

**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 November 15, 2023 in the Middle/High School Board Room for a Regular Meeting. The following persons were in attendance:

**Board Members:**

Dr. Michael Hink (exited at 7:00 PM)  
Ms. Debra Allebach  
Mr. John Bertolino  
Mr. Arin Biondi  
Ms. Roxanne Exposito  
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 Lavery, Business Mgr. /Board Sec

**Media:** New Castle News

**Solicitor:** Mr. Gary Jones, Esq.

**Board Not Present:** Pacella & Peoples

**Public:** Nick Bennett

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**Call to Order**

Allebach called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Allebach requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:02 P.M.

**Executive Session Announcement**

Allebach announced that the Union Area School Board met in executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss personnel for the purpose of resignations and hiring.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:03 PM)**

Allebach called for public comment. There was none.

**Pride & Promise Award** – Allison Ross, Senior and State winner for DYW

**Informational Items (7:06 PM)**

- A. EDGEclick
- B. Football Field Maintenance – Discussion during budget on upcoming plans for track and football field

**Operations 7:08 PM**

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings on October 18, 2023 as presented.
- B. Approve the Purchase Order List from October 17, 2023 through November 14, 2023 in the amount of \$62,554.79.
- C. Approve the checklist from October 19, 2023 through November 15, 2023 in the amount of \$384,844.37.
- D. Approve the Financial and Treasurers Report dated October 31, 2023 as presented.
- E. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated November 7, 2023 in the amount of \$41,876.93.
- F. Approve the October 31, 2023 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.

Sylvester seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to approve the exonerations provided by the Lawrence County Assessment Office as attached.  
Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve Infocon Corporation to mail out the 2024 Homestead/Farmstead Application as presented. Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to approve the 2023-2024 Joint Purchasing Agreement with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of 3.9% of total purchased. Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Mrozek moved to approve the 2023-2024 Winter Varsity Sports Ticket Prices as presented (No Increase).

### **Boys Basketball**

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

### **Girls Basketball**

- \$5.00 Adult Tickets
- \$2.00 Student Tickets (**student tickets are sold at the door**)
- Season Pass (**\$1.00 off per game depending on the amount of home games**)

**\*Senior Citizens (65 and over) are free**

**\*\*no charge for junior high/middle school sports**

Bertolino seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the 2022-2023 Athletic Fund Financial Report as presented. Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the final adoption of board policy #625 Procurement Card. Sylvester seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the final adoption of the Hall of Fame Procedure for Board Policy #920 as presented. Mrozek seconded (5 yes, 1 No - Bertolino). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the final adoption of the Distinguished Alumni Procedure for Board Policy #919 as presented. Sylvester seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the special education transportation agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Brian Sikora, effective October 12, 2023, as presented. Sylvester seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to set the reorganization meeting on December 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the MS/HS Board Room prior to the regular scheduled board meeting set and advertised. Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

### **Personnel Agenda Items**

Sylvester moved to approve the resignation of Mr. Stephen Richardson from Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, effective November 15, 2023. Biondi seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Mrozek moved to approve the resignation of Mrs. Laurel Golonka from Elementary Paraprofessional, effective November 15, 2023. Exposito seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Robert Natale from Jr. High Boys Basketball, effective November 15, 2023. Bertolino seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Bertolino moved to approve Mr. Anthony Stanley as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$3,550, effective November 15, 2023, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Biondi seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Mrozek moved to hire Mr. Jordan Klingensmith as the Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2,500, effective November 15, 2023, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Sylvester seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

Sylvester moved to approve the FMLA request for Mrs. Danielle Pruitt, effective December 1, 2023 for the full 12 weeks leave (Intermittent). Mrozek seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.

**New Business (7:18 PM)**

Dr. Ross thanked those board members who are leaving (Sylvester, Mrozek, and Pacella) for their support and dedication to the school district.

**Adjourn**

Mrozek moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 7:21 PM. Biondi seconded (6 yes). The motion carried.