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<p>President Salisbury called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. in room #93 at the MS/HS.</p> <p>Clapper, Davis, Downey, Johnson, Nordberg, O’Hara, and Salisbury answered roll call.</p> <p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards.</p> <p>Motion by Johnson, seconded by Downey, to go into Exempt Session to discuss CSE recommendations at 6:31 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>CSE Chairperson Rhonda Burnside entered exempt session at 6:31 p.m.</p> <p>CSE Chairperson presented information and answered questions.</p> <p>Discussion ensued; no action taken.</p> <p>Motion by Downey, seconded by O’Hara, to leave Exempt Session at 6:42 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>Recess: 6:43 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p> <p>Exempt Session</p>
<p>President Salisbury called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in room #93 at the MS/HS.</p> <p>Clapper, Davis, Downey, Johnson, Nordberg, O’Hara, and Salisbury answered roll call.</p> <p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards, Business Manager Patti Loker, Principals Tim Simonds, and Julie Lambiaso, CSE Chairperson Rhonda Burnside, and Clerk Sheila Nolan</p> <p>Elementary Principal Mike Snider was absent.</p> <p>Visitors/Staff: 5</p> <p>Board President Salisbury led the Flag Salute.</p> <p>Motion by Johnson, seconded by O’Hara, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023, as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>Motion by Downey, seconded by Johnson, to adopt the Agenda and Addendum as amended. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u>-None</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p> <p>Flag Salute</p> <p>9-5-23 Reg Brd Mtg Min</p> <p>Adopt Agenda & Addendum</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Unatego community and Booster Club kicked off spirit week with a parade, activities, and a bonfire at the RDC field in Unadilla. Great turnout by the community and student athletes. • October 4-Open House from 7-8pm. • October 6-Staff Development Day. • October 13-Regional Early Dismissal drill. • October 5-End of 5 weeks. 	
<p>CSE Chairperson Rhonda Burnside:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a MTSS presentation last week. • Attending the Annual Autism Conference with 3 teachers. 	<p>R. Burnside</p>
<p>Business Manager’s Report-Patti Loker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 16 @ 6pm-Audit Committee meeting. • October 4 is the start of our Desk Review for the stimulus funds the district received. We have to provide State Ed information on what the funds were used for. 	<p>P. Loker</p>
<p>Superintendent’s Report-Dr. David S. Richards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed to Brenton Taylor Superintendent at Unadilla Valley CSD. Brenton is working on his Doctorate and needed to attend some board meetings at other school districts. • October 17 is the start of School Board Appreciation week. Thank you to our board for all that they do for the district and students. • The district has been looking to purchase land to build a new bus garage. We have the opportunity to purchase 3.9 acres of land near the Unatego Jr-Sr High School for \$62,500. The purchase needs to be voter approved. • Discussed with the board that we will need to hold a special board meeting on October 16 to approve the legal notice for the bus vote on December 4 as well as the Audit for the 22-23 school year. • There is a Special Education teacher that would like to bring a therapy dog to school. We will have her present to the board at the November or December board meeting to discuss. 	<p>Supt. Richards</p>
<p><u>Administrative Action</u> Motion by Johnson, seconded by O’Hara, to approve the following resolutions 4.1-4.27 & Addendum 4.28-4.29 and an additional resolution 4.30 as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p>	

