

Union Area School District
New Castle, Pennsylvania
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Union Area Board of School Directors
October 21, 2020

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on October 21, 2020 in the Middle/High School Library 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

Ms. Roxanne Exposito
Mr. Robert Mrozek
Mr. John Pacella
Ms. Elizabeth A. Sylvester

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent
Dr. Scott, O'Donnell, Curriculum Director
Ms. Linda O'Neill, Elementary Principal
Mr. Rob Nogay, MS/HS Principal
Ms. Marisa Federici, Director of Special Education
Ms. Samantha Lavery, Business Mgr. /Board Sec.

Media: N/A

Solicitor: Lou Perrotta, Esq.

Public: None

Board Members Not Present: Mr. Arin Biondi

Call to Order

Dr. Hink called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:03 P.M.

Roll Call (7:03 PM)

Dr. Hink called for roll call at 7:03 PM. All Board Members were present.

Executive Session Announcement

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 (7:04 PM)

Dr. Ross presented the October 2020 Pride & Promise Award to Mr. Brad Shaffer and Mr. Joseph Canciello.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:10 PM) – There was no public comment.

Informational Items (7:10 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.

C. LCCTC Monthly Report – Debra Allebach

Voting Agenda Items (7:23 PM)

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 16, 2020.
- B. Approve the Financial Report and Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2020.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from September 12, 2020 through October 15, 2020 in the amount of \$225,541.33.
- D. Approve the checklist from September 17, 2020 through October 21, 2020 in the amount of \$561,291.93.

- E. Approve the September 30, 2020 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.
- F. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated October 8, 2020 in the amount of \$26,642.07.

Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the revised Parent & Family Involvement Policy as presented. Bertolino seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve an unbudgeted and unforeseen expenditure to replace the Elementary Boiler with Huckenstein (CoStars) in the amount of \$99,900. Pacella seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the revised 2020-2021 calendar which reflects the elimination of scheduled two hour delays. Pacella seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito the attached agreement with Larry and Lorena Seals for contracted transportation, effective October 21, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Pacella seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the Revised MOU with Union Township Supervisors regarding Resource Officers, pending the approval of solicitors review. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the updated substitute custodian list for the 2020-2021 school year. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Alicia Chaney for tenure. She has completed and satisfied the requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Tasha Cumba for tenure. She has completed and satisfied the requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Friend seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved to permit payment to Michelle Kassi in the amount of \$4,767.10 for her planning period for the 2020-2021 school year. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (7:44 PM) There was none.

Adjourn (7:44 PM)

Allebach moved to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 7:44PM. Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.