**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 August 17, 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 Paella

Ms. Debra Allebach Dr. Scott O’Donnell, Dir. Of Curriculum & Instruction

Mr. John Pacella Mr. Rob Nogay, MS/HS Principal

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

Ms. Roxanne Exposito Ms. Samantha Laverty, Bus. Mgr. /Board Secretary

Ms. Valarie Pavelko

Mr. Robert Mrozek

**Media:** N/A

**Solicitor**: Lois M. Perrotta, Esq.

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

**Call to Order**

Hink called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:04 P.M.

**Executive Session Announcement**

Hink 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 (7:05PM)**

There was no public in attendance.

**Informational Items (7:05 PM)**

1. School Calendar – Dr. Ross explained the new platform that the District will use to communicate with parents and the District Calendar will be provided through that software and updated in real time.

**Operations 7:07 PM**

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

* 1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings on July 20, 2022 as presented.
  2. Approve the Purchase Order List from July 18, 2022 through August 15, 2022 in the amount of $225,171.16.
  3. Approve the checklist from July 21, 2022 through August 17, 2022 in the amount of $847,477.42
  4. Approve the Financial and Treasurers Report Dated July 31, 2022 as presented.
  5. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated August 8, 2022 in the amount of $8,187.96.
  6. Approve the July 31, 2022 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman’s Fund, and Student Activities as presented.

Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved approve the attached exonerations and Bid Repository as attached. Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the LERTA Application made by Mr. Albert Ryan and Mrs. Amy Ryan on August 1, 2022 for New Construction Building in the assessed value of $185,600 as attached for 1024 Charles Drive. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the 2022-2023 bus runs as presented. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Special Education Contracted Agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Seals as presented. Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the continuance of the STEP Program for the 2022-2023 school year with Mrs. Laverty to coordinate the program and Dr. Ross to select the candidates. The program is not to exceed $12,000. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the following facility requests and to waive all fees at attached.

1. UTAA Football Stadium Youth Football Games
2. Student Council MS/HS Common Areas Conference
3. Student Council MS/HS Common Areas Fall Fundraiser

Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the following tuition paid students as attached. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the 2022 fall sport athletic admissions as listed:

Football

* $5.00 Adult Tickets
* $2.00 Student Tickets (student tickets are pre-sale only/all tickets at the gate are $5.00)
* $20.00 Season Pass ($1.00 off per game/5 home games)

Volleyball

* $5.00 Adult Tickets
* $2.00 Student Tickets (student tickets are sold at the door)
* $36.00 Season Pass ($1.00 off per game/9 home games)

Senior Citizens (65 and over) are free

No charge for junior high/middle school sports

Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Elementary and Middle/High School Handbooks as presented for the 2022-23 School year. Pacella seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan that has been on public display since July 20, 2022. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the 2022-23 PDE Health & Safety Plan as attached. Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the PDE E-Signatures Resolution as attached. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved to approve Grant 37916 Security Equipment Spending and letter of support as presented. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to ratify the payment of $191,056.09 paid on August 1, 2022 which includes a $5,000 change order which was necessary. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the Title I, II, & IV School Wide Plans as presented and made effective September 1, 2022. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

**Personnel 7:23 PM**

Allebach moved to pay Mr. Antonio Faraone $450.00 for the Band Camp Assistant Position. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to amend letters E. and G. on the June 15, 2022 board motion #8, Summer School Payment due to a typo and error on the agenda. It is further recommended to pay the individuals E. and G. their full hourly rate for time during the 2022 Summer School schedule. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to hire Ms. Stacy Miller as the Elementary building substitutes for the 2022-23 school year through Kelly Services. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the following teachers payment for instruction during their prep period during the 2022-23 school year. All payments will be based on actual days of instruction and pro-rated for each individual pay rate.

A.  Amy Ryan 8.9% of daily Rate for 90 days

     B.  Gene DiGennaro 8.9% of daily Rate for 90 days

     C.  Michelle Kassi 8.9% of daily Rate for 180 days

     D.  Kayla Radachy 8.9% of daily Rate for 180 days

     E.  Steve Antuono 8.9% of daily Rate for 180days

     F.  James Dotson 8.9% of daily Rate for 45 days

     G.  Kristie Ross 8.9% of daily Rate for 36 days

     H.  Roberta Minenok 8.9% of daily Rate for 36 days

     I.  Amy Booth 8.9% of daily Rate for 36 days

Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved to approve John Paul Million for the Head Junior High Football Coach at a stipend of $2,325, effective August 17, 2022, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Steve Murcko as a Volunteer Football Coach pending receipt of all proper clearances, effective August 17, 2022. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve Kelly Egbert as a Volunteer Swimming Coach pending receipt of all proper paperwork, effective August 17, 2022. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve a FMLA leave for Ms. Diana Borowski starting September 6, 2022 for a full 60 days as attached. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve Ms. Christina Vitale as The U Spirit Squad Coordinator at a stipend of $2,500 effective August 17, 2022. Exposito seconded (7 yes, 1 No- Bertolino). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to accept the resignation of Ms. Erica Latess from Jr. High Softball Coach, effective August 17, 2022. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved to approve the resignation of Ms. Lori Connelly from SADD Advisor, effective August 17, 2022. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Patrick Minenok from Weigh Room Supervisor, effective August 15, 2022 as presented. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to amend the Building & Grounds Supervisor Employment Agreement, effective July 1, 2022 as presented. Pacella seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the Substitute Support Staff for the 2022-23 school year as presented. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

**Student Affairs**

Pacella moved to approve student H.H. to attend Mohawk Area School District for the Vocational Agriculture Program as per the attached agreement until graduation. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve Max Egbert to Swim under the Union Area School District at no cost to the District for the 2022-23 School year. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

**New Business (7:32 PM)**

Pacella asked Dr. Ross to go over each grade level student enrollment. Mrs. O’Neill and Dr. O’Donnell indicated the numbers in each grade and a reduction in previous years.

Pacella calculated the percentage of reduction in class sizes and asked if there could be larger numbers in the next few weeks.

Dr. Ross will update the Board on total student enrollment next month.

**Adjourn**

Allebach moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 7:39 PM. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

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Samantha Laverty, Board Secretary