

**Union City Area School District**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Elementary Large Group Instruction Room**  
**December 6, 2018**

President George Trauner called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Roll Call by the Secretary**

As there were no changes from the just-adjourned Reorganization Meeting, Mr. Trauner announced that the roll call would stand showing all Board members present.

**Others Present**

Solicitor Carl Moore, Dona Fox, Marianne Bidwell, Adam Shrout, Teresa Koon (for Senator Michelle Brooks), Melissa Tomcho, Stacey Mulson, Krista Byler, Joe Quickle, Frank Snyder, Amy Coleman and William Stevens.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Bennett reported as follows:

- The Parent Teacher Conferences were held last month with the following number of conferences held: Elementary - 322 conferences, Middle School - 59 conferences and High School - 67 conferences making a total of 448 conferences.
- Donkey Basketball will be held on Friday, January 18. Several Board members took a form for consideration of playing and some volunteered to be "Pooper Scoopers." It will be students vs. staff/Board members and will start at 6:30 p.m.
- He and Mrs. Lineman attended a Plan Con Hearing this afternoon and it went very well. Mr. Bennett will follow up with some specifics on the drawings for PDE. The next step is Plan Con D which our architect will handle, then parts E and F. The Board won't vote until probably April.
- As a reminder, the importance of tonight's approval for the Guaranteed Energy Performance Agreement (SmartEdge).
  1. Material needs to be ordered in fiscal year 2018 to avoid any tariff taxes that are not committed to the project
  2. The lighting tariffs has already hit and our lighting vendor will honor original costs till the end of the year. The lighting is the first tariff to hit.
  3. SmartEdge cannot issue change orders for any additional costs rolling over into 2019
  4. Project schedule implementation and design review needs to be approved as soon as possible to meet summertime completion timelines
  5. The benefit of construction savings for the District begins as soon as project implementation can begin which is savings to the District.

It was asked where the funds would be coming from to which Mrs. Lineman replied "From the bonds." It was asked, "What if Plan Con fails?" Mr. Bennett replied that he spoke with Jim Vogel at PDE and he reassured him that nothing should get in the way.

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- Bill Mangel spoke with Mr. Bennett about the age a student can get dropped off from school without a parent or guardian present at the house or bus stop. There has always been a practice, but nothing in writing. It was discussed that 3rd grade seems like a reasonable cut off and that is what has been past practice.
- Forestry Update - Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Lineman, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Blakeslee, Mr. Fox and Mr. Hopson met with Mr. Ackerman on November 13. They discussed the job in detail. The trees will be marked as soon as approval is given. Mr. Ackerman is monitoring all aspects of the project at no cost to the District. All jobs are bid out and the Board selects from the bidders. Mr. Bennett asked if the Board had any questions. The value of the trees was questioned which is \$7,000 or \$8,000. It was recommended that “No Trespassing” signs be posted. It was noted there won’t be much cutting near the trails. It was asked if all employees are required to have background checks to which Attorney Moore responded that the law mandates background checks for those who have direct contact with students only.
- Mr. Bennett announced that tonight will be the broadcast of Union City “Our Town” on WQLN at 8:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Koon from Senator Brooks’ office was introduced who issued a Senate Citation to Mrs. Quickle in recognition of her years of service. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Bennett also thanked Mrs. Quickle for all she has done for the District and its students in the past two decades. Mrs. Tomcho then presented Mrs. Quickle with a plaque made on one of the machines Mrs. Quickle helped secure.
- Mr. Bennett announced that Attorney Moore is retiring the end of the year and thanked him for his many years of legal counsel and faithful service to the District. Attorney Moore stated that tonight was his very last school board meeting. He stated that he became the District’s Solicitor in 1989 and that he will miss the many people he has made friends with over the years.
- Mr. Bennett announced that there was a “Thank You” cake in the hall that was made by Mrs. Byler and invited everyone to enjoy the treat while the Board meets in Executive Session.

Attorney Moore left the meeting after receiving congratulations.

**Executive Session**

At 6:32 p.m. Mr. Trauner announced that the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of legal matters, school security and personnel. The Board meeting reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

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**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Hopson moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Hopson seconded to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting and the November 8, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

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

**Approval of Check List**

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Hopson seconded to approve the Checks for Board Approval– December 6, 2018, Checks between Board Meetings– November 2018, Athletic Checks– November, 2018 and Procurement Card Listing – November 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, David Robinson, and George Trauner voted yes. Motion carried.

***ITEMS FOR APPROVAL***  
**COMMITTEE A**

**Academics**

MOU with GECAC

Mrs. Lewis moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with GECAC containing new guidelines for transitioning students from GECAC pre-school programs to Union City Area School District, as presented. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

It was asked if this was a new agreement to which Mr. Bennett replied it's the same procedure the District has had with GECAC but now it must be in writing as per the state requirement for GECAC to get their licensing.

