

Union Area School District
New Castle, Pennsylvania
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Union Area Board of School Directors
April 21, 2021

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on April 21, 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: N/A

Public: 0

Board Members Not Present: 0

Call to Order

Dr. Hink called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:15 P.M.

Executive Session Announcement

Dr. Hink announced that the Union Area School Board met in executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss personnel for the purpose of hiring, legal language for contracts, and real estate. Executive Session ended at 7:05 PM.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:19 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. Budget Update

C. June Meeting Date Change from June 16, 2021 to June 23, 2021

D. NSLP – Cafeteria Budget

E. PSBA Renewal

F. MIUIV Election for Board Members

G. Commencement

Operations 7:55 PM

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

A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2021.

B. Approve the Financial Report and Treasurer's Report dated March 30, 2021.

C. Approve the Purchase Order List from March 16, 2021 through April 19, 2021 in the amount of \$126,627.09

- D. Approve the checklist from March 18, 2021 through April 21, 2021 in the amount of \$410,865.18.
- E. Approve the March 30, 2021 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.
- F. Approve the Cafeteria Invoices dated April 7, 2021 in the amount of \$30,342.35.

Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the exonerations as presented by the Lawrence County Assessment Office. Biondi seconded (8 yes, 1 Abstain – Hink)

Mrozek moved to approve the 2021-2022 Cafeteria Budget as presented. Bertolino seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the contracted transportation with Mr. & Mrs. Sikora as presented and effective April 21, 2021. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Personnel 8:00 PM

Friend moved to approve the time off without pay request made by Bob Palmer, starting May 17, 2021 through the end of the school year as presented. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to approve the resignation of Mrs. Cynthia Naples from Middle/High School Art Teacher, effective June 3, 2021. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Dr. Hink asked the Board secretary and Superintendent to thank her for her services.

Allebach moved to approve the Superintendent Evaluation with "Distinguished" as presented. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Debra Arena, Paraprofessional and made effective June 3, 2021. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to add to the agenda student expulsion #2895920565 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year and 2021-2022. There will be a reapply for readmission following successful completion of requirements in August 2022. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Addenda Public Comment (8:11 PM) Dr. Hink calls for public comment on the addenda at 8:11 PM. There was none.

Allebach moved to approve the expulsion of student #2895920565 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year and 2021-2022. There will be a reapply for readmission following successful completion of requirements in August 2022. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (8:12 PM) Dr. Hink calls for new business at 8:12 PM. There was none.

Adjourn (8:12 PM) Allebach moved to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 8:12 PM. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.