

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESE0-LA PORTE CITY
Regular Board Meeting
August 21, 2017**

Call to Order: Board President Joe Connolly called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Corey Lorenzen, Kevin Sash, Jenna Scott, and Brian Weber. Absent: Darrell DeWinter (arrived at 6:16 pm) and Cathy Niebergall.

Agenda: Board President Connolly requested the agenda be revised to include the following:
Item 16a: Approve Marketing Company and Item 16b: Approve Second Meal Lunch Price Increase to \$3.55 from \$3.50. On a motion by Weber, second by Scott, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: A thank you was received from Bobbi Hilmer for the Anders Scholarship she received.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Instructional Updates:
 - a. Class size in the D-G Elem Kindergarten is 28 and the LPC Elem 4th grade is at 53. We will be splitting the D-G Elem Kindergarten into two sections and the LPC Elem 4th grade into three sections.
 - b. We have several open coaching positions, especially at the Middle School level. Supt Fleshner reported he has contacted around 15 people regarding the Middle School volleyball positions and has not found anyone interested in taking on those duties. There are a couple of options being looked at now, including having 7th grade practice in the morning and having the 8th grade practice at the high school with the freshman after school.
2. Professional Development Updates:
 - a. A PD schedule was shared with the board, showing what the teachers will be working on each of those days.
 - b. Opening Day PD on August 16th went well. Positive feedback.
3. Financial Updates:
 - a. SAVE Dollars: The information we received this month on the SAVE money (option tax) shows we will receive around \$30,000 less annually in monthly payments than we received last year. This reduction does not include any change we may see in the reconciliation payment amount. These funds are based on enrollment and sales tax revenues.
 - b. ISFIS – 5 year projections: Planning to use the ISFIS program for 5-year forecasting.
 - c. PPEL Update: The papers are running articles on the Voted PPEL, explaining what it can and cannot be used for, etc. The articles are also on Facebook. Supt Fleshner is setting up meetings to meet with public groups to get information out and answer questions.

Darrell DeWinter arrived at 6:16 pm

4. Facility Updates:
 - a. High School intercom project is completed and intercom is working.
 - b. Concrete parking at Middle School: Street in front of the school is finished and work is being done on approaches to the school driveways, then the parking areas will be poured.

- c. Concrete loading area behind Middle School: bids were opened today. The only bid received was for \$38,066.75, which is lower than the estimate we originally received.
- 5. Transportation Updates:
 - a. Bus routes were updated and added to Google Maps.
 - b. Fuel barrels are set and in use at both bus barn locations.
- 6. Technology:
 - a. Chromebooks are ready for use.
 - b. With the purchase of a few more devices, 4th & 5th grades will be 1 to 1.
 - c. K-1 and Special Education classes at elementary buildings will be using touchscreen Chromebooks.
- 7. On-line Registration:
 - a. Used for the first time this year. Overall positive with main issues being with on-line payment.
 - b. JMC has been responsive to errors. Thank you to Brenda Rottinghaus and Dale Wambold for all of their hard work in getting the registration set up.
- 8. Marketing Proposal:
 - a. Fusion Forward is located in Independence, IA, and does marketing as well as website work. They can update our website and make our website user-friendly when trying to view the website on your cell phone.
- 9. IASB Conference:
 - a. School Board Convention is November 15th-17th. Let us know if you are interested in attending.

2017-18 School Bus Routes:

On a motion by DeWinter, second by Sash, the board approved the 2017-2018 school bus routes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Tennis Court Resurfacing:

On a motion by DeWinter, second by Lorenzen, the board accepted the Pro Track and Tennis bid to have the tennis courts resurfaced at a cost of \$74,334. This bid includes crack repair, color coat, and net post replacement. In addition, two pickleball courts will be painted on the south two courts. These amounts will all be split with the City of La Porte City, as per the 28E agreement with the City. Motion carried 6-0.

Tennis Court Lighting:

On a motion by Sash, second by Scott, the board accepted the bid from Henninger to repair the tennis court lights at a cost of \$7,975. This amount will also be split with the City of La Porte City, as per the 28E agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

Outdoor Basketball Court:

On a motion by DeWinter, second by Weber, the board accepted the bid from Pro Track and Tennis to resurface the outdoor basketball court at a cost of \$5,750. Motion carried 6-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy Updates Related to Changes in the Collective Bargaining Law – 400, 401.4, 402.2, 403.1, 405.2, 405.5, 405.6, 405.7, 405.8, 406.5, 407.5, 408.1, 409.1, 409.2, 409.3, 409.4, 409.8, 411.1, 411.2, 411.4, 414.1, 414.4, 700, 701.3, and 706.1:

On a motion by Weber, second by Scott, the board approved the second reading of the board policies related to changes in the collective bargaining law as listed. Motion carried 6-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy Updates Related to USDA Guidance – 507.9, 507.9R1, 710.1, 710.2, and 710.4:

