

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESE0-LA PORTE CITY
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
March 26, 2018**

Public Hearing – Sale of Band Uniforms:

The public hearing on the band uniforms began at 6:00 pm. Supt Fleshner reported the district has old band uniforms it would like to sell. The uniforms, which will be sold as a complete set, will be advertised for sale by sealed bids with a minimum acceptable bid listed in the ad. With no comments from the public, the uniforms will be advertised and sold as stated.

Call to Order and Take Roll:

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by Board President Sash at 6:02 pm in the Board Room. The following board members were present: Darrell DeWinter, Corey Lorenzen, Kristi Martin, Brandon Paine, Kevin Sash, and Jenna Scott. Absent: Cathy Niebergall.

Agenda:

Supt Fleshner requested the following be added to item 17 Personnel: resignation of Josh Dunkelberger as 7th grade asst FB coach, resignation of Brenda Jackson as 5th grade elementary teacher, appointment of Josh Dunkelberger as head 7th grade FB coach, and appointment of Logan Loftus as HS Industrial Technology teacher. On a motion by Lorenzen, seconded by Scott, the board approved the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

FRC Robotics Presentation:

Wes Hanson, Zeke Seuser, Emily Wilson, and Noah Damro, members of the FRC Robotics Team 6630, did their FRC Robotics presentation for the school board, showed a video that explained more of what they do during a completion and, along with their sponsors, Maureen Hanson and Chad Seuser, answered questions the board had about the preparation for competitions, the competitions, the time the students invest in the program, and how the program fills areas of interest for the students that other extra-curricular programs may not.

High School Presentation:

HS Principal Jim Cayton and HS Counselor Amy Kriz reviewed with the board the changes that are being made to courses that are being offered to high school students. The total number of credits required for graduation will not change. The change comes in the courses that are being offered and are designed to help students make choices according to what direction they might want to go after their high school years.

Superintendent Report:

1. NACL Conference All-Academic Banquet was held on March 19th at Central Rivers AEA in Cedar Falls to recognize students for their academic achievements. Five students from each school were selected and recognized during the banquet. Gary Kroeger was the speaker for the evening. Students from Union CSD included Wesley Hanson, Daniel Johanningmeier, Emma Peters, Cade Rahlf, and Austin Timmer.
2. Instructional Updates:
 - a. Student Data – Initial reviews show our students performed very well on the Iowa Assessments.

- b. Our K-12 Desk Audit, with the Iowa Dept of Education, was approved with no amendments needed.
 - c. The school calendar is still being drafted and should be ready to present to the board in April.
 - d. Dr Ryan Wise visited our district on March 7th. His arrival was delayed a bit however he did get to visit classrooms at Union HS, LPC Elem, and D-G Elem.
- 3. Professional Development Updates:
 - a. April 2nd – HS/MS will be working on Essential Learnings/MTSS and the Elem NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) working with secondary staff.
- 4. Financial Updates:
 - a. FY19 Budget will be presented on April 9th for final approval.
 - b. The next negotiations session is scheduled for April 11th.
 - c. The Insurance Committee has finished their meetings. In April, the board will receive the recommendation for changes in the district’s health insurance plans.
 - d. E-rate - The internet contract for the high school expires June 30, 2018 and the bids for the new contract, to begin July 1, 2018, have been received. The bids were as follows: ICN - \$705/month, 36-mo contract, LPC Connect - \$270/mo, 36-mo contract, Mediacom - \$600/month, 36-mo contract, and Mediacom - \$450/month, 60-mo contract. E-rate will fund 60% of the monthly cost for the next 3 years.
 - e. Premier Buying Group – There is no cost to sign up with this group and the group provides additional discounts on items purchased through select vendors. When checking pricing, one particular vendor on their list that we currently use, would provide an additional savings of approximately \$1,000 for one year’s supply of paper towels at the high school alone.
- 5. Facility Updates:
 - a. KCL Mechanical Report – Supt Fleshner shared the report, with the board, that he received this month after KCL Engineering’s February 19th walk-through of the high school and middle school.
 - b. HS Teacher Lounge – looking at remodeling. This is the only teacher lounge in the district that has not been updated.
 - c. LPC Bus Barn Lease – on the agenda for board to approve.
 - d. Selection of an Architect – Supt Fleshner asked the board how they wanted to move forward with this. Consensus was to have Supt Fleshner do a rubric and bring it to the board.
 - e. Struxture billing statement – Supt Fleshner reported that we did receive a revised billing statement from Struxture; they reduced the professional fee by half.
- 6. Transportation Updates:
 - a. Hard surface routes – started running those today and will probably be running them for the rest of the week
 - b. X Avenue – Supt Fleshner shared a picture of the road conditions on X Avenue, as of Sunday.
- 7. Marketing Updates:
 - a. Website revisions are continuing; we are using the new website now.
 - b. The brochures still need to have revisions.
- 8. Daycare Updates:
 - a. Agreement in on agenda for approval
 - b. The renovations for the daycare’s additional exits are being finalized.
- 9. Legislative Updates:

