Unatego Central School Board Meeting November 21, 2016

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| There was a building walk-thru prior to the Board Meeting. | Tour |
| Vice-President McDermott called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in room 93 at the Middle/Senior High School. | Call to Order |
| Downey, McDermott, McEntee, Reyda, Salisbury and Stockert answered roll call. | Roll Call |
| Absent: Treffeisen | |
| Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards, Business Mgr. P. Loker and Clerk French. | |
| Visitors/Staff: 12 | |
| Vice-President McDermott led the Flag Salute. | Flag Salute |
| Motion by Downey, seconded by Stockert, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2016 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried. | 11-7-16 Reg Brd Mtg Min |
| Motion by Downey, seconded by Stockert, to adopt the Agenda and Addendum as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried. | Adopt Agenda & Addendum |
| <u>Public Comment</u> B. Hesse – thanked Supt. Richards for being kind and courteous in meeting with him. It is appreciated. The committee would like a tour of the buildings. The committee would like to hear from the Board of Education members. They request a statement to the committee that the Board will wait until September 2017 before they make a decision to close any of the buildings. They feel it is premature to make a decision at this time. They would like to be involved and interact with them. Local representatives need to be contacted. The school system needs to be fixed. | |
| R. Pleban Mr. Pleban would like to know the process for joining the Board. Requested a special page on the website on the Facilities Study so the public is better informed. CPEST/ACCESS Proposal to the Board of Education was discussed with the Board. | |

| The proposal included an introduction, proposal, support, other initiatives, questions and conclusion. Supt. Dr. Richards requested the list of questions be forwarded to him and he would respond to them. | |
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| Presentations | |
| Transportation – Brian Trask | B. Trask |
| • Explained the shuttle run that is currently used. | Diffuent |
| Loss of instruction time and wait time for elementary students discussed. | |
| • Options discussed. Double tripping, using buses through a private | |
| company and transferring from the middle/senior high school. Using a private company is not an option due to the bargaining contract and transferring from the middle/senior high school is also not an option. Waiting time was reviewed. Concern on getting instructional time back | |
| was discussed. | |
| • Brian Trask gave the Board the Unatego Enrollment Information for November 2016 and the K-5 Configuration numbers. | |
| Business Manager – Patti Loker | P. Loker |
| • Discussed the on-line requisition system that was recently started at Unatego. | |
| Reviewed the current budget transfer process. | |
| • To speed the transfer process with the new system Ms. Loker has | |
| requested the Board allow her to approve transfers up to a \$1000. A resolution will be prepared for the Board's approval at the next meeting. | |
| Energy Analysia C. & C. Companies Andrea Wears Orlanda | Energy |
| Energy Analysis – C & S Companies – Andrea Weare Orlando A power point presentation was done for an Energy Performance | Analysis |
| • A power point presentation was done for an Energy Performance Project. | Analysis |
| • The differences between an Energy Performance Project and Capital | |
| Project was reviewed. | |
| Financial benefits were listed. | |
| An evaluation done by C & S Companies for the district would be at a no cost/no obligation basis. | |
| Dr. Richards asked the Board to think about this kind of project and it would be discussed further at the next Board meeting. | |
| would be discussed further at the field board meeting. | |

