

Union Area School District
New Castle, Pennsylvania
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Union Area Board of School Directors
September 16, 2020

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on September 16, 2020 on the Football Field for the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting at 7:00 PM. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

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

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent

Ms. Linda O'Neill
Mr. Rob Nogay, MS/HS Principal
Ms. Marisa Federici, Director of Special Education
Ms. Samantha Laverty, Business Mgr. /Board Sec.

Media: New Castle News

Solicitor: Lou Perrotta, Esq.

Public: See attached Sign-In Sheet

Board Members Not Present: 0

Call to Order

Dr. Hink called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:07 P.M.

Roll Call (7:09 PM)

Dr. Hink called for roll call at 7:09 PM. All Board Members were present.

Executive Session (7:09 PM)

Dr. Hink announced that the Union Area School Board met in executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss security and student safety, personnel for the purpose of hiring and potential leave, and legal contract language. Executive Session ended at 7:00 PM.

Pride & Promise Award (7:10 PM)

Dr. Ross presented the September 2020 Pride & Promise Award to Mrs. Natalee Prestopine.

Student Council Report (7:14 PM)

High School Student Council updated the Board on Virtual Learning, Fundraising and upcoming plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:17 PM) – There was no public comment.

Informational Items (7:18 PM)

A. COVID -19 & Health & Safety Plan

Dr. Ross updated the Board on the newest guidelines and mandates from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

B. Student Lunches & Breakfast – SSO Option & Free for all Students until December 31, 2020.

Voting Agenda Items (7:23 PM)

Allebach moved to approve the following consent operational agenda items as listed:

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2020.
- B. Approve the Financial Report and Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2020.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from August 14, 2020 through September 11, 2020 in the amount of \$259,765.54.
- D. Approve the checklist from August 20, 2020 through September 16, 2020 in the amount of \$477,861.74.
- E. Approve the August 30, 2020 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.

Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

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

Allebach moved to approve the Agreement made with Reschini Group to report all ACA required forms on behalf of the Union Area School District for the 2020-2021 school year. The total cost is \$500.00 (No Increase). Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to dispose of the Middle/High School Cafeteria tables and desks in accordance with Board Policy #706.1 Disposal of Surplus Property (Attached). The property is no longer needed and unusable to the District. Pacella seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the purchase of a new 2020 Ford 9 passenger School Van from Phil Fitts Ford (CoStars Agreement) in the amount of #32,912.47. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Bertolino moved to approve the 2020-2021 bus runs as presented. Biondi seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the uncompensated leave revision made by Jessica Settle from August 20, 2020 through September 7, 2020. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Mr. Jack Marshall as a substitute for the 2020-2021 school year, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Union Area Education Association for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented and contingent on Solicitor review. Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved to table agenda item #4 Coaches Compensation Plan. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Addenda Items (7:29 PM)

Dr. Hink called for public comments on that and all addenda items at 7:29 PM

There was no public comment.

Pacella moved to approve the following payments for planning periods for the 2020-2021 school year.

- a. Janelle Cassano \$2,783.00
- b. Kayla Magusiak \$4,807.00

Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the uncompensated leave for Mrs. Maria Macri starting November 2, 2020 through December 14, 2020. Biondi seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (7:31 PM) There was none.

Adjourn (7:31 PM)

Biondi moved to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 7:31PM. Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Samantha C. Lavery, Board Secretary