

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESE0-LA PORTE CITY
Tour of High School Building and Regular Board Meeting
January 21, 2019**

Tour of the High School Building:

The board toured the High School building beginning at 6:03 pm.

Following the tour, high school Principal Jim Cayton shared the academic achievements data for the first trimester and reported on the WIN program at the high school. For the first trimester, 87% of the high school students were recognized for academic excellence. Data comparing failing grades for the last six years shows an improvement at mid-term of the second trimester from 30.3% with a failing grade in the 2013-2014 school year to 6.6% with a failing grade in the current school year at the second trimester mid-term. Principal Cayton reported on the WIN program, stating that 51.4% of the students were taking advantage of meeting with teachers during that time to get additional help on work. Of the 51.4%, 25% of those students were selected by a teacher to get additional help. The remaining students were asking for help on their own.

Roll:

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by Board President Sash at 6:39 pm in the Board Room. The following board members were present: Darrell DeWinter, Corey Lorenzen, Kristi Martin, Cathy Niebergall, Brandon Paine, Kevin Sash, and Jenna Scott.

Agenda:

On a motion by Niebergall, seconded by Scott, the board approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence:

The board received a thank you card from the Mike Strubel family, for a plant sent at the time of his mom's passing

High School Presentation:

High school physical education teachers, Scott Denner and Erin Wittenburg, demonstrated the PLT4M program they use to individualize and track the physical education program for each student. Students can interact with the program through their Chromebooks to see workouts from their instructors, to leave comments regarding workouts they are doing, and to watch videos of workouts to be sure they are doing them properly. PLT4M is used at all grade levels, K-12.

Martin Gardner Presentation, Mark Moines, Architect:

Mark Moines went through the drawings and explained what is being recommended for the MS HVAC and lighting systems, along with estimates of costs, including architect fees.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Professional Development:
 - a. Union's Iowa Performance Profile – all four buildings have met and/or exceeded their performance measures.
 - b. Physical education teachers and Supt Fleshner visited The Gym, a CrossFit Affiliate in Cedar Falls (Monday, Jan 21st).
 - c. 2018-2019 School Board Goals Update – Supt Fleshner shared the updated goals with the board
 - d. The calendar committee will be meeting on Wed, Jan 23rd. Looking at making some changes in how professional development is done.
2. Financial Updates:
 - a. Banking RFP approval is on the agenda this evening.
 - b. Feb 19-20, Supt Fleshner will be in Des Moines at FY20 budget workshop.

- c. Employee health benefits and insurance meetings – the schedule was shared with the board.
 - d. School Tax Rate Comparison – sheet showing comparisons was shared with the board.
 - e. Supt Fleshner met with Doug Ollendieck about extending our contracted diesel agreement.
3. Facility Updates – Improvements for FY19/FY20:
- a. MS HVAC and Lighting Project and Building Projects (Anticipated Timeline) –
 - January 21 – Seek school board approval for bids
 - February 7 – Prebid meeting
 - February 14 – Open Bids
 - February 18 – Public hearing & seek school board approval of bids for MS
 - b. Complete wi-fi network updates (not covered under E-Rate proposal)
 - c. Update phone system throughout the district
4. Transportation Updates:
- a. VW grant was submitted – requested \$18,000 towards the purchase of new LP-powered bus.
 - b. The LP filling site in LPC is operational with an 800 gallon tank.
 - c. Supt Fleshner and Mike Timmer met with a US Cellular representative to discuss adding WiFi to our shuttle buses. The WiFi would run through the school’s filtering system. The quote was for \$4,346.34. There would be an additional cost of \$30-\$50 per month, per bus. There would be no contract commitment.
 - d. A recommendation on bus purchases will be made after the MS project is approved and started.
5. Technology Updates:
- a. E-rate proposals for new wi-fi networks district-wide have been received and will be reviewed.
 - b. Clarification of earlier statement on internet in Dysart – Farmer’s Coop Telephone will be able to provide the increase in internet speed we are requesting. Farmer’s Coop Telephone has offered to match our lowest bid price.
6. Legislative Updates:
- a. The Governor referenced a 2.3% supplemental state aid increase in her opening address.
7. IASB Day on the Hill – Supt Fleshner will be in Des Moines on February 4th with AEA and IASB lobbyists and will be at the Capital on February 5th for the IASB Day on the Hill.
8. Hunter Safety:
- a. Supt Fleshner expressed interest in adding a hunter’s safety course to the curriculum in 8th grade PE. The DNR would work with the program and would be taught as part of the regular PE classes. Students would be allowed to opt out of taking the hunter’s safety course.
9. Upcoming Board Meetings: February 18th – the meeting will be in the Board Room and will include a public hearing for the MS project, the elementary presentation on Zones of Regulation (Socio-Emotional Health), and a closed session for superintendent evaluation.

Approval to Release Construction Documents for Union Middle School HVAC and Lighting Project:

DeWinter made a motion to approve and release to bidders, the completed construction documents for the Union Middle School HVAC and lighting project, seconded by Paine. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Banking RFP:

On a motion by DeWinter, seconded by Paine, the board accepted the banking proposal from Farmers Savings Bank. Motion carried, 6-0-1, with Lorenzen abstaining.

SBRC Request for Environmental Hazard Removal:

Lorenzen made a motion to approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$4,433.00 for removal of environmental hazards (mold) during the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Niebergall. Motion carried 7-0.

First Reading of School Board Policy 503.3R2, Donations for Student Fees or Meals:

On a motion by Niebergall, seconded by DeWinter, the board approved the first reading of board policy 503.3R2. Motion carried 7-0.

Early Graduation Requests:

On a motion by Scott, seconded by DeWinter, the board approved the early graduation requests presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the December 17, 2018 Board Meeting

Claims to be Paid

Financial Reports

Personnel:

Resignations: Erin Wittenburg

Girls Tennis Coach

Appointments: Jim Barz

Substitute Bus Driver

Open Enrollment Requests

On a motion by Paine, seconded by Niebergall, the board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn: On a motion by DeWinter, seconded by Niebergall, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Kevin Sash, Board President

Kathy Krug, Board Secretary