Unatego Central School Board Meeting September 26, 2016

MINUTES

President Treffeisen called the meeting of the Unatego Central School Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. in room 93 at the M/S High School.

Call to Order

Board members Downey, McDermott, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen answered roll call.

Roll Call

Absent: McEntee.

Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. Richards, Bus. Official Loker and Clerk French.

Visitors/Staff: 7

President Treffeisen led the flag salute.

Flag Salute

Motion by Stockert, seconded by Reyda, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2016 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.

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Motion by Stockert, seconded by Salisbury, to adopt the Agenda and Addendum as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.

Adopt Agenda & Addendum

Public Comment

K. Mazourek – reported on the *Colorscape* event that was recently held in Norwich. Twenty students participated and seven received awards. Her son, Aden, was one of the students that represented the school and received 4th place for grade 3. He brought his entry to show the Board.

A. Flavell - discussed the Community Garden at the Otego Elementary School that Jennie Barnes and Carrie Hewlett started. The food grown is donated to the local food bank. She would like to take the project to the next level. She has several boy scouts that would work on the project. She doesn't want to start until a decision is made on the Otego Elementary School. She would appreciate the Board letting them know when the decision is made.

Presentations

Financial Audit – West & Company

Mike Rossi from West & Company reported on the financial audit that was recently completed for the 2015-16 school year. Before the Board meeting he met with the audit committee and discussed the report in detail. The district is in better financial condition than the previous year. He reviewed the report and told the Board there were no major issues in the Management Letter.

Financial Report

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Business Manager's Report – P. Loker	Bus. Mgr.'s
• Discussed the Milk Bid for the 2016-17 school year done through Cooperative Purchasing.	Report
The vendor that received the award rescinded their bid as they were	
no longer doing business in New York State.The award went to the next vendor which made an additional cost	
of approximately \$20,000 to the schools.	
 BOCES is working with the original vendor to lower the access cost to districts. 	
Superintendent's Report – Dr. David S. Richards	Dr. Richards
 Discussed the debt service analysis that was in the Facilities Report. The analysis was updated by Mrs. Loker, business manager, to the current reimbursement of approximately 87.5%. This reduces cost 	
 to taxpayers. Chapter 10 of the Facilities Report was discussed with the Board. At the second Board meeting in October they will make a list of the pros and cons of the report. 	
Administrative Action	
Motion by Downey, seconded by Reyda, to approve the following resolutions as presented: Yes-6 No-0. Carried.	_
Warrants and Budget Status Reports were given to the Board for information only.	Reports Information Only
RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the August Treasurer's Reports for all funds as presented.	Treasurer's Reports
RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Audit Response Letter and Corrective Action Plan (CAP) as presented.	Audit Response Letter
RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve returning non-teaching substitutes and teacher substitutes for the 2016-17 school year as presented.	Non-Teaching/ Teacher Substitutes
RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept a donation of one (1) subject notebooks from ACCO (approximately 300).	Accept Donation From ACCO

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RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept Jaime Sherwood's resignation as Occupational Therapist effective September 1, 2016.	Resignation – J. Sherwood
RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Martha Rei substitute nurse for the 2016-17 school year.	Appointment – M. Rei – Sub Nurse
RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Steven VanDermark cleaner to a 52-week probationary appointment at a rate of \$10.03/hr effective September 27, 2016 pending fingerprinting and criminal history review.	Appointment – S. VanDermark Cleaner
RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Wayne Strickland bus driver to a 52-week probationary appointment at a rate of \$11.80/hr effective October 3, 2016 as presented.	Appointment – W. Strickland Bus Driver
RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Unatego Audit Committee this Board does hereby accept the Financial Audit Report for the 2015-16 school year.	2015-16 Financial Report
<u>Public Comment</u> S. Anderson – discussed with the Board to consider a longer horizon plan for the District. Not 5 years down the road but 10 years. It is possible in the future that small schools will not exist. The State Education Department may force them to consolidate with larger schools.	
Round Table Discussion F. Reyda – discussed not closing the elementary schools but keep them in our possession so that they may be used by community groups.	
Motion by Reyda, seconded by Downey, to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter at 8:35 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.	Executive Session
Clerk French left at 8:35 p.m.	
Joan M. French District Clerk	