

Union City Area School District
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Elementary Large Group Instruction Room
March 12, 2020

President George Trauner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The salute to the flag and a moment of silence were observed.

Roll Call by the Secretary

Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis (via speakerphone), Barbara Miller (via speakerphone), David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner were present. Brian Gregor was absent.

Others Present

Matthew Bennett, Amy Coleman, Tara Lineman, Ann Sill Mischeal Knapp, Officer Brad Parker, Teresa Pacileo, Maryann Mook, Rod McCray, Adam Shrout, Dona Fox, Shawn Thompson, Melissa Tomcho, Frank Snyder, Melissa Zielinski, Stacey Mulson, Kristen Ahl, Colleen McKinney, Amy Kent, Kim DeSimone, Steph Murphy, Wendy Mangol, Nathan DeSimone, Jessica Reynolds, Dan Keefer, Katie Bowersox, Steve Bowersox and John Murphy.

Presentation

Mrs. Lineman gave a PowerPoint presentation of the **2020-2021 Preliminary Budget**. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] She announced that we have an exciting year ahead. There is a ten-year curriculum plan in place, the students will have new books and will have Chromebooks, many equipment purchases will be made and much maintenance will be completed. All will be accomplished without raising taxes. Mrs. Lineman referred the Board to the related pages in their Budget Book to follow along with the PowerPoint. She discussed anticipated revenue and expenditures and explained the Homestead/Farmstead program. Mr. Trauner asked the Board to send any questions to Mrs. Lineman for her to respond to at the April Committee of the Whole meeting and that the Preliminary Budget would be on the April 16 agenda for approval.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bennett reported the following:

1. Mrs. Coleman distributed a handout on the Financial Reality Fair for our sophomores which was provided by the Corry Federal Credit Union. Each student was given a booklet that contained their assigned occupation, salary, credit score, gross pay, taxes and deductions, and their net monthly income. They then went to various stations around the gym to purchase needed and wanted items in order to teach them how to budget. It was very successful. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

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2. Mr. Bennett stated that Representative Curt Sonney visited the District on Monday as planned and met with Mr. Bennett, along with Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Lineman and Dr. Miller. He was thoroughly impressed with the direction in which the District is going. The area superintendents are taking turns inviting our various representatives to their schools. He has authored a bill for charter/cyber reform and was very interested in our curriculum and cyber services. He was given a tour and was impressed by the renovation.
3. The team completed the third and fourth sessions of the NISL training this week which were very productive. They are currently working on surveys to gather input from faculty, School Board, community and students. They will meet again in April and have been working on reviewing scheduling at the secondary level. It's been a good tool to think outside the box and get input from all participants in the meeting.
4. The area superintendents have been monitoring the Coronavirus situation closely. He asked the public present to look to the District for their information and not to social media sites which can misrepresent what's really going on. Things are heating up quickly. He sat in on the Governor's address as well as the Erie County address today. He will continue to communicate with the parents on a daily basis, if needed. Tomorrow all area superintendents will be gathering together for a video conference with the PA Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera.

Public Comment

Prior to comments from the public, Mr. Trauner announced that three individuals submitted the form for Public Comment and would each have three minutes to speak. He stated that the Board will not be responding to the comments made but that Mr. Bennett will follow-up, if needed. Mr. Trauner recognized **Rod McCray** who stated that he taught and coached at Union City and addressed his concerns about and support of the current Girls Basketball program. **Melissa Zielinski** read a prepared statement with concerns about the possible opening of the Girls Basketball coaching positions of which she is the current head coach. **Frank Snyder** also read a prepared statement also stating his disappointment in the possible opening of the Girls' Basketball coaching position and his support of the program.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mrs. Thomas seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried.

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Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hopson moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting and the February 13, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Hopson moved, Mr. Blakeslee seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2020. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Check List

Mr. Gilbert moved, Mrs. Thomas seconded to approve the Checks for Board Approval – March 12, 2020; Checks Between Board Meetings– February 2020; Athletic Checks – February 2020; Procurement Card Listing – February 2020; Construction Project Checks – February 2020; and Construction Project Checks for Board Approval – March 2020 . [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried. (*Note: See Mr. Trauner’s abstention under Other Business.*)

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Academics

Mr. Trauner asked for motion for the approval of Academic items 1-3. Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Gilbert seconded to approve the following items:

6th Grade Field Trip to Niagara Falls

1. The 6th Grade Field Trip to Niagara Falls and Fort Niagara on May 27, 2020.

Region Band to IUP

2. The trip to Indiana University of Pennsylvania for Region Band, March 25-27, 2020.

Waiver and Stipulation for Student A

3. The Waiver and Stipulation for Student A.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried.

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Co-Curricular

Mr. Trauner asked for a motion to approve the following Co-Curricular items (Agenda items 1-4, 7) and would like to do a separate individual roll call vote for motions 5 and 6. Mr. Robinson moved, Mr. Gilbert seconded to approve the following items:

