

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESE-OLA PORTE CITY
Regular Board Meeting
October 16, 2017**

Tour of High School Building: The board toured the High School building beginning at 6:00 pm.

Roll: The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by President Kevin Sash at 6:37 pm in the Board Room. 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 have Clifford McFarland's resignation as bus driver and the appointment of Kimberly Pennell as a D-3 bus driver (pending receipt of her credentials) added to item #16. On a motion by Lorenzen, seconded by Niebergall, the board approved the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Central Rivers AEA Presentation: Justin Stockdale, AEA Regional Administrator and Maureen Hanson, AEA Board Member, presented information on AEA services that are being utilized by Union CSD. These services include special education, media, technology, educational, and professional development support services.

High School Presentation: HS Principal Cayton shared information on the academic excellence awards programs in place at the high school, discipline referrals, MTSS (WIN Time), and building goals. The wide variety of academic excellence awards is giving more students the opportunity to be recognized for their achievements. The discipline referral data for the high school that was shared with the board compared a period of time (approximately 6 weeks) from the beginning of school in 2016 with the same time frame this year. The data shows a drop in referrals from 174 in 2016 to 32 in 2017. MTSS (WIN time – What I Need time) focuses on student learning and would add a 30 minute block of time during the school day when teachers could select specific students to meet with, either to help with assignments or to work on additional material with students that are moving in a class at a faster pace. If students aren't specifically selected to meet with staff, students could select to have a study hall or to join an open WIN session a teacher might have during this time. If the board was to approve adding the MTSS program, they could do so by shortening other classes by 2 minutes each and time between classes could be reduced by 1 minute or, the class day could be extended, both at the beginning and end of the school day. The MTSS program has not yet been brought to the board for action. Building goals include working on essential learning and learning targets for all courses, continuing the Authentic Intellectual Work, looking at the school safety plan, discussing grading practices, implementing the MTSS (Multiple Tier Support System), and continuing the schedule for the full day professional development.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Instructional and Professional Development Updates:
 - a. Reviewing how students are identified for special education and for Title I reading and also at how they are exited out of those programs.
 - b. Full Day Professional Development: Have received good feedback on full day PD. Staff is feeling they are able to use the time more efficiently in full day setting rather than in half day setting. The schedule for the full day PD was shared with the board.
2. Financial Updates:
 - a. Certified enrollment is showing the enrollment is down by 47.8 students.
 - b. Iowa School Finance Information Services (ISFIS): will be working on 5-year projection model now that certified enrollment is completed.
 - c. Will be meeting with Norma Stoll from Mercer to look at insurance options that might keep our insurance costs down. Information from this meeting will be taken to an insurance committee meeting at a later date.

3. Facility Updates:
 - a. Work on the concrete behind Union Middle School began today.
 - b. Have started seeking estimates for boilers for budgeting purposes. Contacted Architects and have not heard back from them yet.
 - c. Working on capital projects plan and will be sharing with the board at a later date. Some of the items to consider will be boilers, tuck pointing, and Middle School a/c.
4. Transportation Update: Bus Inspection is on October 27, 2017
5. Technology Updates: Developing an RFP for technology support company.
6. Marketing Update: Group met with Fusion Forward on October 4th. Fusion Forward representative will be at the December 18th board meeting to present our new website layout and answer questions.
7. IASB Board Convention: Please contact District Office and let us know if you are planning on attending the convention.
8. Union Education Association: The UEA is currently voting on the teacher association recertification.
9. Daycare: The groups are collecting information.
10. Supt Fleshner reminded the board that if they are contacted regarding concerns within the district to make sure those concerns have been heard by the individuals involved or by administration.

First Reading Board Policies 407.6 and 413.6 - Early Retirement Policies: On a motion by Lorenzen, seconded by Scott, the board approved the 1st reading of Early Retirement board policies 407.6 and 413.6 with changes. Motion carried 6-0.

SBRC Request Due to Open Enrollment Out Students not on 2017 Count: On a motion by Niebergall, seconded by Paine, 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 Scott, seconded by Niebergall, 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 Niebergall, seconded by Scott, the board approved the four early graduation requests presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the September 25, 2017 Board Meeting

Claims to be Paid

Financial Reports

Personnel:

Resignations:	Clifford McFarland	Bus Driver
Appointments:	Laurie Driscoll	HS Head Softball
	Kimberly Pennell	D-3 Bus Driver (pending completion of credentials)
	Jeremy Stenda	MS Head 8 th Grade Boys Basketball

Open Enrollment Requests

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

Adjourn: On a motion by Scott, seconded by Paine, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Work Session: The board worked on their board goals. The work session ended at 10:10 pm

Kevin Sash, President

Kathy Krug, Board Secretary