

Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 20, 2014

The Board of School Trustees of Union School Corporation met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in cafeteria. The following agenda items were discussed:

ITEM 1349 I. Call to Order

On the call of the role, the members of the Board of Trustees were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Todd Holaday, Garth Jenkins, Christa Ellis, Scott Houser, and Alan McCormick

Also present: Fred Herron, superintendent; Cynthia Vaughn, business manager; Allen Hayne, high school principal; Pat Palumbo, high school teacher; Erica Bishop, elementary teacher.

Patrons present: Courtney Hicks, Michelle Perry, Greg Beumer, Angie Patterson, Tom Farmer, Susie Farmer, Joy Woolf, and Christie Ogden.

ITEM 1350 II. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Ellis moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jenkins and carried 5-0.

ITEM 1351 III. Consent Agenda

A. Claims – Claims for September 1 to September 30, 2014

B. Minutes – Minutes for September 8, 2014 and September 15, 2014

Mr. McCormick moved to approve the claims and minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jenkins and carried 5-0.

ITEM 1352 IV. Reports

A. Finance Report – Ms. Vaughn gave a report on the finances of Union School Corporation. And the projected loss for the year in General Fund.

B. Superintendent Report – Mr. Herron gave a report on the September ADM count and the number of students who have left or enrolled since the count day. He also reported on the projected letter grade of the high school and elementary. Mr. Herron reported he and Mr. Holaday and Mr. Jenkins have met with superintendents and board members from other areas schools to discuss interest in consolidation. A six member committee of community members was also formed and has already met to advise on consolidation.

ITEM 1353 V. New Business

- A. 2015 Budget Adoption** - Mr. Houser moved to adopt the 2015 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and carried 5-0.
- B. Approve 2015, 2016, 2017 Capital Projects Plan** - Mr. Houser moved to approve the 2015 Capital Projects Plan. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ellis and carried 5-0.
- C. Approve 2015 Bus Replacement Plan** – Mr. Jenkins moved to approve the 2015 Bus Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and carried 5-0.
- D. After School Tutoring for High School English student** - Mrs. Ellis moved to approve an after school tutor in English. Mr. Hayne reported the tutor would be Ms. Willis. Ms. Vaughn reported there was still money in the School Achievement grant that could fund this expenditure. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jenkins and carried 5-0.
- E. Early Graduation** – Courtney Hicks requested to graduate early. Mrs. Ellis moved to approve early graduation for Courtney. The motion was seconded by Mr. Houser and carried 5-0.

ITEM 1354 VI. Old Business

- A. Reorganization Update** - In the last three weeks Mr. Holaday, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Herron meet with two board members and the superintendents of Blue River, Randolph Southern, Monroe Central, Nettle Creek, and Winchester. They completed site visits at all the schools, (Winchester will be on Friday). During the visits they were able to discover the host schools' strengths and the things the schools are most proud of. Other topics discussed included tax questions, course offering, building locations and conditions, employment outlook, transition of students, and overall trends. (Summary details are attached.)

The community advisory committee met Thursday, October 16 and planned to meet Thursday, October 23.

Mr. Holaday also reported he has had some legal questions answered concerning Stoney Creek Township in Henry County and taxation with respect to debt.

ITEM 1355 VII. Personnel

- A. Non-Certified Resignation** - Mr. Herron submitted a resignation letter from Matt Wilkison. His last day was October 3, 2014. Mr. Houser moved to approve the resignation. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and carried 5-0. Mr. McCormick thanked Matt for his service.
- B. Non-Certified Recommendation(s)**

1. Maintenance Director – Mr. Herron and Ms. Vaughn recommended John Conner for maintenance director. Mr. Conner started October 6 with his annual salary of \$37,750 with all the non-certified year round employee benefits as noted in the employee handbook. Mr. Jenkins moved to approve Mr. Conner. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and carried 5-0.
2. 2nd Shift Custodian – Mr. Herron and Ms. Vaughn recommended Kristy Allen for 2nd shift custodian. Miss Allen started on October 6 at \$9/hr. with all the non-certified year round employee benefits as stated in the employee handbook. Mr. McCormick moved to approve Miss Allen. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jenkins and carried 5-0.
3. Junior Varsity Boys’ Basketball Coach - Mr. Hayne and Mr. Marshall recommended Keegan Carmony for junior varsity boys’ basketball coach for the 2014-15 season.
4. Junior High Boys’ Basketball Coach – Mr. Hayne and Mr. Marshall recommended Dale Arnett for junior high boys’ basketball coach.
5. Varsity Boys’ and Girl’s Track Coach – Mr. Hayne and Mr. Marshall recommended Gregg Moore for Varsity Boys’ and Girls’ Track Coach.

Mr. Jenkins moved to approve Gregg Moore as boys’ track coach. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and carried 5-0. It was stated that Bill Marshall, the athletic director, needs to ask around for a girls’ track coach.

6. Volunteer Junior High Boys’ Basketball Coaches – Tom Farmer and Brandon Arnett

Mrs. Ellis moved to approve personnel 3, 4, and 6 for the above mentioned positions. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and carried 5-0.

ITEM 1356 VIII. Future Agenda Items

ITEM 1357 IX. Patron Comments

ITEM 1358 X. Adjournment

Mr. Jenkins moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and carried 5-0.