

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESE0-LA PORTE CITY
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2023**

Call to Order: President Corey Lorenzen called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Reid Carlson, Maureen Hanson, Brandon Paine, Lindsay Pipho, Ben Schemmel and Jenna Scott.

Approval of the Agenda: On a motion by Scott, second by Hanson, the agenda was approved as revised. Under Approval of New Hires Sarah Pospisil, HS Asst. Softball Coach and under New Business Bus Purchase were added. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Action on Consent Items:

Minutes of the February 20 2023 Board Meeting

Approval Board Policies – Second Reading

216.02 – Board of Directors’ Member Development and Training

607.01 – Student Guidance and Counseling Program

701.05 – Fiscal Management

701.05R(1) - Fiscal Management – Financial Matrics

705.01 - Purchasing/Bidding

705.01R(2) - Purchasing/Bidding- Using Federal Funds For Procurement Contracts.

804.07R(1) – Radon Mitigation

Approval of rescinding of board policy – First Reading

604.7 – Concurrent Enrollment Textbook Fee

Approval of Resignations:

Dean Bostian Head Coach Large Group Speech

Gina Feldt PK-12 Instructional Coach (TLC)

Gina Feldt Mentor (TLC)

Gina Feldt Middle School Tech

Gina Feldt UMS 8th Grade VB Coach

Gina Feldt UMS Girls’ Track Coach

Kayla Peterson LPC 2nd Grade

Arlo Wieck UMS Custodian

Approval of Transfers/Reassignment:

Caitlin Schmitz LPC 4th Grade 2-22-2023 to LPC 1st Grade 2023-2024

Approval of New Hires:

Hannah Black LPC Elementary Counselor

Matthew Brustkern JV Boys’ Soccer Coach

Mary Larsen LPC Elementary Special Education Associate

Sarah Pospisil HS Asst. Softball Coach

Erin Wittenburg Head Girls’ Tennis Coach

Financial Reports

Open Enrollment Requests

On a motion by Schemmel, second by Pipho, the board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments from Public: None

Correspondence: None

Superintendent's Report: Instruction- Contracting with Dr. Townsley next year for help/support in our transition to SBG at UMS and UHS; Each building has great ISASP goals; District-wide special ed committee continues impressive work; A copy of my Individual Career Development Plan was shared; Working with Capturing Kids' Hearts personnel regarding the training August 17 and 18; Curriculum purchases for next year and tentative costs are being gathered; A district-wide Literacy committee has been formed to evaluate the English/Literacy curriculum; Principals continue to track their observations and classroom walk-throughs. Financial- I attended ISFLC Conference on preparing and presenting a district budget in February; district insurance committee working with Gallagher Group to evaluate our current plans and costs; Communicating with UEA regarding negotiations; working with Kim on the FY24 budget; the district's unspent balance took a hit, but this was expected. Facilities- Track resurfacing has been scheduled for the last week of May. Staffing- One opening at LPC Elementary for 4th grade; still looking for bus drivers and coaches; the UMS custodian position has been posted. Safety/Security- Hawkeye Alarm Systems began working on the cameras at the Dysart Bus Barn and DG Elementary over spring break; the Safety and Security grant is in the evaluation stage. Evaluation- shared a folder with documents to highlight each ISSL Standard.

Presentations: Members of the 2023 Small School State Academic Decathlon Championship team presented to the Board background information on what AC/DC is. Union's first Academic Decathlon team was formed in 2013-2014 and has had a strong showing at competitions annually. This year's team will be competing at Nationals in Frisco, TX, April 26. Taking turns each of the students present shared information about the program. There are 10 areas of study including art, music, literature, science, social science, economics, math, speeches- prepared and impromptu, interview and essay. Academic Decathlon is open to all students 9-12 and all GPA levels. All competitors compete in all areas. This year's theme was American Revolution. The information they are studying builds off what they are learning in their regular classrooms and can enhance their scores on standardized tests. There are scholarships available for individual placement and performance.

