

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESE0-LA PORTE CITY
Regular Board Meeting
January 17, 2022**

Roll: The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by Board Vice President Brandon Paine at 6:01 pm in the Board Room. The following board members were present: Reid Carlson, Maureen Hanson, Lindsay Piph0, Ben Schemmel, and Jenna Scott. Absent: Corey Lorenzen.

Agenda: On a motion by Schemmel, seconded by Scott, the board approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Teacher Leadership Presentation – Student Data:

Curriculum Director Corindy Stoakes presented information on the District Assessments and Student Data and some of the curriculum being used at various grade levels. Corindy discussed the assessments used for tracking student progress, including GOLD, FAST, ISASP, Conditions for Learning Survey, NAEP, Iowa School Performance Profile, and the Union Data Wall. GOLD is an assessment used for preschool, which looks at social-emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, and mathematics standards for each student through observations, rather than paper/pencil assessments. FAST is an assessment used K-8 for literacy and math. ISASP includes grades 3-11 and is a statewide assessment for literacy, math, and science. The online Conditions for Learning Survey is required by the state, covers 3rd-12th grades, and includes questions regarding the students' perception of the school on topics of physical safety, emotional safety, adult-student relationships, student-student relationships, and boundaries and expectations. The Iowa School Performance Profile is an annual report that uses student achievement, the Conditions for Learning Survey, graduation rate, growth, participation rate, postsecondary readiness, and proficiency as learning measures.

Ben Schemmel stepped out at 6:50 pm.

The District's current profile shows Union HS as commendable, Union MS as commendable, LPC Elem as high performing, and D-G Elem as high performing, with all four of the District's buildings having ratings above the state average.

Ben Schemmel returned at 6:56 pm.

Superintendent's Report:

1. COVID Updates:
 - a. 27 total positive cases in the District as of January 14th.
 - b. 90.2% daily attendance rate.
 - c. Supt Fleshner shared the Iowa Dept of Public Health guidance as of January 13th.
2. Instructional Update:
 - a. The January Instructional Team Minutes were shared with the board.
 - b. Discussions on the 2022-2023 instructional calendar included whether to have full day or half-day professional development days. The board agreed that full days were most beneficial to staff, students, and parents.
 - c. The instructional hours spreadsheet for the current year was shared with the board.
 - d. Supt Fleshner shared the Iowa Code references regarding hours vs days.
3. Financial:
 - a. An insurance meeting for staff with Wellmark/Mercer was held on January 3rd, which included an overview of insurance, how it works, and ways to help keep costs down.
 - b. PERB group will be meeting again soon.
 - c. Insurance Committee will meet in January.
4. Facility Update:
 - a. Working on getting designs and costs for security cameras.
 - b. Discussion on how much the board wants to be involved in the overall facility planning.
5. Transportation:
 - a. John Mix has started as our new transportation director.

- b. Two buses have been ordered – will use VW grant money.
 - c. Watching prices on vans and cars for purchase.
 - d. The District has 1,456 recipients receiving the Iowa School Alerts.
6. Food Service:
 - a. The cooler/freezer project is completed.
 - b. Interviews for a new food service director will occur in January.
7. Marketing:
 - a. December analytics for Facebook and the district website were shared with the board.
8. Staffing:
 - a. The Administrative Team will be working on the 2022-2023 staffing plan tomorrow.
 - b. Softball sharing with Gladbrook-Reinbeck will be on the February agenda.
9. Board Communication:
 - a. Board President Lorenzen has been in contact with Danielle at Ahlers Law Firm.
10. Next board meeting is the regular board meeting on February 21st in the Board Room at 6:00 pm.

Set Public Hearing Date for 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar:

On a motion by Schemmel, seconded by Piphio, the board set the 2022-2023 instructional calendar public hearing for February 21st, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Board Room. Motion carried 6-0.

Early Graduation Requests:

On a motion by Hanson, seconded by Schemmel, the board approved the early graduation requests as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Elementary Yearbooks Position on Schedule E:

On a motion by Carlson, seconded by Piphio, the board approved adding the Elementary Yearbook position to Schedule E with a payment of \$281 (this is the same amount as the Middle School Yearbook pays). Motion carried 6-0.

Rescind Board Policies 403.7, 403.7R1, 403.7R2, 403.7E1, 403.7E2, 403.7E3 (Employee Vaccination/Testing for COVID-19):

After discussion, the board decided to take no action on this item.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the December 20, 2021 and January 7, 2022 Board Meetings

Claims to be Paid

Financial Reports

Personnel:

Resignations: None

Appointments: None

Open Enrollment Requests

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

Adjourn: On a motion by Scott, seconded by Hanson, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm. Motion carried 6-0.