| Superintendent's Report – Dr. David S. Richards | Dr. Richards |
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| • Dr. Richards presented questions and answers regarding the Facilities | |
| Study report to the Board and those in attendance. | |
| Questions on the Comptroller's Audit for collection of too much in taxes, | |
| petition urging the District to keep elementary schools open and no | |
| increase in taxes, concern that Town of Otego pays a larger share of | |
| taxes than the Town of Unadilla, long-term enrollment statistics, use of | |
| facilities, use of more local contractors in capital projects, loss of | |
| instruction each day, why the school isn't doing more to keep students | |
| in our district, placement of students outside the district, why the | |
| taxpayers can't vote on the decision to close, how much is owed on | |
| capital building projects, and school taxes were the areas covered. | |
| • The balance of the report will be discussed at the next Board meeting. | |
| Administrative Action | |
| Motion by Reyda, seconded by Salisbury, to approve the following resolutions, | |
| 4.1-4.15, as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried. | |
| Second reading and adoption of the following policies: | Second |
| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that | Reading & |
| this Board does hereby adopt revision of Policy 5661 "Wellness" as presented. | Adoption of |
| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that | Policies |
| this Board does hereby adopt Policy 7134 "Admission of Foreign Exchange | |
| Students" as presented. | |
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| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that | |
| this Board does hereby adopt Policy 7521R "Opioid Overdose and Preventive | |
| as presented. | |
| Warrants and Budget Status Reports were given to the Board for information | Business |
| only. | Reports |
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| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that | |
| this Board does hereby approve the Treasurer's Reports for the month of | Reports |
| October for all funds as presented. | |
| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that | Тах |
| this Board does hereby approve the Tax Collector's report for the 2016-17 | Collector's |
| school year as presented. | Report |
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| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the event workers for the 2016-17 winter sports season as presented. | Winter Event Workers |
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| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Extra-Curricular appointments as presented. | Extra- Curricular |
| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby acknowledge information from public hearing. | Information Acknowledged |
| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept Angela Flavell's resignation as After School Worker effective November 21, 2016 as presented. | Resignation A. Flavell After School |
| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Angela Flavell After School Worker for the 2016-17 school year effective November 28, 2016 as presented. | Appointment A. Flavell After School |
| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint William Ostrander bus driver to a 52-week probationary appointment, at a rate of \$11.80/hr, effective November 22, 2016 as presented. | Appointment W. Ostrander Bus Driver |
| RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Marah Patrick-Seward monitor (bus aide) to a 52-week probationary appointment at a rate of \$9.00/hr effective November 22, 2016 as presented. | Appointment M. Patrick- Seward Monitor |
| Public Comment | |
| R. Pleban Inquired what the cost would be for an After School program. Inquired what the age is for a student to be dropped off at their home when no one is home. The age is 13. How many students does this affect? He is very passionate and supportive of the community. Questions that he has will be sent to the Superintendent. | |
| L. Lincoln | |
| Wants to be supportive. Would like to have the Board look at the bigger picture and look at creative options. | |
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C. O'Hara

- School district is the best in the area.
- Would like to have an addition done instead of a new building.

B. McMichael

- State is not going to make a decision.
- It is time for the Board to make a decision whether short-term or long-term.

B. Hesse

- Many problems.
- "Gap" funds no longer available and Foundation aid has not increased.
- They all need to work together.
- Requested information on the leasing of the buses (Dr. Richards explained).
- There is no quick fix solution.

Round Table Discussion

D. Downey

- The Board should say what they want at the next meeting.
- Equalization rates are important. What needs to be looked at?
- The repurposing of buildings has been looked at by Mr. Downey and he does reports for the Board on his findings.

F. Reyda

- Explained his history with the Board since 2008 when he was involved in "Unatego United".
- The Board is your representative for the community.
- B. McEntee
 - Inquired if the Board should have a Special Meeting to discuss the facilities. She feels that they are not making any progress.

K. Stockert

- Feels the Board needs to focus and start making small decisions.
- B. McEntee
 - Asked the Board to consider other options such as Pre-K, ways to generate more revenue, different configurations in the buildings and possibly buy a portion of Greenie's land.

| J. McDermott The Energy Assessment would include all buildings in the District. Feels the Facilities Report was focused on finance not education. | |
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| K. Stockert The Honor Society members participated in bell ringing the past weekend. The Salvation Army expressed their appreciation. A great experience for students. | |
| Motion by Reyda, seconded by Salisbury, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter at 10:32 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried. | Executive Session |
| Clerk French left at 10:32 p.m. | |
| Joan M. French District Clerk | |
| Executive Session: 10:35 p.m. – room 93. | |
| Open Session resumed at 10:45 p.m. | Open Session |
| Motion by Salisbury, seconded by McDermott, to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried. | Adjournment |
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| Dr. David S. Richards Superintendent of Schools | |
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