

Union Area School District
New Castle, Pennsylvania
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Union Area Board of School Directors
December 2, 2020

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on December 2, 2020 in the Middle/High School Board Conference Room and Google Meets for a Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Hink
Mr. Donald Friend
Ms. Debra Allebach

Mr. Arin Biondi
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. Samantha Lavery, Business Mgr. /Board Sec.

Media: N/A

Solicitor: Lou Perrotta, Esq.

Public: See Attached Sign-In Sheet.

Board Members Not Present: John Bertolino

Call to Order

Dr. Hink called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:01 P.M.

Executive Session Announcement

Dr. Hink announced that the Union Area School Board met in executive session at 6:44 PM to discuss personnel for the purpose of hiring, legal language for contracts, and negotiations. Executive Session ended at 7:00 PM.

Informational Items (7:07 PM)

A. COVID -19 & Health & Safety Plan

Dr. Ross updated the Board on the newest guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health including the Attestation form that was required to report on in-person instruction. Dr. Ross explained the document in regards to special education and regular education.

B. Athletic Update

Mr. Nogay explained the newest guidelines and recommendations for Athletics.

Allebach moved to add student waivers of liability to the current health and safety plan. Esposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:17 PM)

Dr. Hink called for public comments on agenda items at 7:17 PM. There was no public in attendance.

Allebach moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 18, 2020. Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the 2019-2020 Athletic Fund Financial Report as presented. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the students attending Lawrence County Career and Technical Center to attend their shop in person learning for 2 hours per day at 1/3 total enrollment, effective December 2, 2020. Sylvester seconded (6 yes, 2 No). The motion carried.

Dr. Ross updates the Board on enrollment in the shops and Allebach addresses hours in December.

Mrozek moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Anthony Rush from 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective November 2, 2020. Friend seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Mrozek moved transfer Mr. Constantin Padure from 7th Grade Boys Basketball to 8TH Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective November 18, 2020. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Mrozek moved to hire Mr. Vincent Fuleno as the 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2,325 pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to table hiring Mr. Michael Porterfield as a Middle/High School Custodian. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to hire Ms. Bethany Butler as a Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher at Step 1, with no health care benefits and in accordance with the UAEA Agreement, effective December 2, 2020 and pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Biondi seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved approve a legal waiver to the return to play and athletic plan as discussed. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the LERTA Resolution from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 as presented. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (7:31 PM)

Dr. Hink calls for new business at 7:31 PM.

Allebach thanks the Board for the personal monetary donations from each Board Member in honor of her mother.

Adjourn (7:32 PM)

Allebach moved to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 7:32PM. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.