

Union City Area School District
SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
Elementary Large Group Instruction Room
April 5, 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.

Roll Call by the Secretary

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

Others Present

Dr. Sandra Myers, Tara Lineman, Adam Shroust, Melissa Tomcho, David Swanson, Stacey Mulson, Amy Webber, Steve Thompson, Timothy Brown, Ann Sill, Brad Whitman, Denise Kochanczyk, Natalie Wilmoth, Racquel Gray, Sharon Reagle, Frank Snyder, Cathy Dobrzynski, Jeannette Boyd and Laura Himrod were present.

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Committee B Report

Mr. Blakeslee stated the athletic committee meeting scheduled for this week has to be rescheduled.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors

Mr. Trauner distributed a folder from the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit to each Board member and informed the Board if they had any questions to ask him or Mr. Whitman tonight.

Erie County Technical School Joint Operating Committee

Mr. Fox reported that the JOC passed the contract agreement with the teachers which was long overdue. The electronics and machine shop classes needs more students. It will cost \$64,000 for a new machine for the lab. It was an interesting meeting.

Administrative Reports [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Mr. Thompson was asked about the blacktop plans to which he replied Academy Drive is being recommended for paving this year. Fertilizing the football field was brought up to which he responded that they used to fertilize it but haven't for the past few years. They are losing the crown and are having some drainage issues and he's hoping to retille one side at some point.

Mr. Shroust was thanked for the parade for the community wrestlers, one who was in the top 20 in the state and another in the top 12.

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Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Myers reported as follows:

1. Following previous discussion, the Latin Grading System cut-offs have been adjusted to 4.0 and above with one proficient test for Summa, 3.6 to 3.99 with one proficient test for Magna, and 3.4 to 3.59 with one proficient test for Cum Laude.
2. The policy on Homeless Students has been revised by our Solicitor. She asked that any Board members with questions on it contact her. The first reading will be next week.
3. Dr. Myers asked to meet with the Board briefly after adjournment.

Other Business

Mr. Robinson stated that at the Board retreat, it was learned there is significant financial loss to cyber-charter programs and did some investigating of promoting our own cyber program as well as CTE-approved Agriculture Education and STEM to those within and outside the District. He contacted various organizations and had a meeting with Engle and O’Neill last week which proved impressive. The group advertises county wide and could attract other county students to our District. He would like to invite them to give a presentation to the Board. A six-week campaign would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 which would be broadcast digitally. He noted that one Special Education student attending a cyber-charter program costs the District about \$20,000. The results may keep our own students in our program and attract some new students. He would like them to present at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. It was asked if we have a digital media program here that could do the advertising and promotion. Mr. Robinson stated that they would guide the process and we would do the production and shooting. An impressive video was done for the Montessori school. Dr. Myers added that this is a marketing plan and we don’t have the expertise to do this kind of production.

Executive Session

Mr. Trauner announced that the Board would go into Executive Session for the purpose Legal and Personnel discussion after adjournment.

Other Business

The draft agenda was reviewed. It was asked if there weren’t three retirees at the Middle School/High School Office to which Mrs. Tomcho stated Mrs. Hunter retired the end of the year and the position was filled by Mrs. Himrod whom she introduced.

Mr. Fox stated the Board is to be commended for being frugal, getting out of debt and not raising taxes.

Mr. Trauner stated that if the Board had more questions before next week’s meeting they should contact him, Mrs. Lineman or Dr. Myers.

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Adjournment

Mr. Gregor moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Miller.

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

Mr. Trauner declared the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Sill
School Board Secretary