

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

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on September 20, 2023 in the Middle/High School Board Room for a Regular Meeting. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Hink
Mr. John Pacella
Ms. Debra Allebach
Ms. Valerie Peoples
Mr. Robert Mrozek
Ms. Elizabeth Sylvester

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent
Dr. Scott O'Donnell, Curriculum Director
Ms. Linda O'Neill, Elementary Principal

Ms. Samantha Laverty, Business Mgr. /Board Sec

Media: New Castle News

Solicitor: Mr. Gary Jones, Esq.

Board Not Present: Bertolino, Biondi, Exposito

Public: Nick Bennett

Call to Order

Hink called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:01 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, contract language, and personnel for the purpose of hiring.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:03 PM)

Dr. Hink called for public comment. There was none.

Informational Items (7:04 PM)

- A. 1973 Football Recognition
- B. Roofing Update

Operations 7:07 PM

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings on September 20, 2023 as presented.
- B. Approve the Purchase Order List from September 20, 2023 through October 17, 2023 in the amount of \$63,480.86.
- C. Approve the checklist from September 21, 2023 through October 18, 2023 in the amount of \$659,605.70.
- D. Approve the Financial and Treasurers Report Dated September 30, 2023 as presented.
- E. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated October 9, 2023 in the amount of \$49,974.77.
- F. Approve the September 30, 2023 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.

Peoples seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the Educational Field Trip Requests made by Mrs. Maria Macri for the Elementary Life Skills Classroom as presented. Allebach seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve Dr. Lori Dado to provide school physicals and sign standing medicine orders as presented, effective October 18, 2023, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Pacella seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the following tuition students as presented:

- A. Kayden Kerr 5th Grade
- B. Mykah Kerr 6th Grade

Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved to approve the second reading of board policy #625 Procurement Card. Allebach seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the second reading of the Hall of Fame Procedure for Board Policy #920 as presented. Sylvester seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the second reading of the Distinguished Alumni Procedure for Board Policy #919 as presented. Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved to approve the Agreement with Real Estate Appraisal & Marketing Associates and to split fees with other municipalities as presented. Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Use of Facilities Request made by RoseAnn Fulena on behalf of the High School Student Council to use the Middle/High School Common Areas on November 10-11, 2023, for the purpose of a Craft Fair. Sylvester seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Personnel Agenda Items

Pacella moved to approve the MOU with the UAESP effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, for the purpose of Paraprofessional Coverage Pay as presented. Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve Ms. Hailey Hughes as the MS/HS Science Olympiad Advisor and paid a stipend of \$300 per year, effective October 18, 2023. Pacella seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to add a motion to the agenda to accept the resignation of Mrs. Brandi Lutes. Pacella seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Dr. Hink called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Mrozek moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Brandi Lutes, effective October 18, 2023. Sylvester seconded (6 yes). The motion passed.

New Business (7:25 PM)

Linda O'Neill updated the Board on the recent PTO meeting and future monthly meetings.

Adjourn

Allebach moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 7:39 PM. Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.