

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DYSART-GENESE-OLA PORTE CITY  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 15, 2018**

**Tour of Little Knights Learning Center (D-G Elementary):** The board toured the Little Knights Learning Center, housed at D-G Elementary, beginning at 6:00 pm.

**Roll:** The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by President Kevin Sash at 6:35 pm in Sherry Parker's classroom at D-G Elementary. The following board members were present: Corey Lorenzen, Kristi Martin, Cathy Niebergall, Brandon Paine, and Jenna Scott. Absent: Darrell DeWinter.

**Agenda:** Board President Sash requested to add JaDee Gloede as HS Wrestling Cheer sponsor under item #17. On a motion by Niebergall, seconded by Scott, the board approved the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

**Correspondence:** The board received thank you cards from Carol Grote and Kevin Sash for the flowers for their mothers' funerals.

**Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) Presentation:** Corindy Stoakes and Michelle Keegan presented information on the Data Wall and how teachers use it to make instructional decisions and track student progress from year to year.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Professional Development and Instructional Update:
  - a. Supt Fleshner attended each of the buildings' Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> professional development.
  - b. The calendar committee will be looking at a couple of issues that are coming on the 2019-2020 instructional calendar. The issues include the start date and the timing of winter break.
2. Financial Updates:
  - a. Certified enrollment is showing the enrollment is up by 0.8 FTE student. This number includes the preschool increase of 19 students, which are funded at 0.5 FTE and 5 new seniors.
  - b. FY18 Solvency Ratio is 13.28% (FY17 was 10.7%)
  - c. Unspent Balance is at \$2,055,492 (FY17 was \$2,132,885)
  - d. The draft RFP for banking is close to being ready and will be on the agenda in November.
  - e. Travis and Kathy will be attending the ISFIS work session on October 22 in Cedar Rapids.
  - f. Travis and Kathy have drafted a calendar of dates for staff insurance meetings. Those dates will be sent out to the staff after the holidays.
  - g. Special Education Headcount is October 26, 2018.
  - h. We are expanding our agreement with Wood River Energy to contract 2,500 decatherms of natural gas (about half of our usage) at a firm rate of \$4.25/dekatherm.
3. Facility Updates:
  - a. Initial estimates to replace the HVAC system at the middle school are over \$3M. The architect and mechanical engineer are working on a staged proposal to better fit our budget.
  - b. Mechanical engineer suggested the LED lighting projects since we pay our utility bills from the general fund. Looking at costing out the middle school and high school.
  - c. Looking at purchasing a new piano to replace a piano that is about 20 years old.

4. Transportation Update:
  - a. Newly configured routes are going well. We have received a few calls regarding some of the in-town stops that were eliminated in LPC.
  - b. Bus Inspection went well, with fewer documented issues. Primary issue is rust and we did have a van taken out of service for rust. Will be reviewing whether a new van is needed.
  - c. Supt Fleshner is completing an Iowa DOT DERA grant application for possible funds to assist in purchasing additional LP buses.
  - d. Parents of students with food allergies will be contacted before the district pursues removing food from all buses.
  - e. The district is awaiting word from City Hall in LPC regarding our request to place a more permanent LP tank at the LPC bus barn.
5. Technology Updates:
  - a. Supt Fleshner is writing an RFP for wireless networks to use e-rate funding. The coming year will be the last year for the currently allocated funds; Union's funds are about \$90,000. Supt Fleshner will be writing four separate proposals, one for each building. Once we have more firm numbers, we will make an assessment as to which buildings to complete.
6. Marketing Update: Nothing new.
7. Staffing Update: Still Looking for coaches.
8. Daycare Update: No additional reports.
9. Preschool Update:
  - a. Donna Coulter is planning to retire and the La Porte City Preschool Board is planning to hand over the preschool in La Porte City to the school district. Supt Fleshner has been in contact with the director of the Raggedy Ann & Andy Preschool in Dysart. Will be reviewing how this transition might work.
10. Skip the Trip:
  - a. We are now able to give the driver's permit test at Union Middle School. Andi Slack, middle school teacher and driver's education teacher agreed to set testing dates for Union students needing to take the permit test without them needing to go to the DOT office.
11. Future Ready Iowa Summit:
  - a. Union CSD will be sending a team to the summit in Cedar Falls on November 13, 2018.
12. IASB Convention: Board members need to let Kathy know whether or not they are going to the board convention in November.

**First Reading Board Policy Series 200 "Board of Directors":** On a motion by Lorenzen, seconded by Paine, the board approved the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Board Policy Series 200 "Board of Directors". Motion carried 6-0.

**SBRC Request Due to Open Enrollment Out Students not on 2017 Count:** On a motion by Niebergall, seconded by Lorenzen, the board approved submitting the SBRC request due to open enrollment out students not on 2017 count. Motion carried 6-0.

**SBRC Request for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Instruction Beyond 5 Years:** On a motion by Niebergall, seconded by Martin, the board approved submitting the SBRC request for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Instruction beyond 5 years. Motion carried 6-0.

**Early Graduation Requests:** On a motion by Paine, seconded by Martin, the board approved the nine early graduation requests presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**Adjustment to 2018-2019 Instructional Calendar:**

Supt Fleshner recommended making an adjustment to move the first day of parent-teacher conferences from October 23 to October 22. This is to help accommodate those wanting to attend the volleyball tournament the evening of October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On a motion by Martin, seconded by Niebergall, the board approved the adjustment to the 2018-2019 instructional calendar. Motion carried 6-0.

**Union High School Handbook Change:**

Supt Fleshner is recommending changing the wording under the “No Smoking/Use of Tobacco/E-Cigarettes” section so administration has the flexibility to place a student on suspension for three days or assign detention for an equivalent period of time.

On a motion by Lorenzen, seconded by Niebergall, the board approved making the wording change in the handbook. Motion carried 6-0.

**Rescind Board Policy 402.5:**

This board policy has been moved to 213.1 and is no longer needed in the 400 section. On a motion by Lorenzen; seconded by Scott, the board rescinded board policy 402.5. Motion carried 6-0.

**Consent Agenda:**

Minutes of the September 17, 2018 Board Meeting

Claims to be Paid

Financial Reports

Personnel:

Resignations: None

Appointments: JaDee Gloede  
Kyle Kriz  
Nikki Scheetz

HS Wrestling Cheer sponsor  
Hs Assistant Wrestling  
Route Bus Driver (LPC)

Open Enrollment Requests

On a motion by Lorenzen, seconded by Niebergall, the board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**Adjourn:** On a motion by Niebergall, seconded by Scott, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

**Work Session:** The board worked on their board goals. The work session ended at 8:50 pm

Kevin Sash, President

Kathy Krug, Board Secretary