

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

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Hink

Ms. Debra Allebach

Mr. John Bertolino

Mr. Robert Mrozek

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 Lavery, Bus. Mgr. /Board Secretary

Media: N/A

Solicitor: L.M. Perrotta, Esq.

Board Not Present: Mr. John Pacella and Arin Biondi **Public:** 0

Call to Order

Hink called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:00 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 (7:00 PM)

There was no public in attendance.

No Media Comments.

Informational Items (7:01 PM)

1. Roofing Project Update
2. Update on Athletic Contract

Operations 7:03 PM

Allebach moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 15, 2023 as presented.
- B. Approve the February 2023 Financial & Treasurer's Report as presented.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from February 11, 2023 through March 13, 2023 in the amount of \$132,078.20.
- D. Approve the checklist from February 16, 2023 through March 15, 2023 in the amount of \$440,594.58.
- E. Approve the February 28, 2023 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.
- F. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated March 3, 2023 in the amount of \$34,027.60.

Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the attached exonerations from the Lawrence County Assessment Office. Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the 2023-2024 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV General Operating Budget Resolution in the amount of \$3,831,803 (\$477,625 increase from prior year). Sylvester seconded (6 yes, 1 No- Bertolino). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the Special Education Plan for the years 2023-2026 as presented. Mrozek Seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the agreement made between Union Area School District & DePaul School for Hearing and Speech, effective February 24, 2023 as presented. Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the School Psychology Professional Agreement with Ms. Carrie Jackson as presented and effective March 15, 2023. Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the AP Biology Field Trip to Camp Lutherlyn on April 20, 2023. Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Peoples moved to approve the CoStars Contract #008E22816 with Yesco in the amount of \$120,000 as presented. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Dr. Ross explains the cost saving now vs a wait and see approach.

Allebach moved to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the resignation of Mrs. Anne McGowan from High School Math/Computer Teacher, effective June 1, 2023, for the purpose of retirement. Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Mr. Edward Krzysik as presented. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Sarah Richard from Paraprofessional, effective March 17, 2023. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Anne McGowan from Head Cross Country Coach, effective March 3, 2023. Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve Ms. Michaela Unrue as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach, effective March 15, 2023 and pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Peoples seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve Ms. Dominique Carbon as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach, effective March 15, 2023 and pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Mrozek seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Hink called for public comment at 7:23 PM to place resignation on agenda for Ms. Jessica Donnelly from Varsity Cheerleading Coach.

There was no public comment.

Exposito moved to place the resignation of Mrs. Jessica Donnelly from Varsity Cheerleading Coach, effective March 15, 2023. Allebach seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jessica Donnelly from Varsity Cheerleading Coach, effective March 15, 2023. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (7:26 PM)

Dr. Hink called for new business at 7:26 PM.

There was none.

Adjourn

Allebach moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 7:26 PM. Sylvester seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Samantha Lavery, Board Secretary