

**Union Area School District**  
New Castle, Pennsylvania  
Public Board Meeting Minutes  
Union Area Board of School Directors  
August 18, 2021

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on August 18, 2021 in the Middle/High School Library 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 (Virtual)  
Mr. John Bertolino  
Mr. Robert Mrozek  
Mr. Donald Friend  
Ms. Elizabeth A. Sylvester  
Mr. A. Biondi  
Ms. R. Exposito

**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:** Mr. Gary Jones

**Public:** N/A

**Board Members Not Present:** 0

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**Call to Order**

. Hink called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:25 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 7:25 PM.

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**Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:25 PM)**

Dr. Hink called for public comment.

There was no public in attendance.

**Informational Items (7:26M)**

A. Sunshine Law Update

Dr. Ross and Mr. Gary Jones updated the Board on the changes to the Sunshine Law.

B. School Athletic Uniforms

Dr. Ross and Mr. Nogay updated the Board on the new Athletic Uniforms for the 21-22 school year.

**Operations 7:34 PM**

Bertolino moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 23, 2021 and July 28, 2021 as presented.
- B. Approve the Purchase Order List from July 28, 2021 through August 16, 2021 in the amount of \$158,582.74.
- C. Approve the checklist from July 29, 2021 through August 18, 2021 in the amount of \$381,855.06.
- D. Approve the July 31, 2021 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.

Pacella seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the 2021-22 bus runs as presented. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the contracted transportation agreement with New Castle Area School District for the 2021-22 school year at a rate of \$60.00 per day as presented. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to approve the Special Education Contracted Agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Seals as presented. Bertolino seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the continuance of the STEP program for the 21-22 school year with Ms. Lavery to coordinate the program and Dr. Ross to select the candidates. The program is not to exceed \$12,000. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the following facility requests and to waive all fees.

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| A. UTAA          | Football Stadium | Youth Football Games |
| B. Marching Band | Football Stadium | Pie Festival         |

Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Tuition Paid Student for the 2021-22 school year as presented. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the 2021 Fall Sport Athletic Admissions as presented. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the revised Board Policy 006-Meetings as presented. Biondi seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to approve the Elementary and Middle/High School handbooks as presented for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Exposito asked those to change the dress code to allow leggings. There was no support from the Board to add to agenda.

Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the Title I, II, & IV School Wide Plans as presented and made effective September 1, 2021. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

### **Personnel Agenda Items 7:41 PM**

Allebach moved to hire Mr. Robert Sheldone as a Part-Time Elementary Art Teacher at Step 7 and paid in accordance with the UAEA Agreement effective August 23, 2021. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the agreement made with Bertolino Consulting, LLC for services as presented. Mrozek seconded (8 yes – 1 Abstain – Bertolino). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to pay Mr. Devin householder \$450.00 for the Band Camp Assistant Position. Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the following building substitutes for the 2021-22 school year as presented through Kelly Services.

- A. Nicole Barker
- B. Johnna Johnston
- C. Vanessa White

Friend seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Friend moved to approve the substitute support staff for the 2021-22 school year as presented. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

**New Business (7:48 PM)** Dr. Hink calls for new business at 7:48 PM.

Dr. Ross asked the Board Members to potentially have two meetings in September due to the start of school. Friend moved to add to the agenda. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

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

Friend moved to approve a special meeting on September 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Dr. Ross updated the Board on Entrepreneurship Club and the new equipment.

Linda O'Neill asked to evaluate the Mask Mandate for the District.

**Adjourn (7:52 PM)** Bertolino moved to adjourn the regular scheduled meeting at 7:52 PM. Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

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Samantha C. Lavery, Board Secretary