

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

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on July 20, 2022 in the Middle/High School Library for a Regular Meeting. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

Mr. John Pacella
Mr. John Bertolino
Mr. Arin Biondi
Ms. Roxanne Exposito
Ms. Valarie Pavelko
Mr. Robert Mrozek
Ms. Elizabeth Sylvester

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent

Ms. Linda O'Neill, Elementary Principal
Ms. Samantha Laverty, Business Mgr. /Board Sec

Media: N/A

Solicitor: Lois M. Perrotta, Esq.

Board Not Present: Hink & Allebach

Public: 0

Call to Order

Pacella called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Paella requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:52 P.M.

Executive Session Announcement

Pacella announced that the Union Area School Board met in executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss school security update, contract language, personnel for the purpose of hiring and negotiations.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:52PM)

There was no public in attendance.

Informational Items (7: 53 PM)

- A. District Paving Project Update

Operations 7:56 PM

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

- A. Approve the Purchase Order List from July 1, 2022 through July 19, 2022 in the amount of \$703,681.71.
- B. Approve the checklist from June 16, 2022 through July 20, 2022 in the amount of \$470,225.00.
- C. Approve the Treasurer's and Financial Report dated June 30, 2022.
- D. Approve the June 30, 2021 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.
- E. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated July 12, 2022 in the amount of \$10,390.40.

Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to place the 2022 District Comprehensive Plan on Public Display and to be formally adopted on August 20, 2022. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to approve the LERTA application made by Lisa Dudash for 1930 McCracken Drive, New Castle, PA 16101 in the amount of \$118,000 building value, pending the Lawrence County Assessment. Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Personnel 8:00 PM

Sylvester moved to approve Jennifer Ingram as the High School English long term substitute through Kelly Services, Inc. and paid \$100 per day for the first 45 days and step 1 daily rate for the remaining school year as per the Kelly Service Agreement. Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve Ronald Jurysta as the High School English and Social Studies long term substitute through Kelly Services, Inc. and paid \$100 per day for the first 45 days and step 1 daily rate for the remaining school year as per the Kelly Service Agreement. Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve Nicolette DeVincentis as the 6th Grade long term substitute through Kelly Services, Inc. and paid \$100 per day for the first 45 days and step 1 daily rate for the remaining school year as per the Kelly Service Agreement. Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve Nciole Bennicase as a Special Education long term substitute through Kelly Services, Inc. and paid on step 1 daily rate for the as per the Kelly Service Agreement. Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved Board to approve the following building substitute for the 2022-23 school year through Kelly Services and paid \$100 per day:

- a. Vanessa White
- b. Morgan Stuart

Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to hire Ashley Ahern as an elementary special education paraprofessional in accordance with the UAESP contract, effective August 22, 2022, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Mrozek moved to place Mr. Ken Cassella on the substitute bus driver list for the 2022-23 school year, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Andrew Carson from Part-Time Math Teacher, effective June 21, 2022. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved Board to approve the 2022-23 Athletic Trainer Contract as presented. Biondi seconded (6 yes, 1 No- Bertolino). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the Building & Grounds Supervisor Contract as presented and made effective July 1, 2022. Biondi seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to hire Ms. Anne McGowan as the Head Cross Country Coach, effective July 1, 2022 at a stipend of \$3,550. Exposito seconded (6 yes, 1 No – Bertolino). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to renew the memorandum of understanding for Mr. Dom Stoner for the 2022-23 school year as presented. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the Social Worker Contract and to be paid using ESSERS Funds as presented for the 2022-23, and 2023-24 school year. Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the following pay rates for Substitute Security for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Act 235 certified \$20.00 per hour
- Act 120 certified \$28.00 per hour

Biondi seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved Board to approve the job description for the U Spirit Squad Coordinator at a stipend to be determined, effective July 1, 2022. Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (8:08 PM)

There was no new business brought before the Board.

Adjourn

Biondi moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 8:08 PM. Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.