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<p>Warrants and Budget Status Reports were given to the Board for information only.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve CSE Recommendations as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the resolution to allow Franklin CSD students to attend Unatego CSD for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATION OF STUDENTS</p> <p>This Agreement is between the Franklin Central School District, (hereinafter "Franklin"), located at 26 Institute Street, Franklin, NY 13775 and the Unatego Central School District, (hereinafter "Unatego"), located at 2641 State Highway 7, Otego, NY 13825, and collectively referred to as the Parties.</p> <p>WHEREAS, Franklin has been unable to hire sufficient teachers to staff the high school for the 2022-2023 school year, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Unatego has excess space within its high school classrooms and is able to provide educational services to additional services,</p> <p>WHEREAS, an agreement was reached with Unatego to send 11th and 12th grade students to school there for the 2022-2023 school year, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Franklin is fully staffed for the 2023-2024 school year, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Franklin and Unatego school boards met on January 23, 2023 to discuss extending this agreement for Franklin 12th grade students in the 2023-2024 school year as an option, and</p> <p>THEREFORE, the Parties agrees as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Agreement is for a term of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. 2. Unatego will provide full or half day education for up to 10 students in the 12th grade of the Franklin Central School District. 3. Franklin will be responsible for claiming State aid on the Franklin students in attendance during the 2023-2024 school year. 4. Unatego will charge Franklin \$3,800 per student for full day services or \$1,900 for half day students. Unatego will invoice Franklin each month for services provided. Payment should be rendered by Franklin within 30 days. 5. All Franklin students sent to Unatego, including any nonresident students, will remain Franklin students for purposes of class rank, extra curriculars, graduation and athletics. 	<p>Monthly Reports</p> <p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>CSE Recommendations</p> <p>Franklin/Unatego Resolution</p>
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6. Franklin students, while at Unatego, shall be subject to the Unatego Code of Conduct and subject to discipline by the Unatego administration. Any acts of misconduct occurring outside of the school day while the student is on the property shall be subject to the Franklin Code of Conduct and discipline assessed by the Franklin Administration.
7. Transportation of the Franklin students will be the sole responsibility of Franklin.
8. All special education and 504 services for Franklin students will be run through the Franklin CSE Office.
9. This Agreement may be cancelled upon 60 days written notice by either party at the addresses stated above.
10. Franklin shall indemnify Unatego from any and all claims, suits, actions, damages and costs of every nature and description arising out of or relating to the education of the Franklin students unless such claim, suit, action, damages or costs arise from actions constituting gross negligence or intentional conduct on the part of Unatego, its agents, employees, staff and successors in interest.
11. This Permit constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties hereto and all previous communications between the parties, whether written or oral, with reference to the subject matter of this contract are hereby superseded.
12. This Agreement shall be subject to the laws of the State of New York.

Dated: 10-3-23

FRANKLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
By: Joan Cronauer President

Dated: 10-3-23

UNATEGO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
By: James Salisbury President

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the following resolution authorizing partial settlement of vaping litigation as presented.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF VAPING LITIGATION

WHEREAS, in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant risks of addiction and potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Unatego Central School District (the "School District") have not been immune to this phenomenon with the School

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District observing students using e-cigarettes and vaping devices in school and on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the School District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; and

WHEREAS, the School District authorized the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC, to initiate litigation against Altria Group, Inc. and Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively "Altria") by board resolution relating to the production, marketing, sale, and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, a tentative settlement has been reached with Defendant Altria whereby in return for discontinuing the litigation, the School District would receive certain cash payment; and

WHEREAS, the amount that the School District receives will be no less than \$2,524 ; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") has determined it is necessary, advantageous, desirable, and in the public interest and the best interests of the School District that it settle this litigation against Altria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School District, as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the partial settlement of the vaping lawsuit against defendant Altria.
2. A Settlement with the substantive terms contained herein is hereby approved in substantially the form reviewed by the Board and together with such minor modifications as are deemed necessary by the School District's attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the School District.
3. The Board President, Superintendent and their designee(s) are hereby authorized to finalize, sign and enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School District and take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: 10-3-23

