

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESE-OLA PORTE CITY
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2023**

Call to Order: Board member Jenna Scott called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The following board members were present: Reid Carlson, Maureen Hanson, Lindsay Piphon, and Ben Schemmel.

Approval of the Agenda: On a motion by Schemmel, second by Carlson, the agenda was approved as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of Action on Consent Items:

Minutes of the December 19, 2022 Board Meeting

Approval Board Policies – Second Reading

604.7 Concurrent Textbook/Material Fee

Approval of Resignations:

Renee Jesse 1st Grade, LPC

Joe Hadachek 7th Grade Assistant Football Coach

Approval of Transfers/Reassignment: none

Approval of New Hires:

Amanda Arp Mentor (1/2 year)

Becky Schmitz Mentor (1/2 year)

Financial Reports:

Open Enrollment Requests

On a motion by Schemmel, second by Hanson, the board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report: Instructional Update: Great professional development meeting today; Had our second calendar committee meeting; Eight staff members are scheduled for Capturing Kids' Hearts training in Denver next week; The instructional coaches and administrators are in discussions regarding curriculum cycles; Val Warren, Vanessa Arhart, and Mike Bistline each received a McElroy grant. Financial: Kim and I had a meeting with Larry Sigel, from ISFIS, and he completed our financial projections, based on our current information. Kim and I are attending a budget workshop at CRAEA on February 1st. I am attending the February ISFLC Conference. Facility Updates: The UMS gym is now done and it looks great. I want to publicly thank all those who were "displaced" during the renovation. They did an excellent job of adapting to the situation. The UMS Phase III and camera projects are "on schedule" to start in June when school is out. Staffing: still looking for coaches. I will have some recommendations, based on elementary class numbers, for the next board meeting. Mr. Parker and Mr. Weber have met and discussed our options. Safety/Security: Looking at some exterior lighting and cameras at both bus barns. Concluding Notes: I attended the LPC Elementary PTO last week. It was great to get to introduce myself to the members present for them to hear about my (personal) goals for PTO. There are 51 staff members taking part in the January Wellness Challenge. The February challenge is pending. I will be helping out with some administrative duties while Mr. Toenges and Mr. Slack are in Denver for Capturing Kids' Hearts training. Last week was Principal Appreciation Week. I want to thank our principals for their tremendous work. Being a principal is not easy, but these individuals do a fantastic job.

Presentations:

Holly Dunkelberger shared with the board information on the upcoming trip to Germany.

Union has been a partner in the German American Partnership Program for well over 20 years and has offered our students who are enrolled in German classes the opportunity to not only travel to Germany, but to also host one of the GAPP students from Germany in their home. This year the students from Germany will be here starting March 27 through April 8, and the Union students will leave for Germany May 27 and return June 19. As part of the GAPP program the exchange must center on a specific topic/project that the schools have agreed upon. The cost of the trip is paid for partially from a stipend from the German government, local fund-raisers, and the students themselves.

New Business:

Consider approval of Class of 2023 Early Graduate requests (after Trimester 2). On a motion by Hanson, second by Pipho, the Board approved the list of early graduates pending completion of the requirements. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval of Class of 2023 students seeking alternative diploma. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Carlson, the Board approved the list of students seeking an alternative diploma pending completion of the requirements. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval to seek bids for the 2023-2024 Chromebook purchase. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Hanson, the board approved seeking quotes for the annual purchase of Chromebooks. The quotes received will be brought back to the Board for approval to purchase at a later date. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider setting date for the public hearing for the 2023-2024 instructional calendar. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Pipho, the board set the date for the public hearing on the 2023-2024 instructional calendar for February 20, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval of the successful bid for two weight racks from UHS. On a motion by Hanson, second by Carlson, the board approved the sale of two weight racks from UHS to the successful bidder. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval of a possible sharing agreement with Central Rivers AEA for a special education director. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Carlson, the board approved giving Supt. Howard the discretion to determine the needs of the district in making the choice between one day or two days per week for a Special Education Director. Motion carried 5-0. The agreement would have the shared special education director oversee the IEPs to assure they were up-to-date and in compliance as well as oversee the transition of special education students from fifth to sixth grade; and eighth to ninth grade. There are sharing incentive monies available for this position. The term of the agreement would be one year.

Adjourn: On a motion by Schemmel, second by Pipho, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Corey Lorenzen, President

Diane Roberts, Board Secretary