

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESEO-LA PORTE CITY
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
April 8, 2019**

Public Hearing for Proposed FY2019-20 School Budget:

At 6:00 pm School Board President Kevin Sash began the public hearing. Supt Fleshner explained that, with the new information received on income tax collected, the tax rate will drop to \$12.28 from the \$12.39 that was published in the public hearing notice. Supt Fleshner shared some information from the 5-year projection program, showing projections in enrollment, tax rates, etc. There were no comments from the public.

Call to Order and Take Roll:

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by Board President Kevin Sash at 6:21 pm in the Board Room. The following board members were present: Darrell DeWinter, Cathy Niebergall, Kristi Martin, Brandon Paine, and Jenna Scott. Absent: Corey Lorenzen.

Agenda:

Supt Fleshner requested the following additions to the agenda: under #12 Personnel, add hiring Kurt Alpers as HS Asst Girls' Track (partial contract to fill in for Lindsay Piphoo who is on maternity leave) and the resignation of Christy Crees as D-G Elem Teacher. On a motion by DeWinter, seconded by Scott, the board approved the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Report:

1. Opening Notes:
 - a. On April 12th, the high school will conduct a mock crash event in front of the high school. The event will be funded by a grant received from AAA. La Porte City Police and Dysart and La Porte City Fire Departments will be participating.
 - b. HS Art Field Trip to Chicago: The board received information on the Art Club trip to Chicago in May.
2. Professional Development Updates:
 - a. SAMI – Self Assessment of MTSS Implementation is being used at the High School and Middle School.
 - b. Staff Exit Survey: Supt Fleshner shared the TLC Teacher Exit Survey that is used in our district.
 - c. Elementary Summer School: We are reviewing how we are doing summer school and evaluating the impact of summer school.
 - d. New Iowa Assessments have started. High school and middle school are testing on computers and the elementary buildings are testing with paper and pencil.
3. Financial Updates:
 - a. Teacher contracts are on tonight's agenda.
 - b. The board negotiation team will be meeting to set support staff and administrator salaries.
 - c. The approval of the FY20 budget is on the agenda.
 - d. Wood River Energy – Natural Gas Contracting has saved the district \$631.13 this year.
4. Facility Updates:
 - a. April 15th is the pre-construction meeting with Cardinal Construction.

5. Transportation Updates:
 - a. Supt Fleshner talked to the board regarding offering transportation for 4-year old preschool in LPC.
 - b. Waiting for word on VW Grant (Diesel Bus Replacement). Grants should be awarded later this month. The grant application was for \$24,000.
6. Technology Update:
 - a. Waiting on quotes for Chromebook replacement.
 - b. E-rate process is completed; waiting for release of funds.
7. Staffing Updates:
 - a. Interviews will be scheduled for LPC Preschool, HS Vo-Ag, and HS Math teacher.
 - b. Looking to expand the ELA/Reading offerings at the Middle School.
 - c. LPC Elem Staffing – Reduce 2nd grade position, add a 3rd grade position, and possibly add a Kindergarten teacher. We currently have 57 signed up for kindergarten in LPC and 42 at D-G.
 - d. D-G Elem Staffing – Reduce a 5th grade position and add a 2nd grade position.
 - e. TLC Technology Integrationist position
 - f. Supt Fleshner requested feedback on adding a \$1,000 stipend for the freshmen baseball coach position. The board consensus was to add the \$1,000 stipend for the freshman baseball coach position.
 - g. Supt Fleshner requested feedback from the board on district HSA contributions. Some of the associates have questioned the amount of the HSA contribution from the board for the associates, which is less than other support staff categories. Initial contributions were based on single insurance. This will be an action item on the April 22nd agenda.
 - h. Supt Fleshner requested feedback from the board on hiring support staff for summer maintenance help. There was discussion on what the support staff would be able to help with, the supervision of the staff, and what they would be paid. At this time, any support staff that are interested may apply for summer maintenance positions.
8. Legislative Updates:
 - a. SAVE is on the move.
 - b. Diversity plan bill did not make it through the funnel.
9. Preschool Update: Elementary Principals Mark Albertsen and Todd Parker and Supt Fleshner met with the Dysart Preschool Board. The meeting ended with the Preschool Board needing to make a decision. As of today, Supt Fleshner has not heard back from them.
10. Upcoming Meetings:
 - a. April 22 – Regular Meeting, goal is to have support staff and administrators salaries set and contracts approved.

Receive and Take Action on FY2019-2020 School Budget:

On a motion by DeWinter, seconded by Paine, the board approved the FY2019-2020 School Budget, with the tax rate set at 12.28. Motion carried 6-0.

Set Date for Public Hearing on FY2018-2019 Budget Amendment:

On a motion by Niebergall, seconded by Scott, the board set the Public Hearing for the FY2018-2019 budget amendment for May 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Board Room. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Teacher Contract:

On a motion by Paine, seconded by DeWinter, the board approved an increase of \$2,633 for each teacher per FTE. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve AEA Purchasing Agreement:

On a motion by Paine, seconded by Niebergall, the board approved the AEA Purchasing Agreement for 2019-2020. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Graduation List for 2019:

On a motion by Scott, seconded by Paine, the board approved the graduation list for 2019, pending successful completion of graduation requirements/coursework. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

Personnel:

Resignations:	Christy Crees	D-G Elementary Teacher
	Katherine Ollendieck	MS Dance

Appointments:	Kurt Alpers	HS Asst Girls' Track - (filling in during L Piphó's maternity leave)
	Jason Toenges	HS Principal

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

Adjournment:

On a motion by Scott, seconded by DeWinter, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Kevin Sash, Board President

Kathy Krug, Board Secretary