



**Minutes**

<p><u>Administrative Action</u>          Motion by McMichael, seconded by Downey, to approve the following resolutions 4.1-4.10 as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <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 the surplus of unused elementary library books as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the unpaid leave of absence for Dusti Novellano, effective February 18, 2022, to June 30, 2022, as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Harvey Sandig substitute teacher for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Onanong Yoosuk Bloomfield substitute aide for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Richard Cooley to a 52-week probationary appointment as a bus driver at a rate of \$17.80/hr., effective January 18, 2022, and ending January 17, 2023, as presented. (replaces Joann Dorch)</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Michael Young to a 52-week probationary appointment as a cleaner at a rate of /hr., effective January 25, 2022, and ending January 24, 2023, as presented. (replaces Zach Nages)</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept Mary Constable’s resignation for the purpose to retire as a bus driver, effective June 30, 2022, as presented.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u>- None</p> <p><u>Round Table Discussion</u>- None</p>	<p>Monthly Reports</p> <p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Approve Surplus of Books</p> <p>Approve Unpaid Leave-D. Novellano</p> <p>Approve Sub Teacher-H. Sandig</p> <p>Approve Sub Aide-O. Yoosuk Bloomfield</p> <p>Approve Prob. Appt.-R. Cooley, Bus Driver</p> <p>Approve Prob. Appt.-M. Young, Cleaner</p> <p>Accept Retirement-M. Constable, Bus Driver</p>
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## Minutes

<p><u>Adjourn:</u> Motion by McMichael, seconded by O'Hara, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <hr/> <p>Sheila Nolan District Clerk</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>
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## Unatego Building and Grounds Committee Minutes/Notes from January 17, 2022

Present: Dave Richards, Brian Trask Director of Buildings and Grounds, Matt Hafele Athletic Director, Janette Johnson (BOE), Jim Salisbury (BOE President), Dave Clapper(BOE), Jeff Stafford (Delta via zoom)

Meeting started at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Jr-Sr High School.

Purpose of the meeting was to consider the possibility of changing the scope of the Capital Project to include a multi-purpose field on the site of the current football field using artificial turf. The committee first heard from Matt Hafele:

- We are short on practices spaces and if we had an all-weather field, we could use it for practices and games, while using the current soccer field to expand our practice areas.,
- We could play more games at home with artificial turf
- Field could be used for both soccer and football as well as a spring practice area for softball and baseball.
- Field is already equipped with lighting which could allow more games to be played later in the day or even multiple games per day.
- Could allow a merged team to play more home games at Unatego
- We are short of the space needed to have a soccer field of the dimensions coaches want. Minimum width necessary for a regulation soccer field is 55 yards across, coaches want 70 yards across. Hill can only be taken down so far before running into retention walls, etc. and becoming cost prohibitive.

General discussion ensued with all members participating. Key takeaways included the following:

- Continuing concerns about the efficacy of the plan to build a drainage area on the perimeters of our property, leading to retention ponds near Route 7, which water will then be directed to follow Route 7 westward until they discharge into an existing creek which goes under Route 7 and discharges into the Susquehanna.
  - concern about whether that will correct the wet conditions on the playing fields
  - concern about the overall costs and what will have to be sacrificed for the fields
- The drainage plan is part of phase 1; we want to know how effective it will be before we do any field work. If it doesn't correct all the wet areas, Delta noted that they can tie existing drywells and other under field drainage into the large drainage system at that point if needed.
- Field work, in whatever form, will be part of phase 2; we need to see how well it will work at eliminating water on the existing fields.
- Delta reported that approximate cost of a multipurpose field (with artificial turf) would be somewhere between \$2.7 and \$2.8 million.
- Suggestion made about saving money by leaving baseball and softball fields where they were and rebuilding them but eliminating the artificial turf infields.
- Delta reported that some cost savings will be had by not having to replace the septic system at Unadilla, as originally feared.
- Discussion ensued about scaling back the classroom renovations but concerns about shortchanging academics for athletics.

- Good conversation about long history of not taking care of fields we have—consensus to bring in outside firm to get our fields up to playing standards right now and keep them that way until project is completed. Brian Trask to look into area firms that take care of sports fields.
- Discussion about training existing personnel, need for specialized training for turf maintenance, and possibility of hiring an additional groundskeeper due to the number of fields that need to be properly cared for.

Next steps: Brian will look into field maintenance options, Jeff to look at space issues involving widening the current football layout to accommodate soccer as well, and both will report back to the committee before reporting out to the whole board.

