

**UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DYSART-GENESE-OLA PORTE CITY
Regular Meeting
August 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: Brandon Paine, Reid Carlson, Ben Schemmel and Maureen Hanson. Absent: Jenna Scott and Lindsey Piphio.

Approval of Agenda: On a motion by Schemmel, second by Carlson, the agenda was approved as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Consideration of Actions on Consent Items: Approval of the August 7, 2023 Board Minutes; Approval of board policies- 2nd Reading; 401.8- Recognition for Services of Employees; 401.9- Employee Political Activity; 401.12- Employee Use of Cell Phones and Regulations; 401.12R1- Employee Use of Cell Phones and Regulations; 401.13- Staff Technology Use and Regulation; 401.13R1- Staff Technology Use and Regulation; 401.14- Employee Expression; 402.1- Release of Credit Information; 402.2- Child Abuse Reporting and Regulation; 402.2R1- Child Abuse Reporting and Regulation; 409.3- Employee Family and Medical Leave. Approval of board policies- 1st Reading: 407.3- Licensed Employee Retirement; 413.2- Classified Employee Retirement; 508.2- Open Night; Approval of board policies- Annual Reviews (waiving 2nd reading); 406.4- Licensed Employee Compensation for Extra Duty; 409.1- Employee Vacation and Holiday Hours; 412.1- Classified Employee Compensation; 501.5- Attendance Center Assignment; 505.8- Parent Involvement – See Addition; 600- Goals and Objectives; 601.1- School Calendar; 605.4- Technology and Instructional Materials; 606.1- Class Size; 606.6- Insufficient Room Space; 703.1- Budget Planning; 707.2- Treasurer’s Annual Report; 707.5- Internal Controls; 710.1- School Nutrition Program; 711.3- Student Transportation for Extra-Curricular Activities; 711.4- Summer School Program Transportation Services; 711.5- Transportation of Non-Resident and Non-Public School Students; 804.1- Facilities Inspection; 804.2- District Emergency OPS Plan. Approval of Resignations: Becky Dvorak- DG Special Education Associate; Amy Eikamp- UMS Special Education Associate; Angela Plasencia- UHS Health Associate. Approval of Transfers/Reassignment: Nicole Knapp- FB Cheerleading Sponsor; Randi Walker- BB Cheerleading Sponsor. Approval of New Hires: Brittany Goken- DG Special Education Associate. Financials. Open Enrollment Requests. On a motion by Carlson, second by Schemmel, the board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from Public: None

Correspondence: None

Superintendent Report: *Instructional Update*- Mentor Training and new certified staff day was held. Thanks to mentors, new counselors/teachers and Corindy for organizing the training; all certified staff attended two days of Capturing Kids’ Hearts training. I am expecting that by implementing some of these strategies, our climate and culture in both UHS and UMS will improve; received very positive feedback from subs on the thank you letter and handbook; the literacy committee will continue their work this year and possibly purchase some new curriculum in the future; looking to formulate a School Improvement Advisory Committee instead of building site councils; we are establishing a class for all middle school students called LeadWorthy. The class focuses on leadership and is based on some of the learning/principles associated with Capturing Kids’ Heart; started working with a company called Simbli to expedite the policy documentation and review process. *Facilities Update*- waiting on one more quote to fill the gaps at the track; received great compliments from stakeholders regarding the new asphalt at UHS and UMS; mold project will be finalized in late September; DG kitchen improvements should be done by the first day of school; concrete replaced at high school activity entrance and NE sidewalk at UMS; *Safety/Security*- locks for DG & UMS ordered; installing 2 additional

cameras at UHS due to blind spots. *Staffing*- still in need of bus drivers. *Conclusion*- school board meeting sites- September, DG Elementary; October (4th Monday) UHS; Tuesday, November 22, UMS; December, LPC Elementary. Best wishes to all fall activity coaches, sponsors and participants.

Presentation: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider approval of membership for the Reconsideration Committee per board policy 605.3.

On a motion by Schemmel, second by Hanson, the board approved membership for the Reconsideration Committee per board policy 605.3. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider setting depository amounts for FY24. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Carlson, the board set the depository amounts for FY24. No changes from FY 23. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval of additional vaping detectors at UHS. On a motion by Paine, second by Schemmel, the board approved the additional vaping detectors for UHS. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval of the Joint Service Agreement between Hawkeye Community College and the Union Community School District. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Hanson the board approved the Joint Service Agreement between Hawkeye Community College and Union Community School District. Motion carried 5-0. This is an annual agreement for concurrent courses that high school students take.

Consider approval of an agreement with Trane to fix a chiller at UHS. On a motion by Carlson, second by Paine, the board approved the agreement with Trane to fix a chiller at UHS. Motion carried 5-0. This needs to be repaired at this time but the long-range plan will be to look at replacing the HVAC system at the high school.

Consider approval of the 2023-2024 bus routes. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Paine, the board approved the 2023-2024 bus routes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval of an agreement with EnCompass for access point license renewal. On a motion by Hanson, second by Carlson, the board approved the 3-year agreement with EnCompass for access point license renewal. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval of an agreement with Instructure for Canvas renewal. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Hanson, the board approved an agreement with Instructure for Canvas renewal. Motion carried 5-0. This is used by 6-12 grade students for quizzes, tests. It is a one-year agreement and the State reimburses the district.

Consider approval of a district needs assessment through IASB during the 2023-2024 school year. On a motion by Carlson, second by Hanson, the board approved the district's needs assessment through IASB during the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 5-0. Last time this was completed was in 2021.

Discussion and approval of the 2023-2024 Board Goals. On a motion by Schemmel, second by Paine, the board discussed and approved the 2023-2024 Board Goals. Motion carried 5-0. They suggested the narrative of safety and security and communication be updated to reflect the improvements made.

Consider approval of the district's Emergency Operations Plan. On a motion by Hanson, second by Schemmel, the board approved the district's Emergency Operations Plan. Motion carried 5-0. There is an overall district plan and then specific plans for each building. It was the consensus of the board to have training with the staff.

Discussion and approval of the Union Community School District Board of Education's legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. On a motion by Paine, second by Schemmel, the board approved the Union Community School District Board of Education's legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Motion carried 5-0. The board's priorities include school safety, mental health, sharing and reorganization, and Supplemental State Aid funding.

Adjourn: On a motion by Schemmel, second by Paine, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Corey Lorenzen, President

Diane Roberts, Board Secretary

