

Union City Area School District
SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
Elementary Large Group Instruction Room
January 2, 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, Brian Gregor, Douglas Hopson, Kimberle Thomas, and George Trauner were present. Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller and David Robinson were absent.

Others Present

Matthew Bennett, Amy Coleman, Tara Lineman, Adam Shrout, Melissa Tomcho, Daniel Keefer, Stacey Mulson, Amy Webber, Steve Thompson, Krista Byler, Ann Sill, Michael Swanson, Bill Braham, Mischeal Knapp, Jeannette Boyd, Brad Whitman, Dean Maynard, Stephanie Murphy, Megan Murphy and Racquel Gray were present.

Presentation

“Updates from the School Psychologist” were presented by Mrs. Amy Webber, School Psychologist who gave statistics of the District students evaluated so far this school year which shows the need for support. For various reasons, some students are under supported and it’s difficult meeting the academic and behavioral needs of all the District students in need of support. Two graduate students have contracted Mrs. Webber about internship opportunities. The last time the District utilized an intern was the 20132014 school year, and having one would help greatly She listed how an intern would be of District assistance in her PowerPoint presentation. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Mr. Bennett added that the intern will also help with transitioning students who return to school from placement and are in need of support. Functional behavior assessment is conducted with the teacher and together they come up with a plan. In replying to a question from the Board, Mrs. Webber stated that the intern will work in both building and be here five days a week with two days will being the intern’s practicum. The Board was in support of hiring an intern.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Bennett wished everyone a Happy New Year and introduced Bill Braham and Mike Swanson from Computer Solutions Erie. Mr. Braham stated that the company has been in business since 1993. Iroquois was the first school district they contracted with and they have a very good structure for technology and support. He also added that they hired our former Technology Support Specialists, Tim Petrilla and Brenda Kusiak.

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Administrative Reports [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Mrs. Lineman was asked the insurance cost for health care. She stated rather than giving an inaccurate guess, she would get back to the Board with the exact amount.

Mr. Shroul showed the new engraved i-Pad the school received from winning Erie News Now's "How Cool Is Your School" contest which he gifted to Mrs. Webber for use in her job as hers was very old. Mr. Shroul was grateful for the District's and community's support which caused this achievement.

Mr. Thompson added that the hot tub is down and a new pump has been ordered. Mrs. Byler stated that the renovation of the cafeteria and kitchen are nearly complete with just a little more to work out. She stated that it is a showpiece.

Representative Reports

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors

Mr. Trauner reported that due to the snowstorm the night of the last meeting, they were able to get a quorum via speakerphone with some of the members. He stated that Dr. Maynard and Mr. Whitman are here tonight to do a workshop for the Board and Administrators following adjournment.

Erie County Technical School Joint Operating Committee

Mr. Gilbert stated that things have been stressful at the ECTS meetings but he expected it to calm down in a couple of months. When he arrived at the last meeting, all of the parking spots were taken and there were about 150 visitors at the meeting, all due to rumors that cosmetology and culinary arts were being cut. The group was reassured that nothing is on the chopping block. The only course that is being cut was one electronics course. It only has three students who will finish out the year but the program will not continue next year.

Other Business

Mr. Trauner presented the first reading of the revisions to PSBA Policy 233 (Suspension and Expulsion), and PSBA Policy 103.1 (Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities), as well as new PSBA draft policies 601-622, 625, 626, 626.1 and 627.

Mr. Trauner asked the Board to review the January 9 draft agenda. It was asked if there is an FFA trip every year. Mr. Trauner responded that there has been for a couple years. It was also asked if Mr. Black is only able to work as a volunteer for music. Mr. Bennett replied that he will be helping with percussion in preparation for District Band. Mr. Trauner added that if questions arise prior to next week's meeting for the Board to contact him or Mr. Bennett.

Executive Session

Mr. Trauner stated that the Board would be meeting in Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel discussion following adjournment and would not be returning. Following that there will be a Board/Administration Workshop.

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Adjournment

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

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

Mr. Trauner declared the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Sill
School Board Secretary