Comments from Jeff Stafford:

The perimeter drain system shown on the Phase 1 construction drawings is intended to work in tandem with the proposed reconstruction of the baseball and softball fields to be completed in Phase 2. When the Phase 1 design was completed (Fall 2021), it was developed with the plan to provide the main drainage infrastructure that the underdrain system for the Phase 2 baseball and softball fields would tie into.

If the baseball and softball fields are not going to be reconstructed as initially planned (Planning occurred in summer of 2021), then it might require the drainage system shown in the current Phase 1 construction documents to be revised to some extent. The main reason is that the planned underdrain system for the baseball and softball fields (using turf) would not be installed as part of Phase 2.

There is not enough budget to provide a multi-purpose field at the football field and do the planned reconstruction of the baseball and softball fields. One plan affects the other regarding scope, schedule, and budget.

**It should be noted that several additional meetings between district officials, Delta, and Schoolhouse CM have occurred since 1/17. More information will be made available to the committee and the entire board by the time of the next BOE meeting on February 7.**

**Unatego District Safety Committee Meeting  
January 20, 2022**

**Minutes/notes**

**Parking lot issues: Faded lines, Lighting, New Signage (Yield and Speed Limit):** George reported problems with lines in the parking lots having faded over time. Brian noted that they hadn't been redone in nearly two years. We have a vendor who we have used in the past who can do the work when the weather clears (likely over summer break). Julie noted that the arrows were the most important piece, as they show people unfamiliar with the area which direction to go. George also reported a problem with the lighting—five lights were out. Brian reported they had the bulbs changed in the fall, so he wasn't sure why they were out already. He did note that one pole light was rusted through and inoperable. Brian will follow up with Will. It was also determined to purchase signage to denote school speed limit. Discussion ensued about a yield to buses sign, and after discussion it was determined that it would be too dangerous due to the proximity to Route 7 and the fact that traffic on 7 would back up.

**Web Site updates: Tip button and Emergency Response Protocols handout:** Discussion on the anonymous Tip button (QuickTip). Brian and George will work on making it more accessible and easier to find and use. Dave reported that the Emergency Response Protocols handout had been posted on the District Website with an introduction, and was also available on district social media accounts.

**Vape Detectors: Update** Brian has investigated possible options and spoke with Josh Reiss, ONC BOCES. They purchased 25 units, hardwired, and they have worked well. They are approximately \$900 each. Brian will schedule a demo with the vendor and principals. Tim and Julie reported that there is indeed a vaping problem and students are becoming adept at avoiding measures to prevent vaping, and they support the purchase of the detectors.

**Trooper Access to Buildings: Update** Brian reported that they had been unable to link Troopers badges to our external security system due to personnel turnover in the troop. Shannon Hartz indicated that she could assist in the process. It was also noted that Troopers and other first responders with a four digit code could now access the keypads at the Jr-Sr High School but not the Elementary school (yet). Day automation is still working through the process.

**Tabletop Exercise: Planning** George with the assistance of DCMO BOCES Health and Safety personnel presented a table top exercise (actually two—one for the elementary building and one for the Middle-High School). After discussion it was decided to run the elementary exercise at our Admin Cabinet meeting on February 8 at 9:00 am.

Discussion ensued about doing both table top exercises prior to a planned off-campus evacuation in the late spring.

**ID's for Substitutes: Should they be issued?** After discussion, it was determined that subs should not be issued school ID's and to continue to provide them with a badge marked "sub." Apparently there are not enough of the sub ids to go around, so Brian will have enough made so that each building has

15 or so and to ensure everyone in the building has access to a badge. Student teachers will have student teacher ids.

**Security at Elementary School Entrance: Locking outer door (Camera and access button)** Concern expressed about some areas of the elementary school. District will take steps to increase security in the areas of concern.

**Traffic patterns at pick up and drop off at the Elementary School:** Parking in front of the school seems to be getting worse, and there is concern that there will be an accident. Mike has met with Village officials in Unadilla and they are working on rezoning the area, potentially making the area a no stopping or standing zone, and reaching out to law enforcement for better enforcement of the violations. A discussion also ensued about making Noble St one-way the opposite direction, diverting the flow of traffic out Depot and using the light; discussion about better signage in the rear parking lot; discussion about the village providing a crossing guard and trying to convince parents to make better use of the Bishop lot on the corner of Main and Depot. Mr. Snider to follow up with village and law enforcement officials.

**COVID-19 updates:** Dave reported on the various changes in CDC, DOH, and County guidance since the beginning of the school year, quarantine and isolation reduced to 5 days, the abundance of home testing supplies at the school, and statistics which showed that Unatego had comparable infection rates to neighboring Sidney and Oneonta.

**Other/Round Table?**