

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 February 15, 2023 in the Middle/High School Library for a Regular Meeting. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Hink (Virtual)
Mr. John Pacella
Ms. Debra Allebach
Mr. John Bertolino
Mr. Arin Biondi
Ms. Roxanne Exposito
Ms. Valerie Peoples
Ms. Elizabeth Sylvester

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent
Mr. John Paella
Dr. O'Donnell, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. O'Neill, Elementary Principal

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

Media: N/A

Solicitor: Gary Jones, Esq.

Board Not Present: Mr. Robert Mrozek

Public: 0

Call to Order

Pacella called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pacella requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:09 P.M.

Executive Session Announcement

Pacella announced that the Union Area School Board met in executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss contract negotiations, personnel for the purpose of hiring and resignation, and confidential student matter.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:10 PM)

There was no public in attendance.
No Media Comments.

High School Student Council Report (7:10-7:13 PM)

High School Student Council updated the Board on various fundraiser and project they have done throughout the school year.

Informational Items (7:13 PM)

1. Set Budget Meetings

Operations 7:14 PM

Biondi moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Re-Organization Meeting on January 18, 2023 as presented.
- B. Approve the January 2023 Financial & Treasurer's Report as presented.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from January 18, 2023 through February 10, 2023 in the amount of \$27,307.09.
- D. Approve the checklist from January 19, 2023 through February 15, 2023 in the amount of \$363,813.71.
- E. Approve the January 31, 2023 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.
- F. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated February 7, 2023 in the amount of \$39,109.04.

Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the attached exonerations from the Lawrence County Assessment Office.
Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the business manager to place up to \$650,000 into a 12-20 month CD at First Commonwealth Bank and to authorize the signatures of the Business Manager, Superintendent, and Board President. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the disposal of Cafeteria Equipment (Pizza Oven) through an online bidding process. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to accept the following donations:

A. Joe Macri	\$1,000	Designated to purchase a new AED
B. Richard Clarke	\$2,000	Designated to purchase a new AED
C. Word of Life Family Church	\$300	Designated to Nurse for Children Supplies

Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved to table the 2023-2024 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV General Operating Budget Resolution. Biondi seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to refund \$271.15 to Mr. Nicholas Krowchena for a refund of realty transfer fees as requested by the Lawrence County Tax Claim Bureau and attached. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Business Manager to seek requests for proposal on a new 9 passenger Mini Bus for the 2023-24 school year. Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Personnel 7:20 PM

Exposito moved to approve the FMLA for Ms. Heather Brennaman starting May 4, 2023 for a full eight weeks as attached. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Anne McGowan from High School Yearbook Advisor, effective June 1, 2023. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve Mr. Kim Niedbala as Assistant High School Track Coach at a stipend of \$2,325, effective February 15, 2023. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to approve Mr. Brandon Eppinger as a Volunteer Track Coach, effective February 15, 2023 and pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the following Junior High Baseball Coaches, effective February 15, 2023 and pending receipt of all proper paperwork:

A. Jacob Jendrysik	Head Coach	\$2,325
B. Joseph Annarelli	Assistant Coach	\$2,325
C. Arin Biondi	Volunteer	-
D. Josh Richman	Volunteer	-

Exposito seconded (7 yes, 1 Abstain – Biondi). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the Non-Contracted Employees Agreement as presented. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the FMLA leave for Mrs. Sarah Branca beginning approximately April 2023 for the full 12 weeks, as presented. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve Kevin Benedict as Head Jr. High Softball Coach at a stipend of \$2,325, effecting February 15, 2023, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Corey Shannon as Assistant Jr. High Softball Coach at a stipend of \$2,325, effecting February 15, 2023, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (7:27 PM)

Mr. Pacella called for new business at 7:27 PM.

There was none.

Adjourn

Allebach moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 7:27 PM. Sylvester seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Samantha Lavery, Board Secretary