

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 April 17, 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

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent
Dr. Scott O'Donnell, Director of Curriculum
Mr. Robin Nogay, MS/HS Principal
Ms. Linda J. O'Neil, Elementary Principal
Ms. Samantha Laverty, Business Mgr. /Board Sec

Media: New Castle News

Solicitor: Mr. Lou Perrotta, Esq.

Board Not Present: Ms. Valarie Peoples

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.

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 6:58 PM.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:00 PM)

Biondi called for public comment. There was none.

Informational Items (7:00 PM)

- A. Nutrition Group, Inc. Presentation on 24-25 Budget

Operations 7:13 PM

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 20, 2024 as presented.
- B. Approve the March 2024 Financial & Treasurer's Report as presented.
- C. Approve the Purchase Order List from March 19, 2024 through April 16, 2024 in the amount of \$39,721.74.
- D. Approve the Cafeteria Invoices dated April 3, 2024 in the amount of \$43,677.16.
- E. Approve the checklist from March 21, 2024 through April 17, 2024 in the amount of \$418,117.91.
- F.

Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the collection of the Per Capita Tax by Berkheimer Tax Administrators, effective July 1, 2024. It is further recommended to approve the resolution 2024-005 and agreement as presented. Hink seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Hink moved to approve the agreement with Chrislyn Energy to obtain natural gas and electric supplier pricing and act our exclusive agent as presented. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Elementary and MS/HS 2024 Spring Field Trips as presented. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Cole moved to approve the 2024-2025 Budget and renewal with The Nutrition Group, Inc. in the amount of \$19,325 profit as presented. Hink seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Hink moved to table to the attached exonerations from the Lawrence County Assessment Office as provided. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Personnel (7:17 PM)

Allebach moved to ratify and accept the resignation of Mr. Steve Antuono from k-12 Art Teacher for the purpose of retirement. Mangino seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Mangino moved to approve the following individuals for 2024 Summer School (as assigned by Administration). All nurses will rotate days.

- A. Michelle Kassi
- B. Maria Macri
- C. Diane Benedict
- D. Marcia Trocci
- E. Alyssa Trocci
- F. Jake Trinca
- G. Alicia Chaney

Cole seconded (7 yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain – Macri). The motion carried.

Bertolino moved to approve the following paraprofessionals to be hired for 2024 Summer School at their regular contracted rate.

- A. Jodi Sizer
- B. Carla Brown
- C. Haley Patterson

Mangino seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Hink moved to approve the time off without pay for Mrs. Jodi Sizer on March 13, 2024, March 21-22, 2024 as presented. Macri seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the time off without pay for Mrs. Annie Hines on April 12, 2024 and April 23, 2024 as presented. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (7:19 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 7:19 PM. Mangino seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.