New Business:

Consider approval of the resolution for the budget guarantee. On a motion by Carlson, second by Hanson, "WHEREAS, the Union Community School District would qualify for the regular program budget adjustment provision of the Iowa Code for certified budget purposes for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and because of this circumstance is required to adopt a budget adjustment resolution to qualify for said adjustment: IT IS THEREFORE HEARBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Union Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14 Code of Iowa. Passed by the Board of Directors of the Union Community School District this 21st day of March 2023." Roll Call vote: Schemmel, aye; Carlson, aye; Scott, aye; Hanson, aye; Piphon, aye; Paine, aye; Lorenzen, aye.

Consider approval of Union CSD being in the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool for FY24. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Piphon, the Board approved Union CSD being in the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool for FY24. The Pool is for natural gas. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval of the AEA Purchasing Agreement for FY24. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Scott, the board approved the AEA Purchasing Agreement for FY24. The agreement is for food and supplies for the nutrition program. Motion carried 5-2, with Lorenzen and Paine opposed.

Consider approval of the cooperative agreement with the University of Northern Iowa for the 2023-2024 school year. On a motion by Carlson second by Hanson, the board approved the cooperative agreement with the University of Northern Iowa for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval of the cooperative agreement with Morningside University for the 2023-2024 school year. On a motion by Scott, second by Paine, the board approved the cooperative agreement with Morningside University for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval of substitute teacher pay for FY24. On a motion by Hanson, second by Paine, the board approved the substitute teacher pay for FY24. It will remain at \$125/day. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval of teacher make-up days for the 2022-2023 school year. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Pihpho, the board approved the teacher make up days for the 2022-2023 school year. There was a total of six no school days this year. By teacher contract these must be made up. The last day for students will be as scheduled, May 31, with a 11 a.m. dismissal, and the last day for teachers will be Thursday, June 1. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval of expanding TK (Transitional Kindergarten) to full-time beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. On a motion by Paine, second by Hanson, the Board approved expanding TK (Transitional Kindergarten) to full-time beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. The money saved, through reduction in mid-day transportation costs, will offset the increased staff cost. Additionally, this helps with the lack of daycare options for these families. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval of a sharing agreement with North Tama for girls' soccer for the 2023-2024 school year. On a motion by Pihpho, second by Scott, the board approved the sharing agreement with North Tama for girls' soccer for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval to reschedule public hearing for FY24 budget. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Scott, the board approved rescheduling the public hearing for the FY24 budget to Monday, April 17, preceding the regular board meeting. The request is due to the updated/corrected property valuations just being made available. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval to transfer \$1,000 from district management fund to general fund to cover insurance deductible. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Hanson, the board approved transferring \$1,000 from district management fund to general fund to cover insurance deductible. A district vehicle had an encounter with a deer. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval for the district to purchase a 2020 Dodge Caravan SXT from Dan Deery Motor in Waterloo. On a motion by Hanson, second by Carlson, the board

approved the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Caravan SXT from Dan Deery Motor in Waterloo. The cash price is \$20,148. PPEL/SAVE funds will be used. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval for the district to purchase a 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan from J's Auto in Manchester, Iowa. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Scott, the board approved the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan from J's Auto in Manchester, Iowa. The purchase price is \$18,500. PPEL/SAVE funds will be used. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval for the district to purchase a 2014 IC 65 capacity conventional school bus from a private party in Cedar Falls. On a motion by Hanson, second by Scott, the board approved the purchase of a 2014 IC 65 capacity conventional school bus from a private party in Cedar Falls. The purchase price is \$34,000. PPEL/SAVE funds will be used. It will replace a 2014 bus that was taken out of service during inspection. Motion carried 7-0.

Consider approval to set a public hearing for sale of district-owned land to Little Knights Learning Center- La Porte City Campus. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Scott, the board approved setting the public hearing for Monday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the public hearing on the FY24 Budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn: On a motion by Schemmel, second by Scott, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

Corey Lorenzen, President

Diane Roberts, Board Secretary