

Union Area School District
New Castle, Pennsylvania
Public Board Meeting
Union Area Board of School Directors

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on February 21, 2024 in the Middle/High School Board Room for a Regular Meeting. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

Mr. Arin Biondi

Ms. Debra Allebach
Mr. John Bertolino
Mr. Jay Cole
Ms. Roxanne Exposito
Mr. Chaz Macri
Mr. Richard Mangino

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent
Dr. Scott O'Donnell, Curriculum Director

Ms. Samantha Lavery, Business Mgr. /Board Sec

Media: New Castle News
Solicitor: Mr. Lou Perrotta, Esq.

Board Not Present: Hink, Peoples

Public: None

Call to Order

Biondi called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Biondi requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 6:30 P.M.

Informational Items (6:30 PM)

- A. 2023 Audit Presentation – William Hauser, CPA
- B. PA State Budget Update & Grants

Executive Session 6:41 PM

Biondi announced that the Union Area School Board will meet in executive session for the purposes of resignation, real estate, and confidential legal matter. Executive Session ended at 7:20 PM.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:20 PM)

Biondi called for public comment. There was none.

Operations 7:21 PM

Allebach moved approve the following consent operational agenda items as listed:

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 17, 2024 as presented.
- B. Approve the January 2024 Financial & Treasurer's Report as presented.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from January 16, 2024 through February 20, 2024 in the amount of \$47,342.06.
- D. Approve the Cafeteria Invoices dated February 7, 2024 in the amount of \$44,835.49.
- E. Approve the checklist from January 18, 2024 through February 21, 2024 in the amount of \$672,669.74.

Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the June 30, 2023 Audited Financial Report as presented. Mangino seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Bertolino moved to approve the attached exonerations from the Lawrence County Assessment Office as provided. Cole seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Cole moved to approve the Business Manager to place \$2,000,000 into an investment Sweep Account with the General Fund and to open all necessary accounts to do so with First Commonwealth Treasury Management Banking. The interest rate is 5.0%. Allebach seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the 2024-2025 MIUIV General Operating Budget Resolution as presented. Mangino seconded (5 yes, 2 No – Bertolino & Biondi). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented. Allebach seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Bertolino moved to approve the final reports as listed:

- Professional Development Plan Act 48 for the years 2024-2027
- Induction Plan (Chapter 49) for the years 2024-2027
- Comprehensive Plan for the years 2024-2027
- Gifted Education Plan for the years 2024-2027

Mangino seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Personnel

Cole moved to approve Macy Stoddard as a volunteer Jr. High Volleyball Assistant Coach, effective February 21, 2024 and pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Allebach seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Mr. Kim Niedbala as the Head Varsity Track Coach and paid a stipend of \$4,800, effective February 21, 2024. Macri seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Mangino moved to approve the following Assistant Varsity Track Coaches and paid a stipend of \$2,500, pending the receipt of all proper paperwork.

- A. Linell Robinson
- B. Lisa Antuono
- C. Joe Canciello

Cole seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Bertolino moved to approve Mr. Mark Stanley as the Head Jr. High Baseball Coach at a stipend of \$2,325, effective February 21, 2024. Mangino seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Cole moved to approve Mr. Matthew Stanley as the Assistant Jr. High Baseball Coach at a stipend of \$2,325, effective February 21, 2024, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Macri seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to rescind the hire of Ms. Rachel Santypal as a paraprofessional due to the failure to provide proper paperwork and made effective January 17, 2024. Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to add to the agenda Carrie Confer as a volunteer Jr. High Softball Coach. Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

Mr. Biondi called for public comment on the new agenda item. There was none.

Allebach moved to approve Carrie Confer as a volunteer Jr. High Softball Coach. Mangino seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (7:41 PM)

The finance Committee will set a date for the Budget Meeting.

Adjourn

Allebach moved to adjourn the regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 7:41 PM. Exposito seconded (7 yes). The motion carried.