**Union Area School District**

New Castle, Pennsylvania

Public Board Meeting Re-Organization Minutes

Union Area Board of School Directors

January 19, 2022

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on January 19, 2022 in the Middle/High School Library for a Regular Meeting. The following persons were in attendance:

**Board Members: Administrators:**

Dr. Michael Hink Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent

Mr. John Pacella

Ms. Debra Allebach (Virtual) Dr. Scott, O’Donnell, Curriculum Director

Mr. John Bertolino Ms. Linda O’Neill, Elementary Principal

Mr. Arinn Biondi

Ms. Roxanne Exposito

Ms. Valerie Pavelko Ms. Samantha Laverty, Business Mgr. /Board Sec.

Mr. Robert Mrozek **Media:** N/A

Ms. Elizabeth A. Sylvester **Solicitor**: Lou Perrotta, Esq.

**Board Not Present:** 0 **Public:** 0

**Call to Order**

Hink called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:03 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 7:02 PM.

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**Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:03 PM)**

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

**Pride & Promise Award (7:04 PM)**

Dr. Ross presented the Pride and Promise to all teacher substitutes. During the current year with many shortages and requirements of quarantines the substitutes have been a vital part to the ongoing success.

**Informational Items (7:19 PM)**

1. COVID-19 Update – Dr. Ross
2. School Board Recognition Month – Dr. Ross
3. Eckles Architecture Update – Dr. Ross
4. LCCTC Update – Dr. Ross

**Operations 7:25 PM**

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

* 1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Re-Organization Meeting on December 8, 2021 as presented.
  2. Approve the December 2021 Financial & Treasurer’s Report as presented.
  3. Approve the Purchase Order List from December 7, 2021 through January 18, 20212 in the amount of $61,485.31.
  4. Approve the checklist from December 9, 2021through January 19, 2022 in the amount of $430,276.82.
  5. Approve the November 30, 2021 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman’s Fund, and Student Activities as presented.
  6. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated January 5, 2022 in the amount of $27,818.59.

Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

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

Exposito moved to approve the addendum to the 2021-22 Health & Safety Plan as attached. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved approve the creation of Junior High Boys Baseball Program, effective January 19, 2022. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the contracted transportation agreement for the purposes of special education as presented. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried

Exposito moved to approve the 2022 Board Committees as presented. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Mrozek moved to approve the Act 1 Resolution 2022-001 whereas the Union Area School District will not exceed the tax increase above the set index of 5.0% for the 2022-2023 school year. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve Mr. Randy DeJohn as the Junior High Baseball Coach/Assistant Varsity at a stipend of $2,325, effective January 19, 2022, and pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Biondi seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the FMLA for Mrs. Erika Carlini as presented. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the attached Union Township Tax Collector Wages as presented (No Increase), effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Mrozek moved to approve the Prep Period Payment of $22.96 per period of coverage for Ms. Andrea Pagley for the 2021-22 School year. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to increase the Substitute Nurse Pay to $100.00 per day, effective January 19, 2022. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve an hourly pay of $10.00 per hour for substitute paraprofessionals through Kelly Services, effective January 19, 2022. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve a MOU with the Paraprofessional effective January 19, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022, pending solicitor approval. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

**New Business (7:42 PM)**

Mr. Mrozek questioned spring activities such as field trips, proms, and 5th grade graduation. Dr. Ross explained those activities have yet to be determined.

**Adjourn**

Mrozek moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 7:50 PM. Biondi seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

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Samantha Laverty, Board Secretary