

Union Area School District
New Castle, Pennsylvania
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Union Area Board of School Directors
October 20, 2021

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on October 20, 2021 in the Middle/High School Library and 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. Robert Mrozek
Mr. Arin Biondi
Ms. Elizabeth A. Sylvester
Mr. Donald Friend
Ms. R. Exposito

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent

Ms. Linda O'Neill, Elementary Principal
Mr. Rob Nogay, MSHS Principal

Ms. Samantha Lavery, Business Mgr. /Board Sec. (Virtual)

Media: N/A

Solicitor: Mr. Lou Perrotta

Public: N/A

Board Members Not Present: 0

Call to Order

. Hink called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:29 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, contract language, and other legal matter. Executive Session ended at 7:29 PM.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:30 PM)

Dr. Hink called for public comment.

There was no public in attendance.

Informational Items (7:33 PM)

A. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Ross gave the Board an update on the new policies and procedures regarding COVID19.

B. PSBA Years of Service Recognition

C. Comprehensive Plan Update

Operations 7:39 PM

Bertolino moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 15, 2021 as presented.
- B. Approve the September 2021 Financial Statement & Treasurers Report.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from September 15, 2021 through October 19, 2021 in the amount of \$52,646.44
- D. Approve the checklist from September 16, 2021 through October 20, 2021 in the amount of \$410,939.3
- E. Approve the September 30, 2021 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.

Biondi seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the bid repository for parcel #34-231300 to Mr. Mathew Bucceri in the amount of \$500.00 as presented. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Commercial Tax Abatement Application made by Carla Shaffer for property and New Construction located at 2105 West State Street, New Castle PA. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the Agreement for Provision of Special Education Services for the 21-22 School year as presented. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the 2021-2022 special education contracted transportation with New Castle Area School District as presented. Biondi seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement for the 2021-22 school year as presented. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the attached marching band field trip as presented. Bertolino seconded (8 yes, 1 No – Friend). The motion carried.

Personnel Agenda Items 7:50 PM

Allebach moved to approve Mr. Jim Cleaver as a girls volunteer varsity basketball coach, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to place Mr. Stacy Robinson on the substitute security list for the 2021-22 school year. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve Ms. Mackenzie Webb as a building substitute through Kelly Services for the 2021-22 school year. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the FMLA Leave for Ms. Lauren Blatchford from December 17, 2021 through January 28, 2022. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve time-off without pay for Mr. Robert Palmer as presented. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve tenure to the following individuals. They have completed and satisfied the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

- A. Kayla Magusiak
- B. Alyssa Trocci
- C. Andrew Carson
- D. Diane Benedict
- E. Julie McCowan
- F. Marcia Trocci

Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried

New Business (7:46 PM) Dr. Hink calls for new business at 7:46 PM.

There was no new business brought before the Board.

Lou Perrotta, School Solicitor discussed the Caravan Property and update on taxes.

Adjourn (7:48 PM) Exposito moved to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 7:48 PM. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Samantha C. Laverty, Board Secretary