

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 April 19, 2023 in the Middle/High School Library for a Regular Meeting. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Hink
Mr. John Pacella
Ms. Debra Allebach
Mr. John Bertolino
Mr. Arin Biondi
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 Laverty, Bus. Mgr. /Board Secretary

Media: N/A

Solicitor: Mr. Gary Jones, Esq.

Board Not Present: 0

Public: 0

Call to Order

Hink called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:37 P.M.

Executive Session Announcement

Hink 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 (7:38 PM)

There was no public in attendance.
No Media Comments.

Informational Items (7:38 PM)

1. School District Cafeteria Update
2. Slipper Rock University Study & Survey
3. Capital Improvements Plan
4. Custodian Positions and Advertising
5. Set Budget Meeting

Operations 7:50 PM

Allebach moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 15, 2023 as presented.
 - B. Approve the March 2023 Financial & Treasurer's Report as presented.
 - C. Approve the Purchase Order List from March 19, 2023 through April 14, 2023 in the amount of \$218,824.19.
 - D. Approve the checklist from March 16, 2023 through April 19, 2023 in the amount of \$420,735.16.
 - E. Approve the March 31, 2023 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.
 - F. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated April 10, 2023 in the amount of \$46,356.14.
- Peoples seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the public display McGraw Hill Wonders Reading textbook series in the Central Office until May 17, 2023 at which time the Board may formally adopt the textbooks at a public meeting. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the public display McGraw Hill Reveal Algebra I textbook in the Central Office until May 17, 2023 at which time the Board may formally adopt the textbooks at a public meeting. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the Marching Band Field Trip to Gettysburg, PA as presented. Peoples seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Elementary 2023 Spring Field Trips as presented. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the facility request made by Pyrotecnico for the use of the Middle/High School Auditorium and Cafeteria on April 22, 2023 from 7:30 AM to 9:30 PM at a fee of \$350, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to permit Petrus Engineering to advertise and seek requests for proposals on the proposed roofing bid package as presented. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to permit the Business Manager to advertise and seek bids for carpeting for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the 2023-2024 Budget and renewal with The Nutrition Group, Inc. in the amount of (\$25,664.55) loss (the 2022-23 school year was a profit of \$12,800). Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the time off without pay request made by Christina Vitale as presented. Pacella seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the time off without pay request made by Temika Taylor Gunn as presented. Peoples seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the following individuals for Summer School at a rate of \$30.00 per hour per ESSERS Grant Funding from June 19, 2023 through August 3, 2023 (as assigned by Administration). All nurses will rotate days.

- A. Michelle Kassi
- B. Kayla Radachy
- C. Diane Benedict
- D. Kelly Finley (Nurse)
- E. Marcia Trocci
- F. Jacob Thomas
- G. Lisa Antuono
- H. Tasha Pascarella
- I. Alyssa Trocci

Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the following paraprofessionals to be hired for Summer School at their regular contracted rate from July 10, 2023 through August 3, 2023. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

- A. Amy Carr
- B. Debbie Fusco

Exposito moved to approve Erica Carlini as High School Yearbook Advisor, effective July 1, 2023. Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the UAEA 10 month compensation as presented. Mrozek seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the attached Coaches Compensation Plan effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. Biondi seconded (8 yes, 1 No- Bertolino). The motion carried.

Allebach moved for the Board to hire Christina Hunt as Varsity Cheerleading Head Coach at a stipend in accordance to the Coaches Compensation Plan and made effective July 1, 2023, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Exposito seconded (8 yes, 1 No- Bertolino). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Superintendent Evaluation as presented. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (8:22 PM)

Dr. Hink called for new business at 8:22 PM.

There was none.

Adjourn

Allebach moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 8:22 PM. Sylvester seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.