

Union Area School District
New Castle, Pennsylvania
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Union Area Board of School Directors
May 20, 2020

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on May 20, 2020 in the MS/HS Board Room and Google Hang-Out Conferencing for the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

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

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent
Ms. Samantha Laverty, Business Manager / Board Sec (Remote)
Mr. Scott O'Donnell (Remote)
Mr. Rob Nogay (Remote)
Ms. Linda O'Neill (Remote)
Ms. Marisa Federici (Remote)

Media: New Castle News

Solicitor: NA

Public: Steve Vastno, Doug Phillips, Bob Palmer, Lillian Blackford, Michelle Gordon, Debbie & Gary Boron, and Anthony Croach

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 in regards to contract language and wording on various items.

Call to Order

Dr. Hink called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:05 P.M.

Pride & Promise Award (7:05 PM)

Dr. Ross presents the May 2020 Pride and Promise Award to all working cafeteria staff and bus drivers who help deliver the food to our students during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Dr. Hink thanks all of those who have helped to make this a success.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:17PM)

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

Informational Items (7:17 PM)

Dr. Ross informed the board of the following items:

- A. COVID -19 Update & Commencement
- B. Budget Update
- C. Real Estate Tax Deadline Extension by 30 days
- D. Tax Collectors Office – Main in Tax Payment and no office hours

Action Items Operations (7:43 PM)

Allebach moved to approve the following consent agenda items

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2020.
- B. Approve the Financial Report and Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2020.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from April 14, 2020 through May 18, 2020 in the amount of \$44,202.05.

- D. Approve the checklist from April 16, 2020 through May 20, 2020 in the amount of \$294,572.41.
- E. Approve the High School Financial Account Reports (Activities Account, Athletic Fund, and Letterman's Club) dated April 30, 2020.
- F. Approve the cafeteria invoice dated May 14, 2020 in the amount of \$23,697.83.

Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to adopt the proposed budget as presented for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, be advertised, and put on display in the office of the Superintendent for the required thirty days as per section 687 PA School Code, as amended, that the proposed and/or amended budget be formally adopted on June 24, 2020 and that the millage for the Union Area School District be set at 14.92 (no increase) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The proposed budget is \$12,705,095. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the 2020-21 homestead/farmstead resolution (Property Tax Reduction), as presented. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to reenact without substantial change, the following resolutions imposing the following taxes for the 2019-20 fiscal year:

- A. A Per Capita Tax of \$5 per person on all residents of the district over 18 years of age under the authority of Section 679, PA School Code, as amended.
- B. A tax of 1% on wage and net profits earned by every resident of the district under the authority of Act 511.
- C. A Per Capita Tax of \$5 per person on every resident of the district over 18 years of age under the authority of Act 511.
- D. A \$5 annual Occupational Privilege Tax to be imposed and levied on each individual engaged in occupation within the corporate limits of the Union Area School District, under the authority of Act 511.
- E. A tax of 1% on all transfers of real estate under the authority of Act 511.

Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the attached resolution for the 2020-2021 real estate taxes. The resolution reflects a thirty (30) day extension to discount, face, and penalty for one year only, expiring June 30, 2021 due to circumstances relating to COVID-19. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to name First Commonwealth Bank of PA, Union Township Office as a depository for the funds of the Cafeteria, High School, Athletics, and Letterman's account for the 2020-21 school year. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve First Commonwealth Bank of PA, Union Township Office as a depository and Treasurer for the General Fund and Payroll Accounts for Union Area School District for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Pacella seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve Attorney Louis Perrotta to serve as the Union Area School Board Solicitor for the 2020-21 fiscal year at a rate of \$115.00 per hour and no retainer (no increase). Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Mr. Perrotta thanks the Board and the approval to continue his services.

Allebach moved to accept the donations made by the UAAA from July 2019 through May 2020 in the amount of \$9,611.56. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Dr. Ross thanks the UAAA for their continued support and donations to the District.

Pacella moved to approve the Agreement between Infocon Corporation and the Union Area School District for the 2020 Tax Processing Services as presented. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the COVID-19 Extension Renewal Contract with Nutrition Group, Inc. effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The 2020-2021 cafeteria budget is (\$4,391.53) as presented. Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Action Items Personnel (7:50PM)

Allebach moved to hire Jacob Trinca as a Secondary English Teacher at Step 1 of the UAEA Agreement effective August 20, 2020 pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to hire Ms. Michelle Kassi as a Life Skills Special Education Teacher and paid Step 1 of the UAEA Agreement effective August 20, 2020, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Pacella seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Sean Lynch from Day Time Custodian for the purpose of retirement, effective August 20, 2020. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Dr. Ross thanks Sean Lynch for his years of service to the District.

Allebach moved to approve Ms. Heather Brennaman as a custodian and paid in accordance with the local laborers #964 Union, effective May 20, 2020, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the following summer custodians and pain in accordance with the Local Laborers #964 Agreement, effective June 1, 2020.

- a. Sean Lynch
- b. Chad Angiolelli
- c. Anthony Nativio
- d. Dave DeFiore (Part Time)
- e. Ed Krzysik (Part Time)
- f. Heather Brennaman
- g. Cindy Reeves
- h. Raymond Jacobs
- i. Tony Croak
- j. Chuck Holtgraver
- k. Amy Carr
- l. Jackson Miller
- m. Laurie McCullough
- n. Rebecca Black
- o. Alyssa Toy
- p. Stefanie Toy
- q. Michelle Kassi

Exposito seconded (8 yes, 1 No – Bertolino). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the following student teachers from Westminster College for the fall 2020 school year.

- a. McKenna Robinson – Ms. Gordon & Mrs. Cionni
- b. Hannah Shantom – Mrs. Ryhal & Mrs. D'Angelo

Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (8:01PM)

Dr. Hink called for new business at 8:01 PM.

There was none.

Adjourn (8:02 PM)

Allebach moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:02 PM. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.