

**Union City Area School District
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Elementary Large Group Instruction Room
March 8, 2018**

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. Mr. Trauner asked that if anyone had not signed in to please do so before leaving the meeting.

Roll Call by the Secretary

Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Brian Gregor, Douglas Hopson, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller and George Trauner were present. David Robinson was absent.

Others Present

Dr. Sandra Myers, Joan Quickle, Tara Lineman, Ann Sill, Emily Eastman, Denise Kochanczyk, Melissa Tomcho, Sherry Eastman, Racquel Gray, Mike Bocianowski, Natalie Wilmoth, Grace Jones, Danielle Jones, Frank Snyder, Stephanie Murphy, Lauren Murphy, Greg James, Riley Jo. Boyd, Jeannette Boyd, Sharon Reagle, Kammie Riewaldt and Carley Biebel were present.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fox moved, Mr. Blakeslee seconded to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting, the February 8, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

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

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mr. Gregor moved, Mr. Hopson seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2018. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

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

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Approval of Check List

Dr. Miller moved, Mr. Hopson seconded to approve the Checks for Board Approval– March 8 2018, Checks between Board Meetings– February 2018, and Athletic Checks– February 2018. [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book]

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

Public Comment

Mr. Trauner recognized **Denise Kochanczyk** who spoke on behalf of the Union City Area Education Association and stated that they were happy to see the survey placed on the District website so voices can be heard. She read a prepared statement depicting the Union’s belief of the three most important qualifications of a superintendent - communication, visibility and meaningful collaboration. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Mr. Trauner replied that the Board has been brought to task for not being transparent so he explained that four members of the Board and two Administrators have been on the selection committee for the new superintendent. There were eleven applications with six chosen to be interviewed. The IU led the process. The top three candidates from the first interview were chosen for a final interview which will take place on March 13 where they will meet with the full Board at 6:30 p.m. and then move to the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. for the final interview which will be open to the public. There were 200 responses to the survey and seven questions were developed from these responses which will be asked of each of the three finalists individually. Following these interviews, the committee will meet to make a recommendation to the entire Board. It is anticipated that the new superintendent will be approved in April. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Emily Eastman spoke as a jazz and marching band member in support of new band teacher Mr. Prinkey whom she believes is doing a wonderful job and has many new ideas. She requested that he be moved to a full-time position so the middle school and high school band classes can have the same instructor. Five band students in attendance were also recognized.

Presentations

1. Mrs. Gray and student Jeanea James presented a PowerPoint regarding the **Rain Garden** which is a project by the Environmental Conservation Science class. Letters were sent out requesting donations for the rain garden, and much planning was done for the design, appropriate plants for pollution, water and salt tolerance and that were climate appropriate for optimum survival. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] Teacher Michael Bocianowski’s photography class took the photos for the slide show, and he distributed a handout. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] Mrs. Gray stated that they hope to

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make a presentation next month to the Board about the website. Questions from the Board were answered.

2. Mrs. Quickle stated that she and Dr. Myers were asked about trending data so she presented **Historical Data** to the Board. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]
3. Dr. Myers presented information on the cut scores for the **Latin Grading System** along with qualifiers. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] She contacted Edinboro University and based her recommended cut-off scores on theirs. There was discussion about the pros and cons of qualifiers. The Board would like more information and asked that approval be removed from tonight's agenda.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL
COMMITTEE A

Academics

Remove Academic motions from the agenda

Mr. Trauner asked for a motion to remove the two Academic motions from the agenda. Mrs. Lewis made the motion, seconded by Dr. Miller.

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

Personnel

IU Emergency Substitute Teacher Consortium

Mrs. Lewis moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve Kelsey Adams to the IU Emergency Substitute Teacher Consortium list for remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Substitute List Addition

Mrs. Lewis moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve Wendy Bartholomew (Cafeteria, Custodian) to the 2017-2018 District substitute list as per assignment, pending receipt of remaining employment documents.

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

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Turner

Mrs. Lewis moved, Dr. Miller seconded to appoint Laura Turner as School District Administration Office Administrative Assistant/Receptionist, effective pending receipt of remaining employment documents. It was asked who Mrs. Turner is replacing to which Dr. Myers responded, Joanna Butcher.

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

Academic Policy

Policy #1200

Mrs. Lewis moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve the revisions to Policy #1200, formerly titled “Parent/Family Involvement” retitled “Parent/Family Engagement.” [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

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

Student Policy

Policy #5500

Mrs. Lewis presented second and third readings of the revision to Policy #5500 “Student Wellness.” and then made a motion to approve the revised policy which was seconded by Dr. Miller. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

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

COMMITTEE B

Co-Curricular

Hale – Extra
Assistant Softball
Coach, if needed

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Gilbert seconded to approve Zachary Hale (Volunteer Softball Coach) to the non-contract Extra Assistant Coach position, if there are 25 or more student athletes in the program, splitting the stipend with Jennifer Drayer (who was previously approved).

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

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Finance
Exoneration

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve exonerating the taxes assessed on the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Union City for calendar year 2017 for the following parcels - #42-007-023.0-008.00, #42-007-023.0-012.00, #42-007-023.0-011.00, and #42-007-023.0-010.00.

It was asked if the taxes were paid to date when the Municipal Authority took over which was responded to in the affirmative as they had to be in order for the closing to take place. It was asked if the District could have a break on the water bill and also how much money will be lost by granting the exoneration. The response was approximately \$4,000.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller and George Trauner voted yes. Brian Gregor and Douglas Hopson voted no. David Robinson was absent. Motion carried. (6-2)

Seek bids

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve advertising to seek bids for Maintenance and Electrical Supplies, and Athletic Equipment and Supplies for the 2018-2019 school year.

It was asked if this motion could be delayed until after Saturday's retreat when the budget is discussed. It was noted that once the preliminary budget is approved, dollar figures can be changed for approval of the final budget.

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

2018-2019 ECTS
Budget

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget for the Erie County Technical School, including Secondary Programs and Regional Career and Technical Center Adult Programs. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

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

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2018-2019
Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit
Budget

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Gregor seconded to approve the 2018-2019 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget in the total amount of \$59,691,274.00, and further approve the total member districts' contributions to the General Operating (Fund 010) and School Improvement Services (Fund 020) budgets of the Intermediate Unit for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,895,685.00 with individual member district contributions as determined by PDE.

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

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Myers had been asked about next week's "Walkout" which will be held by many area school districts on Wednesday, March 14 (held for 17 minutes in memory of the 17 people who lost their lives in the Florida high school shooting on February 14). She read information that will be presented and stated it will not be a political statement nor in support or against gun control. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] It was asked if extra security would be present and she stated that since it will be held in the Main Gym rather than outside, additional security is not needed. Students must sign up to participate by the end of the school day on Monday, March 12.

Financial Reports

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

Other Business

Mr. Trauner reminded the Board of Saturday's retreat which will be held in this room beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Executive Session

Mr. Trauner requested an Executive Session for legal and personnel discussion with the Board members and Dr. Myers. He asked that the audience exit the room quickly.

Other Business continued

Dr. Miller reminded the Board of the symposium to be held in the Middle School/High School Cafeteria on March 15. She stated that approximately 150 people have signed up, and it's a wonderful program with both state and local speakers.

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Mr. Gregor stated that the District has a state (wrestling) champion – Jake VanDee. It was asked that it be announced to the Middle School/High School student body.

Mr. Gilbert stated that Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Mumau brought 7th and 8th grade students to his place of employment today for a career exploration tour. The students were well behaved and each received a gift bag.

Adjournment

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

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

Mr. Trauner adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Sill
School Board Secretary