Sheila Nolan
District Clerk

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<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the LINKS Plan for 2023-2024 as presented.</p>	<p>LINKS Plan 23-24</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the surplus of damaged, or no longer used technology equipment as presented.</p>	<p>Surplus of Technology</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve sports merger between Unatego CSD and Franklin CSD for Modified Boys' Basketball for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Sports Merger w/Unatego/Franklin</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve sports merger between Unatego CSD, Franklin CSD, GMU CSD, Laurens CSD, and Unadilla Valley CSD for Varsity, JV, and Modified Wrestling for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Sports Merger w/ Unatego, Franklin, GMU, Laurens, & UV</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Joseph (Will) Clark and Brandon Simonds as returning substitute bus drivers for the 2023-2024 school year.</p>	<p>Sub Bus Driver-J. Clark & B. Simonds</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Emily Kliment as a substitute teacher for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Sub Teacher, E. Kliment</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Justin McMillan as a substitute teacher for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Sub Teacher, J. McMillan</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Michelle Holcomb's permanent appointment as a food service helper, effective October 10, 2023, as presented.</p>	<p>Perm Appt, FSH-M. Holcomb</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby amend Carol Zandt's original probationary appointment as an aide, from September 15, 2023, to September 18, 2023, and ending September 17, 2024, year as presented.</p>	<p>Amend Aide Prob Appt, C. Zandt</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Deborah Wright as a substitute aide/FSH for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Sub Aide/FSH, D. Wright</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Jade Seroka-Moore to a 52-week probationary</p>	<p>Prob Appt, Aide-J. Seroka-Moore</p>

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<p>appointment as an aide, at a rate of \$14.20 per/hr., effective October 3, 2023, to October 2, 2024, as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Grace Baker to a 52-week probationary appointment as a part-time lunch and recess aide, at a rate of \$14.20 per/hr., effective October 3, 2023, to October 2, 2024, as presented. (Replaces Allison Worman)</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Mike Coffin to a permanent appointment as a bus driver, effective October 15, 2019.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Dale Young to a permanent appointment as a bus driver, effective October 14, 2014.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Brian Cutting as a bus driver, to a 52-week probationary appointment, at a rate of \$19.20 per/hr., effective September 29, 2023, to September 28, 2024, as presented (replaces Bonnie Goss-Beisler).</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve coaching positions for the winter sports season of the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve extra-curricular appointments for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve teachers for the after school academic eligibility program for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Stephanie Reeves as a substitute teacher/aide/LTA/ clerical for the 2023-2024 school year.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Jerome Degan as a mentor for first year teacher Jillian Cannistra for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve teachers/LTAs for elementary after school programs for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Prob Appt PT Lunch/Recess Aide-G. Baker</p> <p>Appt Perm Appt, Bus Driver-M. Coffin</p> <p>Appt Perm Appt, Bus Driver-D. young</p> <p>Appt Prob Appt, Bus Driver-B. Cutting</p> <p>Coaching Positions 23-24</p> <p>Extra-Curricular Appts 23-24</p> <p>Academic Eligibility Program 23-24</p> <p>Sub Teacher/Aide/ LTA/Clerical, S. Reeves</p> <p>Appt Mentor, J. Degan</p> <p>Elementary After- School Program 23- 24</p>
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<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept Mike Coffin’s unpaid leave of absence, effective October 16, 2023, due to shoulder surgery, until around December 12, 2023, as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Nancy Dalton as an LTA for elementary after school Mathletes program as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve adding a special board meeting on October 16, 2023, to approve the Bus Vote Legal Notice and to approve the Audit Report.</p> <p><u>Public Comment-</u> None</p> <p><u>Round Table Discussion-</u></p> <p>-B. Davis – Asked if we could look into moving the flagpole at the elementary building because it is hard to see with the trees growing up around it. -Supt. Richards commented that he would look into this.</p> <p>-B. Davis – Commented that he has attended board meetings at the Delaware Academy CSD, and they have student representatives on their board. Asked if this is something that we could do at Unatego. It is nice to hear student input. – We can look into this.</p> <p>-J. Nordberg – Attended the community parade and pep rally on Sunday, great to see how supportive our communities are of our students.</p> <p><u>Adjourn:</u> Motion by O’Hara, seconded by Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <hr/> <p>Sheila Nolan District Clerk</p>	<p>Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence, M. Coffin</p> <p>Elementary After-School Program, N. Dalton</p> <p>Approve Special Brd Mtg</p> <p>Adjournment</p>
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