- a. Transportation Equity – We fall below the “cut” line.
 - b. Student Equity – We are above the per pupil allocation.
 - c. The bill regarding vouchers has resurfaced.
 - d. Tax Reform – 1 billion dollar reduction
10. 2017-2018 Calendar Adjustments
- a. Supt Fleshner brought a proposal to the board regarding changing the last day of school for students, because the students are on an hour-basis rather than number of days they must attend. Teachers would still need to work through the last day of their contract, as their contracts are based on days rather than hours. The proposal will be on the April 9th agenda.

Approve Budget Guarantee for FY2019:

On a motion by Paine, seconded by Scott, the board resolved that the Board of Directors of the Union Community School District will levy property taxes for the fiscal year 2018-2019 for the regular program budget adjustment as followed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Daycare Lease Agreement with Little Knights Learning Center - Dysart:

On a motion by Lorenzen, seconded by Paine, the board approved the lease agreement with Little Knights Learning Center - Dysart, with a correction in some of the wording. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Lease Agreement with City of La Porte City:

On a motion by Lorenzen, seconded by DeWinter, the board approved the agreement with the City of La Porte City, to rent city property next to the bus barn for \$1.00/year for 5 years. The school will use the property to park vehicles and will be putting gravel on the property. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Athletic Sharing Agreements:

On a motion by Scott, seconded by Martin, the board approved the following athletic sharing agreement:

- Union CSD (Host) with North Tama CSD for Girls' Soccer
- Union CSD with Hudson CSD (Host) for Boys' Soccer
- Union CSD with Waterloo CSD (Host) for Boys' Bowling
- Union CSD with Waterloo CSD (Host) for Boys' Swimming

Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Auditor RFP:

On a motion by Lorenzen, seconded by Scott, the board approved Nolte, Cornman & Johnson's proposal for the FY18-FY20 audits. The amounts are FY18: \$8,600, FY19: \$9,000, and FY20: \$9,350. Motion carried 6-0.

First Reading of Board Policy #505.5 Graduation Requirements:

On a motion by Paine, seconded by Scott, the board approved the first reading of board policy #505.5 Graduation Requirements. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the February 19, 2018 Board Meeting

Claims to be Paid

Financial Reports

Personnel:

Resignations:	Josh Dunkelberger	Asst 7 th Grade Football
	Raini Hilmer	MS VB & Softball, HS Asst VB
	Brenda Jackson	5 th Grade Teacher – LPC Elem
	Nancy McFarland	Bus Driver
	Nathan Reel	Asst Varsity Boys' Basketball

Appointments:

Scott Denner	HS Asst Boys' Track
Josh Dunkelberger	Head 7 th Grade Football
Pat Eldridge	HS Girls' Tennis Coach
Logan Loftus	HS Industrial Technology
Adrienne Slack	Summer Drivers' Education (LPC)

Open Enrollment Requests

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

Adjournment:

On a motion by DeWinter, seconded by Martin, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Kevin Sash, Board President

Kathy Krug, Board Secretary