

Union Area School District
New Castle, Pennsylvania
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Union Area Board of School Directors
February 17, 2021

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on February 17, 2021 in the Middle/High School Board Auditorium and Google Meets for a Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Hink
Mr. John Pacella
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
Dr. Scott, O'Donnell, Curriculum Director
Ms. Linda O'Neill, Elementary Principal
Mr. Rob Nogay, MSHS Principal

Ms. Samantha Lavery, Business Mgr. /Board Sec.

Media: N/A

Solicitor: Lou Perrotta, Esq.

Public: 0

Board Members Not Present: 0

Call to Order

Dr. Hink called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:00 P.M.

Executive Session Announcement

Dr. Hink announced that the Union Area School Board met in executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss personnel for the purpose of hiring, legal language for contracts, and negotiations. Executive Session ended at 6:55 PM.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:02 PM)

Dr. Hink called for public comment. There was none.

Informational Items (7:03 PM)

A. COVID -19

Dr. Ross updated the Board on the newest guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the guidelines and vaccines.

B. Audit Update

Ms. Samantha Lavery updated the Board on the 2019-2020 Audit

C. Budget Meetings

Operations 7:14 PM

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2021.
- B. Approve the Financial Report and Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2021.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from January 14, 2021 through February 12, 2021 in the amount of \$48,790.08.
- D. Approve the checklist from January 21, 2021 through February 17, 2021 in the amount of \$285,784.34.

- E. Approve the January 31, 2021 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.
- F. Approve the Cafeteria Invoices dated February 4, 2021 in the amount of \$24,820.88.

Bertolino seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester tabled agenda item 3. Erate Consulting Agreement. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve a contracted ESL instruction with Maxim Staffing at \$165.00 per day as per attached agreement, effective February 17, 2021 and pending solicitor approval. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

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

Allebach moved to approve the 2019-2020 Financial Audit Report as presented. Pacella seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve an agreement with New Cattle Area School District to transport a special education student to McGuire at a cost of \$50.00 per day, as per attached agreement. Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Personnel 7:18 PM

Exposito moved to accept 15 sick days for Mr. Devin Householder from Ambridge Area School District. The days will be rolled over into the 2020-2021 accrued sick day balance as of June 30, 2021. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the FMLA request made by James Dotson effective April 21, 2021 through the end of the school year as presented. Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Mr. Bob Meeks as a Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, effective February 17, 2021 and pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to create the position of a Special Education One to One Paraprofessional and advertise. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to table agenda # MOU with UAEA. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to create the position of a School Psychologist & Gifted Coordinator and to further approve the job description attached. Effective March 1, 2021. Pacella seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the revised Act 93 Agreement and Addenda as presented, effective February 17, 2021. Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Mrozek moved to approve the MOU with the UAEA regarding Employee Quarantine Leave as presented and pending solicitor approval. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Bertolino moved to add to the agenda to hire Sarah Branca as School Psychologist /Gifted Coordinator at \$55,000 per year, effective March 1, 2021 and pending proper paperwork. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Dr. Hink called for Public comment. There was none.

Bertolino moved to hire Sarah Branca as School Psychologist /Gifted Coordinator at \$55,000 per year, effective March 1, 2021 and pending proper paperwork. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (7:26 PM)

Dr. Hink calls for new business at 7:26 PM.

There was no comments from the Board.

Adjourn (7: 26 PM)

Allebach moved to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 7:26PM. Biondi seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.