

Union City Area School District
SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
Elementary Large Group Instruction Room
November 1, 2018

President George Trauner called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. The salute to the flag and a moment of silence were observed.

Executive Session

Mr. Trauner announced that the Board met in Executive Session just prior to tonight's meeting for personnel and legal discussion.

Roll Call by the Secretary

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

Others Present

Matthew Bennett, Joan Quickle, Tara Lineman, Adam Shrout, Melissa Tomcho, Dan Keefer, Stacey Mulson, Amy Webber, Steve Thompson, Timothy Brown, Krista Byler, Ann Sill, Kelly J. Knauff, Michael A. Krause, Randy Gunther, Judah Gardner, Tyler Hedderick, Collin Hedderick, Blake Hornaman, Cynthia Struble, Jolyne Struble, Wendy Mangol, Tim Ackerman, Tara Jackson, Cathy Dobrzynski, Joe Quickle, Andrew Hoban, Evan Harouff, Gavin Henry, Brayden Kinney, Matt Long, Racquel Gray, Frank Snyder, William Burgess, Dakota Eliason, Miles Parker, Jerry Hedderick and Isabelah Hedderick were present. There were others present who failed to sign in

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bennett stated that we have an exciting evening.

- He began his report with a video highlighting several accomplishments from the District.
- Mrs. Tomcho introduced **Mrs. Mangol (STEM advisor) and students Jolyne Struble and Tara Jackson**, sophomore girls who participate in the District's STEM program and attended the Syracuse IT Girls' Conference, along sophomore **Selina Jin and advisor Kim Dawson**, who were unable to attend tonight's meeting. A video was shown of their trip. The girls competed in a mathematical technology challenge using technology to create patterns that could be transferred onto textiles. Miss Jackson won for the best Syracuse University. Her pattern will be transferred to scarves and sold in the college's bookstore.
- Mr. Keefer introduced four **football coaches and several members of the football team** who are region champs. Playoffs will begin on Friday at Meadville against West Middlesex. Their WICU Team of the Week video was shown.

Mr. Bennett stated the District is proud of these students, teachers, coaches, and parents and it's been an exciting fall. He thanked them for attending and offered them the option to leave the meeting; all chose to leave.

- Mrs. Tomcho noted that **Hunter Powell** was inducted in the National Technical Honor Society but was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

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- Mrs. Tomcho also stated that Union City’s September 2018 Erie County Technical School PRIDE students of the month were **Carter Biebel**, Tourism and Hospitality Management, for the category “Involved” and **Lucas Thomas**, Electrical Engineering, for the category “Disciplined.”
- Mr. Bennett asked for discussion on the Board’s wishes for eligible dates for District volunteer clearances. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book] He stated that the law allows for new volunteers to submit clearances up to five years old; some Districts require new volunteers to produce clearances less than one year old. He also stated that if there is a break in service (skipping the previous school year), that the Board may wish to require producing clearances less than a year old again. Following discussion of the topic by the Board, it was their consensus to require new volunteers or volunteers returning after a break in service to submit clearances less than one year old for greater safety of the students. There will be a motion on next week’s agenda for approval.
- Mr. Bennett showed a PowerPoint entitled “PA Schools Work.” There was discussion following the presentation about tuition rates and property taxes. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]
- Mr. Bennett then showed a video entitled “Future Ready PA Index.” Following the presentation, Mr. Bennett stated that the scores will be out later this month and he will give a report of our District’s index.
- Finally, Mr. Bennett introduced **Tim Ackerman**, the Erie County Service Forester, regarding the Districts trees. Mr. Ackerman stated that Mr. Thompson contacted him last year to inspect the trees. He stated the Emerald Ash Borer invaded Erie county and causes 100% mortality to ash trees. He recommends cutting and selling all ash trees. He answered many questions from the Board about the condition of the other trees, as well as when and how the ash and other diseased or damaged trees would be removed (bidding process, insurance, and timeframe). Mr. Trauner asked for three Board members to form a committee to draw up specs. They are Mr. Blakeslee, Mr. Fox and Mr. Hopson. Mr. Ackerman left the meeting.

Administrative Reports [See Supplementals enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Mrs. Lineman was asked about the plan for the District-offered health insurance with the consent agreement between Highmark and UPMC expiring June 30. She replied that we are in a consortium with several other area school districts for the best possible rate and will be staying with Highmark. She also stated that the District has an A+ rating qualifying us for the best interest rate offered for our bond. She also stated that plans are being made for the February Follies.

Mrs. Quickle stated that the Comprehensive Plan was submitted today and the glitches with PDE have been resolved. She was asked about the Safe Schools grant to which she replied that we received one of three programming grants.

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Mr. Thompson was asked about the health code violation to which he replied that wipes were stored under the counter and are required to be out of reach of children. Correction was made immediately. He was asked who took care of the graffiti removal (Guzik Masonry) and if it was removed (yes, it was). He was also asked if a person was hired to plow snow to which he replied that the ad was for substitutes for maintenance, custodians and snow removal; not for permanent hire. Finally, it was mentioned that the grass needs mowed which he had addressed in his report stating they were having difficulty getting the mowing done due to the wet weather.

Mr. Brown was asked what To-Go Bags are to which he replied they are bags that contain, among other things, a list of students with their emergency contacts and phone numbers that are carried by each classroom teacher during fire and evacuation drills.

Mrs. Byler was commended on the recent health inspection in which there were no findings. Mrs. Byler announced to the Board that the bids for the pop machines were due today. Only Pepsi submitted a bid; Coke did not. She was also asked if chocolate milk would be available in the milk machine to which she replied that it will.

Mr. Shrouf stated that last Friday morning 46 staff members and about 150 students arrived at school early to participate in the WICU “How Cool Is Your School?” contest. Union City Elementary is one of the four finalists. He then showed the video that was entered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee A Report

Mrs. Lewis presented the 2nd reading of the revisions to Academic Policy #6240 “Home Schooling.” [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

Committee B Report

Mr. Blakeslee had nothing to report

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors

Mr. Trauner reported that everything is going well.

Erie County Technical School Joint Operating Committee

Mr. Fox reported that there were two meetings of the JOC in October and a special meeting will be held on November 7 which he feels his replacement should attend. There will be three proposals from each architect and the renovation will make room for Robotics/Drones, Precision Machining, and upgrades to the Health classes. Mr. Fox stated that his term expires in December and he will not be taking the position again.

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Other Business

There were no questions on the proposed 2019 Board Meeting Calendar dates.
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There was discussion as to who would be Mr. Fox's replacement as District Representative to the Joint Operating Committee of the Erie County Technical School. The Board concurred that Mr. Gilbert will assume that position and will be formally approved by the Board at next week's meeting.

The Board reviewed next week's draft agenda. The number of Boys Basketball coaches was questioned. Mr. Keefer responded that one Assistant Coach position is not being filled.

Executive Session

Mr. Trauner reminded the Board that an Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel and Legal discussion would follow adjournment.

Adjournment

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

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

Mr. Trauner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Sill
School Board Secretary