

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

**Held in the Dwight Township High School Cafeteria  
On August 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**PRESENT: Kevin Berta; Betty Gantzert; Tim Henson; Anne Rodosky; Max Sulzberger (6:02 p.m.) Paul Warner**

**ABSENT: Brian Perschnick**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Midge Fogarty commented on how nice the ball fields are now that they have both been updated.

**NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS or RECOGNITIONS**

A letter of thanks was received from Nellie Rieke for the Board's support of FCCLA.

**REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Pittenger explained that we have changed the class structure for this year from traditional to block scheduling mostly to restrict student movement due to the coronavirus. He also feels this reduces screen time for remote learners and streamlines classroom time for in-person learners.

Ms. Ferguson reported that Boys and Girls Golf seasons are underway, beginning this past Monday. We have 6 girls on the Girls team and 18 boys on their team (including 9 Freshmen) and all of the coaches are excited for their upcoming matches. She stated that Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> is our home opener for both teams and she is planning to hold Senior Night on that date, wanting to get this in just in case the school would be shut down for COVID-19 again. She is planning pictures for that evening as well as having the Marching Band play the National Anthem and School Song since Mr. Hall had requested their inclusion at any events where they could perform. Ferguson also reported that Cross Country has begun and the Trojan Invitational is still on the books for September 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 9 schools participating for certain, with 1 still pending. She also noted that the Marching Band is still looking for other opportunities to perform and she has contacted the Dwight Economic Alliance to perhaps have them perform at a Saturday morning Farmer's Market and is still planning on the Christmas Parade that will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Jancek first thanked all of the Administrators for their time and dedication in planning a return to school this year. He feels that so far everything has gone very smoothly in this transition and chalks that up to the careful planning of our Administrators and Staff.

Dr. Jancek reported that the Elevator Project is complete and the elevator is working well. It has been inspected and passed by the ROE already. We are awaiting state certification to get it on the list for an annual inspection.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Dr. Jancek reported that the state owes the district \$15,110.91 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2019-20 school year. The 2020-21 FRIS report was not available when the packet was distributed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Bills
- 3) Approve Amanda Hall, Volunteer Coach, Flags/Winter Guard

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek reviewed the actual expenditures vs the 2019-20 budget projections. The district ended the year with a surplus of \$489,305 vs a projected deficit of \$151,193.

Dr. Jancek informed the Board that he has received information from TRS that they will not adjust their 6% cap policy during the COVID-19 pandemic. This affects an amendment of the contract regarding the payment of extra-curricular stipends. He feels it is prudent to look at paying all of those stipends as normal because of the unintended consequence of potentially large TRS fines for exceeding the 6% cap between the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. The HS had tabled this decision from the Special Joint Meeting of August 12<sup>th</sup>. Board member Berta asked that we wait until the end of the sports season to pay the coaches for their service in case something should come up that they were unable to perform their job duties. Dr. Jancek informed the Board that we have had to back out some of our extra-curricular salaries and benefits in the past and we would deal with any individual if that scenario happened again. Board member Sulzberger wanted to make certain the public understands why we are paying these stipends—that if we do not, it could cost us much more in penalties when employees retire with TRS than it would cost to pay the stipend this year. Coaches/Sponsors will still be expected to engage the students for their activity or sport regardless of whether we are able to hold their activities or not.

Moved by Warner, seconded by Sulzberger, to approve the payment of all 2020-21 stipends, as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Jancek presented his proposed 2020-21 Budget to the Board. He is projecting a surplus of \$137,149 over all funds for next year. The budget will be held in the District Office for inspection and will be brought back to the September meeting for final approval.

Drama Director Kathy Stewart was in attendance to review the Fall Play format change that has been necessary due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Moved by Sulzberger, seconded by Rodosky, to go into Executive Session at 6:48 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 Berta, seconded by Warner, to exit Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gantzert, seconded by Berta, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Debbie Conroy, Secretary, District #230

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Tim Henson, Vice-President, District #230