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<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>Call to Order</p>
<p>Clapper, Downey, McDermott, McMichael, O’Hara, and Salisbury answered roll call.</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Member Olsen was absent.</p>	
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards and Business Manager Patti Loker</p>	
<p>CSE Director Katherine Mazourek, Clerk Sheila Nolan, and Transportation Director Brian Trask were all present via video-conference.</p>	
<p>Visitors/Staff: 2 via video-conference.</p>	
<p>Board President Salisbury led the Flag Salute.</p>	<p>Flag Salute</p>
<p>Motion by O’Hara, seconded by McMichael, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2021 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>3-1-21 Reg Brd Mtg Min</p>
<p>Motion by McMichael, seconded by Downey, to adopt the Agenda and Addendum as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Adopt Agenda &amp; Addendum</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u>- None</p>	
<p><u>Presentations:</u></p>	
<p>Business Manager’s Report - Patti Loker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed the Budget Workshop and will be posted on the website.</li> <li>• Reported to the board on a Zoom presentation that she and Dr. Richards participated in with David Leidy and USource Energy, regarding a Community Solar opportunity. The district is still looking into this opportunity.</li> </ul>	<p>P. Loker</p>
<p>Superintendent’s Report - Dr. David S. Richards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Capital Project is moving along quickly. The District is going to host two public information meetings with a PowerPoint presentation of the scope of the project, the first will be April 1 and the second will be April 15, both will be held via Zoom.</li> <li>• The District is working with DCMO BOCES to develop a five minute video to explain the project to the community.</li> <li>• The District is still planning on re-opening the elementary school K-5 to four days a week (Tuesday-Friday), starting around March 30. Families</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Richards</p>

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<p>that are currently all remote and would like to continue fully remote, can do so for the remainder of the school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We closed in on exactly one year ago that the District had to close to full-time in-person school due to the Pandemic, not knowing at the time what was going to happen. It's hard to believe what this last year has been like.</li> <li>• DCMO BOCES is offering a COSER for SuperEval for Superintendent's evaluations. This will allow the program to be eligible for State Aid.</li> </ul> <p><u>Administrative Action:</u>          Motion by McMichael, seconded by Downey, to approve the following resolutions 4.1-4.14 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>Community Solar through Usource Energy, Thank you letter from Brayden Eastman-Willens, Life Scout Troop 1 Unadilla, Warrants and Budget Status Reports were all 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 an additional Board Meeting date on April 19, 2021.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Special District Meeting Notice for the Annual Budget Vote May 18, 2021 as presented.</p> <p><b>*NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE UNATEGO CENTRAL SCHOOL*</b></p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Budget Hearing of the inhabitants of the Unatego Central School, qualified to vote at school meetings in said District, will be held at the Unatego Middle/Senior High School in the Town of Otego, New York, on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. where the proposed school district budget for the 2021-2022 school year shall be presented.</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual District Budget Vote and Election of Members to the Board of Education for those qualified to vote in said District, will be held at the Unatego MS/Senior High School in the Town</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Treasurer's Report</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Additional Board Meeting April 19, 2021</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Legal Notice for Special District Meeting May 18, 2021</p>
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of Otego, New York, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. for such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the vote except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Unatego Elementary School, Unadilla, New York and the Unatego MS/Senior High School, 2641 State Hwy 7, Otego, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at such Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote scheduled to be held on May 18, 2021 the following proposition shall be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters of said School District:

### PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote authorizing a School District Improvement Program, at a maximum cost of \$27,695,000 with \$652,349 of Excel Aid and \$1,300,000 Capital Reserve Fund used therefore and providing that such sum of \$25,742,651 shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected annually, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof be approved?