On a motion by Weber, second by Sash, the board approved the second reading of board policy updates related to USDA guidance as listed. Motion carried 6-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy Updates Related to ESSA – 501.16, 502.6, 503.1, 505.4, 505.8, 506.1, 506.1E1, 506.1E2, 506.1E3, 506.1E4, 506.1E5, 506.1E6, 506.1E7, 506.1E8, 506.1R1, 506.2, 506.2E1, and 506.2R1:

On a motion by Sash, second by Scott, the board approved the second reading of board policies related to ESSA as listed. Motion carried 6-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy Updates to 200.R1, 210.2, 302.2, 303.3, 405.4, 405.9, 505.2, and 603.2:

On a motion by DeWinter, second by Sash, the board approved the first reading of 200.R1, 210.2, 302.2, 303.3, 405.4, 405.9, 505.2, and 603.2. Motion carried 6-0

Approve UMS Concrete Bid for Work Behind Building (Loading Area):

On a motion by Sash, second by Lorenzen, the board accepted the bid of \$38,066.75 from Petersen Concrete Construction for concrete work in the loading area behind Union Middle School. Motion carried 6-0.

Receive and Take Action on Recommendation to Approve Participation in the Federal Free and Reduced Price Meal Program:

On a motion by Weber, second by DeWinter, the board approved participation in the Federal Free and Reduced Price Meal Program. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Suspending Transfer of Partial Self-Funding Money Between the General Fund and the PSF Fund for the 2017-2018 School Year to Spend Down Current Balance in PSF Fund:

On a motion by DeWinter, second by Lorenzen, the board approved suspending the transfer of partial self-funding money from the General Fund to the PSF Fund for FY18 in order to spend down the current balance in the PSF Fund. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Marketing Company:

On a motion by DeWinter, second by Lorenzen, the board approved contracting with Fusion Forward for 20 hours per month of marketing and website services at a cost of \$1,250 per month. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve 2nd Meal Lunch Price Increase to \$3.55 from \$3.50:

On a motion by Sash, second by Scott, the board approved increasing the 2nd meal lunch price to \$3.55 from \$3.50. Motion carried 6-0.

Closed Session – Student Application for Readmission – Iowa Code 21.5(1)(e):

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by DeWinter, the board voted to go into closed session as provided in Code of Iowa section 21.5(1)(e) of the open meetings law to determine whether to suspend, expel, or readmit a student to the Union Community School District. Roll call vote: Lorenzen – aye, Sash – aye, Scott – aye, Weber – aye, Connolly – aye, and DeWinter - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The board went into closed session at 7:05 pm.

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Weber, the board voted to go into open session. Roll call vote: Sash – aye, Scott – aye, Weber – aye, Connolly – aye, DeWinter – aye, and Lorenzen – aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to open session at 7:15 pm.

Student Application for Readmission:

On a motion by Sash, second by Lorenzen, the board approved the student’s application for readmission. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the July 17, 2017 board meetings

Claims to be Paid

Personnel

Resignations:

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| Jackie Barz | Summer Maintenance |
| Maggie Driscoll | Summer Maintenance |
| Scott Hilmer | MS Wrestling Asst |
| Pat Hogan | HS Head Wrestling |
| Bart Mehlert | HS Wrestling 2 nd Asst |
| PJ Mouton | MS Head B-BB |
| Donna Steffen | Bus Driver - Route |

Appointments:

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| Denise Albertsen | Bus Driver – PM Route |
| Dee Calkins | D-G Elem Kitchen Asst (transfer) |
| Julie Carty | Mentor |
| Terri Donlea | Mentor |
| Amy Fleming | 4 th Grd – LPC Elem |
| Jennifer Gates | Mentor |
| Tracie Grosse | Mentor |
| Raini Hilmer | HS VB Asst |
| Hope Hix | Mentor |
| Pat Hogan | HS Assistant Wrestling |
| Deb Jungling | Mentor |
| Amy Kriz | Mentor |
| Alyssa Linderer | LPC Elem/HS Nurse (0.5 FTE to 0.875 FTE) |
| Bart Mehlert | HS Head Wrestling |
| Allie Neitzke | Kindergarten – D-G Elem |
| Kim Ortiz | LPC Elem 0.5 FTE Nght Custodian |
| Angela Petersen | Mentor |
| Royce Rottinghaus | Bus Driver – AM Route |
| Julie Schmidt | Mentor |
| Mike Schmidt | Mentor |
| Caitlin Schmitz | Mentor |
| Patty Wandschneider | 0.5 FTE Title I – LPC Elem |

Open Enrollment Requests

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Scott, the board approved the consent agenda.
Motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn:

On a motion by Sash, second by DeWinter, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Joseph R Connolly, Board President

Kathy Krug, Board Secretary