

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 March 20, 2024 in the Middle/High School Board Room for a Regular Meeting. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

Mr. Arin Biondi
Dr. Michael Hink
Ms. Debra Allebach
Mr. John Bertolino
Mr. Jay Cole
Ms. Roxanne Exposito
Mr. Chaz Macri
Mr. Richard Mangino
Ms. Valarie Peoples

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent
Ms. Linda J. O'Neill, Elementary Principal
Mr. Robin Nogay, MS/HS Principal

Ms. Samantha Laverty, Business Mgr. /Board Sec

Media: New Castle News

Solicitor: Mr. Lou Perrotta, Esq.

Board Not Present: 0

Public: None

Call to Order

Biondi called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Biondi requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 6:32 P.M.

Informational Items (6:32 PM)

- A. Lawrence County Sports Hall of Fame Dinner

Executive Session 6:33 PM

Biondi announced that the Union Area School Board will meet in executive session for the purposes of resignation, real estate, personnel hiring, and confidential legal matter. Executive Session ended at 7:19 PM.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:19 PM)

Biondi called for public comment. There was none.

Operations 7:20 PM

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 21, 2024 as presented.
- B. Approve the February 2024 Financial & Treasurer's Report as presented.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from February 21, 2024 through March 18, 2024 in the amount of \$84,283.36.
- D. Approve the Cafeteria Invoices dated March 8, 2024 in the amount of \$43,888.73.
- E. Approve the checklist from February 22, 2024 through March 20, 2024 in the amount of \$502,159.06.

Hink seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Bertolino moved to approve the attached exonerations from the Lawrence County Assessment Office as provided except resolution 37474. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the revision to Board Policy 351. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Hink moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Exposito seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jean Hervatine from Part-Time Elementary Physical Education Teacher for the purpose of retirement and made effective May 31, 2024. Macri seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the resignation of Mrs. Casey Harding from Paraprofessional, effective March 15, 2024. Peoples seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Cole moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Andre Jones from Assistant Baseball Coach to Volunteer Baseball Coach, effective March 20, 2024. Bertolino seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to move Mr. Rick Jones from Volunteer Baseball Coach to Assistant Baseball Coach at a stipend of \$2,500, effective March 20, 2024. Macri seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Cole moved to place Mr. Chuck Brogan on the Substitute Bus Monitor List, effective March 20, 2024. Mangino seconded (8 yes 1 Abstain - Macri). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the time off without pay for Mrs. Christina Vitale on March 8, 2024 and April 23, 2024 (1/2 day) as presented. Peoples seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

Mangino moved to approve an FMLA for Mrs. Christine Cataloni, effective March 18, 2024. Allebach seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (7:42 PM)

There was no new business brought before the Board.

Adjourn

Allebach moved to adjourn the regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 7:43 PM. Mangino seconded (9 yes). The motion carried.