

Union Area School District
New Castle, Pennsylvania
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Union Area Board of School Directors
March 18, 2020

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on March 18, 2020 in the MS/HS Board Room for the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Hink
Mr. Donald Friend
Ms. Debra Allebach (Remote)
Mr. John Bertolino
Mr. Arin Biondi
Ms. Roxanne Exposito
Mr. Robert Mrozek (Remote)
Mr. John Pacella (Remote)
Ms. Elizabeth A. Sylvester (Remote)

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent
Ms. Samantha Lavery, Business Manager / Board Sec

Media: New Castle News

Solicitor: Lou Perrotta, Esq.

Public: 0

Board Members Not Present: 0

Executive Session (6:30) PM)

The Union Area School Board met in executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss personnel for the purpose of hiring, contract language and wording, and possible legal matters. Executive session ended at 7:15 PM.

Call to Order

Dr. Hink called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:15 P.M.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:17 PM)

Dr. Hink called for public comment at 7:17 PM. There was no public comment.

Informational Items (7:17 PM)

- A. COVID -19 Update
- B. Budget Meeting Dates
- C. Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Budget
- D. Board Policies 900 Section – Discussion on Board Policy #913 regarding admission to events for staff. Employee + 1 guest to all events.

Action Items Operations (7:30 PM)

Exposito moved to approve the following consent agenda items

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2020.
- B. Approve the Financial Report and Treasurer’s Report dated February 29, 2020.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from February 19, 2020 through March 16, 2020 in the amount of \$32,074.38.
- D. Approve the checklist from February 20, 2020 through March 18, 2020 in the amount of \$404,818.80.
- E. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated March 12, 2020 in the amount of \$37,724.39.
- F. Approve the High School Financial Account Reports (Activities Account, Athletic Fund, and Letterman’s Club) dated February 29, 2020.

Bertolino seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to ratify the Board Poll on March 16, 2020 to purchase 180 Chromebooks at a total cost of \$47,691.00 Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to approve the exonerations as presented from Lawrence County Assessment Office. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Parent and Family Engagement Policy for 2020-21 school year as presented. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV 2020-2021 Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,611,283. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Special Education Plan from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 as presented. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the 2020-2021 Federal Programs Consortium Agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV as presented. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Board Policy 246 – School Wellness Program as presented. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to table agenda item #8 for the second reading on 900 Board Policies. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Action Items Personnel (7:48 PM)

Pacella moved to approve table agenda item #1 Personnel for Weight Room Coordinator Job Description. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the uncompensated leave made by Ms. Dorene LaRitz from March 19, 2020 through March 29, 2020. Biondi seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the uncompensated leave request made by Ms. Laurie McCullough from May 11, 2020 through May 15, 2020. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Bertolino made a motion to add to the agenda a motion to pay District employees during the two week shut down. Allebach seconded (8 yes, 1 Abstain – Friend). The motion carried.

Public Comment on Addenda Items (7:55 PM)

Dr. Hink called for public comment on addenda items at 7:55 PM. There was no public comment.

Allebach moved to authorize Administration to pay District Personnel during the two week shut down and under extreme circumstances. Exposito seconded (8 yes, 1 Abstain – Friend). The motion carried.

New Business (7:56 PM)

Dr. Hink called for new business at 7:56 PM.

Dr. Ross went over outstanding board discussions and questions from the previous meetings regarding transportation, budget, facilities, and student travel.

Executive Session (8:03 PM)

Dr. Hink called for executive session at 8:03 PM to discuss the Superintendent evaluation. No further action will be taken. Executive Session ended at 8:30 PM.

Adjourn (8:30 PM)

Biondi moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 PM. Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.