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| Buell and Hopson –
Volunteer Baseball
Coaches | 1. Edward Buell and Schuyler Hopson as Volunteer Baseball Coaches, both effective immediately. |
| Agreement with
UCSC Committee | 2. RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Union City Area School District hereby approves the License and Donation Agreement with the Union City Sports Complex Committee whereby the Union City Sports Complex Committee agrees to donate the time, labor, and materials and construction related to the athletic concession stand to the School District, pending approval by the Union City Area School District Foundation and the Contractor(s) as well as related Agreements, Certificate of Insurance and Indemnification Addendum. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] |
| Blood – Asst.
Volleyball Coach
and Co- JH
Volleyball Coach | 3. Joshua Blood as Assistant Volleyball Coach, and to serve as Co-Jr. High Volleyball Coach for the current season retroactive to March 2, 2020, splitting the stipend with Head Coach Rachel Moore, with each receiving \$830.50. |
| Gilson resignation | 4. To accept the resignation of Junior High Track Coach, Carley Gilson, effective immediately. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] |
| Beezub – Volunteer
Baseball coach and
Extra Asst. Non-
Contract Coach if
needed | 7. Ian Beezub as Volunteer Baseball Coach, effective immediately, and, after two weeks of the mandatory season, be moved to the extra assistant non-contract coach position provided there are 20 or more participating student athletes in the program. |

It was asked to be confirmed that #7 – Mr. Beezub would be the extra assistant coach if the numbers warrant. Mr. Trauner stated that is correct.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried.

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Opening All Wrestling Coaching Positions

Mr. Gilbert moved, Mrs. Thomas seconded to approve opening all Wrestling Coaching Positions.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried.

Opening All Girls Basketball Coaching Positions

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Gilbert seconded to approve opening all Girls Basketball Coaching Positions.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, and George Trauner voted yes. Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson and Kimberle Thomas voted no. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried. (5-3)

Finance

Mr. Trauner asked for a motion to approve Finance items 1-4. Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to approve the following items:

Advertising to Seek Bids

1. Advertising to seek bids for Maintenance and Electrical Supplies for the 2020-2021 school year.

2020-2021 IU Budget

2. The 2020-2021 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget in the total amount of \$61,886,803 and further approve the total member districts' contributions to the General Operative (Fund 010) and School Improvement Services (Fund 020) budgets or the Intermediate Unit for the 2020-2021 fiscal year in the amount of \$14,327.85 with individual member district contributions as determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

LERTA Ordinance No. 1129

3. The Resolution of the Union City Area School District approving Ordinance No. 1129 of the Borough of Union City authorizing exemptions from real property exemption in the designated deteriorated area of the Borough of Union City pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act of 1977, as amended, as presented. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Change Order - Showers

4. The change order for the ADA-compliant showers for the Boys' and Girls' Middle School/High School locker rooms in the amount of \$23,255.00.

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Mrs. Lineman was asked if the first motion is the normal annual motion to which she replied it is and that it's for everyday supplies. It was also asked if there was no recourse on Motion #4 to which Mr. Bennett replied there was not.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried.

Personnel

Mr. Trauner asked for a motion to approve Personnel items 1-6. Mrs. Thomas moved, Mr. Gilbert seconded to approve the following items:

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| Substitute List Additions | 1. The following additions to the District Substitute list for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year as per assignment: Andrea Heintz (Clerical and Classroom Aide), and Tiffany Bartholomew (Custodian), both pending receipt of remaining employment documents. |
| Additional District Volunteers | 2. The following District Volunteers for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year: Darin Williamson and Abbagail Anaya. |
| Wilkins resignation for retirement | 3. To accept the resignation from Cynthia Wilkins, Elementary Special Education Aide, effective the end of the workday, June 5, 2020, for the purpose of retirement. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] |
| SPO resolution and agreements – Brown and Pascuzzi | 4. The Substitute School Police Officer resolution and the Substitute School Police Officer Employment Agreements between the Union City Area School District and Substitute School Police Officers Robert K. Brown, Jr. and John S. Pascuzzi, effective upon receipt of all required employment documents through December 31, 2022. [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book] |
| Gilson resignation | 5. To accept the resignation of Carley Gilson, Pool Supervisor, retroactive to Monday, March 9, 2020. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] |
| UCASD Personnel Benefits Booklet revisions | 6. The revisions to the Union City Area School District Personnel Benefits Booklet, effective immediately. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] |

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Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried.

Policy

2nd Reading –
Revisions to PSBA
Policy #222

Mr. Trauner presented the second reading of the revisions to PSBA Policy #222 (Tobacco and Vaping Products, formerly titled Tobacco/Nicotine). The Board had no questions or comments. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Approval of
Revisions to PSBA
Policy #222

Mr. Gilbert moved, Mrs. Thomas seconded to approve the revisions to PSBA Policy #222 (Tobacco and Vaping Products, formerly titled Tobacco/Nicotine). [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Financial Reports

The financial reports were presented. [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Other Business

Trauner - Abstained

Mr. Trauner announced that he abstained from Vendor Check #4053 in the Check List.

Executive Session

Mr. Trauner announced that there would be no Executive Session.

Adjournment

Mr. Hopson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, Stephen Gilbert, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor was absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Trauner adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Sill
School Board Secretary