

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESE0-LA PORTE CITY
Regular Board Meeting
September 20, 2021
(pending board approval)**

Call to Order:

Board President Kevin Sash called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Union High School Library/Media Center. The following board members were present: Darrell DeWinter, Corey Lorenzen, Kristi Martin, Brandon Paine, Ben Schemmel, and Jenna Scott.

Agenda:

On a motion by Schemmel, second by Scott the agenda was approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence:

Thank you cards were received from Little Knights Learning Center, the Hogan Family, and Dee Blanshan.

Superintendent's Report:

1. COVID Update:
 - a. Return to Learn Plan is on the agenda.
 - b. Local COVID case numbers are up compared to last year however we are still below 1% and daily attendance rate are 93.5% overall.
2. Instructional Update:
 - a. The September Instructional Team meeting minutes were shared with the board.
3. Financial Update:
 - a. End of Year reports are included in board packets.
 - b. Consideration of renewing the Instructional Support Levy is on the agenda.
 - c. Enrollment appears to be up by 17 students. The official count will be October 1st.
4. Facility Update:
 - a. No further movement on the cooler/freezer project.
 - b. Initial wiring has been pulled for the phone systems.
5. Transportation Update:
 - a. Bus inspection went well, with Mike Timmer already addressing most of the issues.
 - b. Due to fire incident at School Bus Sales, they are currently not working on LP buses. For LP bus repairs, buses will need to be taken to Washington, IA.
 - c. Looking at requesting new bus bids in the next few months.
 - d. Possibly selling a couple of vehicles.
6. Marketing:
 - a. Analytics were shared with board.
7. Additional Updates:

- a. The administrative team is participating in a 16-hour course on Bullying/Harassment and Chapter 102. Also looking at training for students, staff, and parents.
- b. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 19th & 21st. We will be offering face-to-face and virtual options for parents.
- c. Brandon Paine and Supt Fleshner will be meeting with Susan Bolte from PERB and members of the teacher association on Wednesday, September 22nd to look at negotiating differently.
- d. IASB Convention is Nov 17-18, as an in-person convention. If board members are interested in attending let us know so we can make reservations.
- e. Board Elections: We have one person running for District #2 and one for At-Large. No one took papers out for the District #1 seat.
- f. Next school board meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the high school library/media center.

Return to Learn Plan:

On a motion by Schemmel, second by Lorenzen, the board approved keeping the Return to Learn Plan as is, with no mask requirements. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program and Set Public Hearing for Instructional Support Levy:

This would be a 5-year renewal of the current instructional support levy. The funding is a combination of property tax and income surtax. The funding is determined annually and cannot exceed 10% of the total regular program district cost for the budget year.

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Scott, the board approved moving forward with renewing the Instructional Support Levy and set the public hearing for October 18, 2021 in the Union High School Library/Media Center at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Lorenzen – aye, Martin – aye, Paine – aye, Sash – aye, Schemmel – aye, Scott – aye, DeWinter – aye. Motion carried 7-0.

200 Series Board Policy Updates, 200.3, 206.1, 206.2, 213, 213.1 (Second Reading):

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Paine, the board approved the second reading of board policies 200.3, 206.1, 206.2, 213, and 213.1. Motion carried 7-0.

300 Series Board Policy Updates, 302.5, 303.6 (Second Reading):

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Scott, the board approved the second reading of board policies 302.5 and 303.6. Motion carried 7-0.

400 Series Board Policy Updates, 401.14, 402.3R1, 412.3 (Second Reading):

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by DeWinter, the board approved the second reading of board policies 401.14, 402.3R1, and 412.3. Motion carried 7-0.

500 Series Board Policy Updates, 501.14, 501.15, 502.3, 502.3R1, 505.5 (Second Reading):

On a motion by Scott, second by DeWinter, the board approved the second reading of board policies 501.14, 501.15, 502.3, 502.3R1, and 505.5. Motion carried 7-0.

600 Series Board Policy Updates, 603.6, 604.1, 606.2 (Second Reading):

On a motion by Schemmel, second by Paine, the board approved the second reading of board policies 603.6, 604.1, and 606.2. Motion carried 7-0.

700 Series Board Policy Updates, 701.2, 711.2, 711.2R2 (Second Reading):

On a motion by Paine, second by Schemmel, the board approved the second reading of board policies 701.2, 711.2, and 711.2R2. Motion carried 7-0.

800 Series Board Policy Updates, 803.1, 804.6, 804.6R1 (Second Reading):

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Scott, the board approved the second reading of board policies 803.1, 804.6, and 804.6R1. Motion carried 7-0.

900 Series Board Policy Updates, 905.3 (Second Reading):

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Schemmel, the board approved the second reading of board policies 905.3. Motion carried 7-0.

Wellness Plan Goals Policy 507.9 & 507.9R1 (First Reading):

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Schemmel, the board approved the first reading of wellness plan goals policy 507.9 & 507.9R1. Motion carried 7-0.

School District Legal Counsel:

We currently have Swisher and Cohrt as school district legal counsel and are transitioning to Ahlers and Cooney Law Firm as our school district legal counsel.

On a motion by Schemmel, second by Paine, the board approved transitioning to Ahlers and Cooney Law Firm as the school district legal counsel. Motion carried 7-0.

Receive and Take Action on Recommendation to Approve Participation in the Federal Free and Reduced Meals Program:

On a motion by DeWinter, second by Scott, the board approved participation in the Federal Free and Reduced Meals Program. Motion carried 7-0.

SBRC Request for Special Education Deficit:

Scott moved that the Board of Directors of the Union Community School District approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$506,628.52 for special education deficit costs during the 2020-2021 school year, second by Lorenzen. Motion carried 7-0.

Closed Session: Superintendent Evaluation:

DeWinter made a motion to hold a closed session as authorized by section 21.5 (1)(a) of the open meetings law to review or discuss records which are required or authorized to be kept confidential, second by Paine. Roll call vote: Martin – aye, Paine – aye, Sash – aye, Schemmel – aye, Scott – aye, DeWinter – aye, Lorenzen – aye. Motion carried 7-0. The board went into closed session at 6:27 p.m.

Brandon Paine left at 8:19 p.m.

Lorenzen made a motion to go into open session, second by Schemmel. Roll call vote: Sash – aye, Schemmel – aye, Scott – aye, DeWinter – aye, Lorenzen – aye, and Martin – aye. Motion carried 6-0. The board went into open session at 10:14 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the August 16, 2021 and September 1, 2021 board meetings

Claims to be Paid

Financial Reports

Personnel

Resignations:	Jared Pospisil	MS 8 th Grd G-BB
	Caleb Reel	HS B-BB Asst & HS Golf Asst
	Lynne Ternus	Summer Drivers' Education
Appointments:	Lindsey Anderson	D-G Elem Associate
	Jean Larson	Sub Bus Driver
	Carly Selken	MS FFA Sponsor

Open Enrollment Requests

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

Adjourn:

On a motion by Schemmel, second by DeWinter, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.
Motion carried 6-0.

Kevin Sash, Board President

Kathy Krug, Board Secretary