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2021. The following vacancies are to be filled:

- a) A three-year term ending June 30, 2024 currently held by Richard Downey
- b) A three-year term ending June 30, 2024 currently held by Ken Olsen
- c) A three-year term ending June 30, 2024 currently held by James Salisbury

*Candidates do not run for a specific seat but rather all vacant seats are "at large", meaning that each nominee is eligible for every vacancy, rather than only one specific seat.* Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the District, and shall state the name and physical residence (911 address) of the candidate and physical address (911 address) of each signer. The candidate must meet all of the other requirements to run for the board. These include being qualified voters and having lived in the district continuously for one year prior to the election. Any taxpayer may submit a petition to add a proposition to the ballot. The petition must have 25 signatures and be filed with the Clerk of the District no

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later than 5pm on April 19, 2021. Any petition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the powers of the voters, or where the expenditure of money is required for the proposition and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation. The individuals receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancies.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that all eligible voters are entitled to an absentee ballot. You are an eligible voter if you are 1) a U.S. citizen, 2) eighteen years of age or older, 3) a resident of the school district for at least 30 days before the vote, 4) and not otherwise disqualified to vote by law. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the District Clerk's office from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Completed applications are to be submitted to the Clerk of the District no later than seven days prior to the scheduled date of the vote (if done by mail) or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots are to be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 18, 2021 to the district office.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that any person who is in actual military service, and by reason of such military service is absent from the school district on the day of registration or election; or is discharged from such military service within 30 days of the election; or a spouse, parent, child or dependent of the military voter, and accompanying or being with such voter, if a qualified voter of the State of New York and a resident of the same school district as such military voter may register as a school district voter by contacting the District Clerk at 607-988-5038 to receive an absentee ballot.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours, which are between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. until the date of election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of qualifications of any person whose name appears on such list stating the reason for the challenge. Such list shall be posted in a conspicuous place during the election, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee ballot or a person on such list, by making this challenge and the reasons for the challenge known to the inspectors of election before the close of the polls.

March 15, 2021  
Sheila Nolan, Clerk of the Board of Education

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<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve transportation requests to and from Otsego Christian Academy as presented.</p>	<p>Transportation Requests-OCA</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Team of One in Girls Varsity Tennis, coached by Peter Okoniewski, and shadowing Sidney as presented.</p>	<p>Team of One, Girls Varsity Tennis</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Installment Purchase agreement with Broome-Tioga BOCES as presented.</p>	<p>IPA agreement with BT BOCES</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the permanent appointment of Gideon Pangman as a Cleaner, effective March 24, 2021 as presented.</p>	<p>Perm Appt.-G. Pangman-Cleaner</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the permanent appointment of Zach Nages as a Cleaner, effective March 24, 2021 as presented.</p>	<p>Perm Appt.-Z. Nages-Cleaner</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept Marcy Anderson’s resignation for the purpose to retire as an Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2021 as presented.</p>	<p>Retirement Elem. Teacher – M. Anderson</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Nicole Davis as a substitute teacher for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.</p>	<p>N. Davis-Substitute Teacher 2020-2021</p>
<p><u>Public Comment-</u></p>	
<p>B. Stanton – Explained to the board that the contract with the village for the use of the Otego fields is good for 5 years. The village put new nets on the soccer goals this year.</p>	
<p><u>Round Table Discussion-</u></p>	
<p>R. Downey – Informed the board that his board terms are ending June 30, 2021 and he will not be re-running for a seat on the board. It’s been a wonderful experience over the last 25 years. Thank you to everyone for making this such an enjoyable experience.</p>	
<p>Dr. Richards – Thank you to Mr. Downey for all his years of service to the District, you will be missed.</p>	
<p>The entire board thanked Mr. Downey for his time and dedication over the years.</p>	

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<p>B. McMichael – Stated that the Otego Little League is looking for some community service at the field.</p> <p><u>Executive Session:</u> Motion by O’Hara, seconded by McMichael, to go into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>Clerk Nolan left at 7:42 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Sheila Nolan District Clerk</p> <p>Motion by McMichael, seconded by O’Hara to leave Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. No action taken. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p> <p><u>Adjourn:</u> Motion by Downey, seconded by McMichael, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p> <hr/> <p>Dr. David S. Richards Superintendent of Schools</p>	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>Adjournment</p>
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