

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESE0-LA PORTE CITY
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
October 18, 2021**

Public Hearing:

At 6:00 pm in the Union High School Library/Media Center, Board President Kevin Sash opened the Instructional Support Levy public hearing. No visitors were present. There were no questions from the board.

Call to Order:

Board President Kevin Sash called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The following board members were present: Darrell DeWinter, Corey Lorenzen, Kristi Martin, Brandon Paine, Ben Schemmel, and Jenna Scott.

Agenda:

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

Correspondence:

The board received thank you cards from Dee Blanshan, Pat Hogan, and the Little Knights Learning Center and follow up emails regarding masks.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Weekly COVID Updates:
 - a. As of October 15, there were less than 5 positive COVID cases in the District and 94.2% daily attendance.
2. Instructional Update:
 - a. The Instructional Team minutes were shared with the board.
 - b. D-G Elementary 3rd grade is now at 25 students.
 - c. Guidance counselors will be attending a conference in early November on behavioral, equitable, social-emotional, trauma-informed health in schools.
3. Financial Update:
 - a. Certified Enrollment: is holding steady.
 - b. Instructional Support Levy is on the agenda.
4. Facility Update:
 - a. No change; still waiting on HS cooler/freezer project and district phone system project.
5. Transportation:
 - a. Possible sale of school vehicles
 - b. Drug pool testing to be done locally; currently send drivers to Waterloo.
6. Food Service Update:
 - a. Will be searching for new food service director.
7. Marketing: Analytics for Facebook and the District website were shared with the board.
8. Staffing:
 - a. Current positions to be posted: HS Social Studies teacher, D-G Elementary 3rd grade teacher, D-G Elementary Special Education Teacher, and 0.5 FTE German teacher.

9. Training: The administrative team has completed a 16-hour course in bullying and harassment, Chapter 102 training with Anne Morgan and Danielle Haindfield.
10. IASB Conference on Nov. 17th-18th. Information on conference was shared with board members.
11. New administrator evaluation documents were shared with the board.
12. Middle School has split basketball season. Considering offering middle school girls' wrestling as a club. 25 girls indicated interest in at least practicing.
13. Iowa School Alerts is being discontinued – looking at notifications through JMC
14. MS FFA update: 40 students signed up; 12 competed in livestock judging last Tuesday evening in Cedar Rapids.
15. Driver's Education: looking into contracting services
16. Changing how school district bargains/negotiates; working with PERB.
17. Next meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2021 in the Board Room.

Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program:

Lorenzen made a motion to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program, second by DeWinter. Roll call vote: Schemmel – aye, Scott – aye, DeWinter – aye, Lorenzen – aye, Martin – aye, Paine – aye, Sash – aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Second Reading - Wellness Plan Policy 507.9 & 507.9R1:

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

Approval to Seek Bids for Two School Buses:

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Paine, the board approved seeking bids for two school buses. The buses will be partially paid by our Volkswagon Settlement Grants of \$88,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval to Seek Bids for a School Van:

Van #44 did not pass the vehicle inspection and would be too costly to repair to pass inspection.

On a motion by Schemmel, second by Lorenzen, the board approved seeking bids for a school van. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval to Sell School Property – School Car #36 and Van #44:

On a motion by Scott, second by DeWinter, the board approved advertising car #36 and van #44 for sale. Motion carried 7-0.

Early Graduation Requests:

On a motion by Scott, second by Martin, the board approved the early graduation requests, pending they meet all of the requirements for graduation. Motion carried 7-0.

Middle School FFA Activity Account:

On a motion by DeWinter, second by Scott, the board approved opening an activity account for the Middle School FFA. Motion carried 7-0.

0.5 FTE German Teacher:

On a motion by Paine, second by Lorenzen, the board approved posting a 0.5 FTE German teaching position. Motion 7-0.

1.0 FTE 3rd Grade Teacher:

On a motion by Scott, second by Schemmel, the board approved posting a 1.0 FTE 3rd grade (D-G Elem) teaching position. Motion carried 7-0.

First Reading – Board Policy 105 (Assistance Animals):

On a motion by Schemmel, second by Scott, the board approved the first reading of Board Policy 105. This policy would include service animals however it would not include emotional support and therapy animals. Motion carried 6-1, with Lorenzen casting the nay vote.

First Reading – Board Policies 200.1, 210.8, 212, 212.1:

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Paine, the board approved the first reading of board policies 200.1 (Organization of the Board of Directors), 210.8 (Board Meeting Agenda), 212 (Closed Sessions), and 212.1 (Exempt Meetings). Motion carried 7-0.

Rescind Board Policy 307 (Communication Channels):

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Scott, the board approved rescinding board policy 307. This policy is now covered by other board policies. Motion carried 7-0.

First Reading – Board Policy 401.4 (Employee Complaints):

On a motion by Paine, second by Schemmel, the board approved the first reading of board policy 401.4. Motion carried 7-0.

First Reading – Board Policy 502.4 (Student Complaints and Grievances):

On a motion by DeWinter, second by Schemmel, the board approved the first reading of board policy 502.4. Motion carried 7-0.

First Reading – Board policy 606.6 (Insufficient Classroom Space):

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Schemmel, the board approved the first reading of board policy 606.6. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the September 20, 2021 board meeting

Claims to be Paid

Financial Reports

Personnel:

Resignations:	Tina Hanna	Food Service Director
	Trey Kuhens	HS Social Studies
	Lora Olson	HS Health Associate
	Michel Timmer	Transportation, Bldgs & Grounds Director

Appointments:	Josh Dunkelberger	MS Wrestling – Head
	John Holmes	HS Asst Boys BB (2 nd Asst)
	Juli Pippert	MS Spec Educ Associate
	Ellie Uhlenhopp	MS 8 th Grd Girls BB-Head

Open Enrollment Requests

On a motion by Lorenzen, second by Scott, the board approved the consent agenda.
Motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn:

On a motion by DeWinter, second by Schemmel, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.
Motion carried 7-0.

Kevin Sash, Board President

Kathy Krug, Board Secretary