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

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**Perseus House  
Agreement**

Mrs. Lewis moved, Mr. Gregor seconded to approve the agreement with Perseus House for Alternative Education, effective initially from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and continuing on a school-year to school-year basis unless terminated per the terms in the agreement, as presented. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

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

**Personnel  
Substitute List  
Additions**

Mrs. Lewis moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to approve the following motions:

1. District substitutes, as per assignment: Amy Keefer (Cafeteria, Classroom Aide, Clerical Aide). Also, Jennifer Kibbe (Elementary Classroom Aide and Clerical Aide), Matthew Price (Custodian, Maintenance), and Benjamin Tallman (Maintenance) - all pending receipt of remaining employment documents.
2. Volunteers for the remainder of the current school year: Katie Gates-Bowersox, Kevin Henry, Michael Hull, Shannon Menendez, Joan Quickle (effective 1/1/19), and Megan Sullivan.
3. Jessica Stefano to the IU Emergency Substitute Teacher Consortium list for the remainder of the current school year.

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

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**COMMITTEE B**

**Buildings and Grounds**

**Guaranteed Energy Saving Agreement with SmartEdge**

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve the Guaranteed Energy Saving Agreement with Building Controls & Services, Inc. (d/b/a SmartEdge), retroactive to November 16, 2018 (“Effective Date”), as presented. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

It was asked the amount and whether a generator upgrade is included to which Mr. Bennett replied the amount is \$5,323,741 and includes the generator.

Mrs. Lineman informed the Board that Janey Montgomery Scott LLC from Philadelphia was the financial agency who was the successful bidder for the bond.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Stephen Gilbert, Brian Gregor, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, and George Trauner voted yes. Douglas Hopson voted no. Motion carried (8-1)

**Co-Curricular**

**Mumau resignation – Head Volleyball Coach**

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Fox seconded to accept the resignation of Joshua Mumau as Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, effective immediately. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

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

**Finn – volunteer swim coach**

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve Stephanie Finn as volunteer swimming coach, to be moved to extra assistant non-contract position if number of student athletes warrants the extra position.

It was recollected that the Athletic Committee had agreed that swimming was going to need to have three paid positions due to the high risk of the number of students being in the pool. Following discussion, Mr. Bennett stated he will look into the matter and get back to the Board.

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

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**Musical Contracts** Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve the following musical stipends for the 2019 spring musical: Contract #1 - Rose Hoffman, Production Manager (\$1,789); Contract #2 - Matthew Prinkey, Musical Director (\$1,508), Contract #3 (divided - \$604.50 each) - Rhonda Stull, Seamstress and “Choreographer - to be determined.”

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

**Finance**

**Pepsi Agreement** Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mrs. Lewis seconded to approve the agreement with Bottling Group, LLC (Pepsi Beverages Company) and Union City Area School District, retroactive to December 1, 2018 (“*Effective Date*”) and expiring on November 30, 2021, as presented. [See Supplemental enclosed in the Minutes Book]

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

**Activity Account –  
Design, Market and  
Sell Class**

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Mr. Gregor seconded to approve a student activity account for the Design, Market, and Sell class.

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

**Starting Blocks  
from Colley’s Pools  
and Spas**

Mr. Blakeslee moved, Dr. Miller seconded to approve the purchase of starting blocks from Colley’s Pools and Spas at a cost of \$19,700.00.

Roll Call Vote: Blain Blakeslee, David Fox, Lori Lewis, Barbara Miller, David Robinson, and George Trauner voted yes. Stephen Gilbert, Brian Gregor and Douglas Hopson voted no. Motion carried (6-3).

**Other Business**

Mr. Trauner announced that as a trial for 2019, Committees A and B will be eliminated so everyone can be included for input of all agenda items. Ad Hoc Committees will be assigned per interest as needed. Mr. Trauner will ask that a Board member make a motion for approval of each motion or group of motions which will not be read aloud, followed by a second, followed by discussion opportunity prior to voting.

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Mr. Hopson clarified that during the Buildings and Grounds SmartEdge motion, when asked by Mr. Trauner if any opposed the SmartEdge motion, his “yea” at that time was a “no” vote. Clarification acknowledged by Ms. Sill and corrected in the secretary’s notes.

Mr. Gregor asked who organizes the sports calendar to which Mr. Bennett replied that Laura Himrod at the Middle School/High School Office has the master calendar and is assisted by Mr. Keefer for all athletic events and practices. Mr. Gregor stated that one evening the entire gym was utilized by eight young basketball players with 27 wrestlers crowded in the small back room. He suggested splitting the gym. Mr. Bennett stated that some changes have been made to maximize gym use and they work to keep everyone as happy as possible.

**Adjournment**

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Sill  
School Board Secretary