minutes closed, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek discussed Athletic Training services with the Board. He informed the Board that OSF has lost all of its orthopedic doctors, leaving our athletic trainer with no one to refer students to when they are injured. There is a possibility that Morris Hospital may be interested in offering an agreement. As of now we only have the OSF offer. He will keep the Board informed as to what will happen at a future meeting.

Dr. Jancek presented the proposal for contract renewal of Apptegy at a cost \$5,900. This contract renews our hosted website for both school districts.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Berta, to approve the contract renewal with Apptegy for the 2022-23 school year, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the proposal for renewal of our bus maintenance contract with Gray's Garage. The cost of this contract is \$21,800.00.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Berta, to approve the contract renewal for bus maintenance with Gray's Garage, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Jancek presented the Board meeting dates for the 2022-23 school year. He noted that due to a request from a GS Board member, the HS meetings will go back to the 3rd Wednesday of each month instead of the 2nd.

Moved by Scheuer, seconded by Berta, to approve the Board meeting dates for the 2022-23 school year, as amended. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Legner, seconded by Scheuer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

Tim Henson, President, District #230