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<p>A budget workshop was held prior to the Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.</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, Downey, Johnson, McMichael, Nordberg, O’Hara, and Salisbury answered roll call.</p> <p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards, Business Manager Patti Loker, and Clerk Sheila Nolan were all present.</p> <p>Visitors/Staff: 3</p> <p>Board President Salisbury led the Flag Salute.</p> <p>Motion by McMichael, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023, as presented. Yes-6 No-0 Abstained-1 (Downey). Carried.</p> <p>Motion by Downey, seconded by McMichael, to adopt the Agenda as amended. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u>- None</p> <p><u>Presentations</u>: Business Manager’s Report – Patti Loker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to work on the 23-24 budget, it has been very time consuming.</li> </ul> <p>Superintendent’s Report - Dr. David S. Richards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with principal Julie Lambiaso and Superintendent Bonnie Johnson from Franklin to further discuss the plan for the 23-24 school with the junior and seniors.</li> <li>• Explained the sports merger with Sidney that is on the agenda to be approved is for one student to play on the Sidney varsity boys tennis team.</li> <li>• March 28<sup>th</sup> is the bid opening date for the capital project at 3:30pm.</li> </ul> <p><u>Administrative Action</u></p> <p>Motion by McMichael, seconded by Downey, to approve the following resolutions 4.1-4.5 &amp; 4.7-4.14 as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>Warrants and Budget Status Reports were given to the Board for information only.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call</p> <p>Flag Salute</p> <p>3-6-23 Reg Brd Mtg Min</p> <p>Adopt Agenda</p> <p>P. Loker</p> <p>Dr. Richards</p> <p>Monthly Reports</p>
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<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 transportation request from Otsego Christian Academy as presented.</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 16, 2023, as presented.</p> <p>NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING, BUDGET VOTE, ENERGY EFFICIENCY CAPITAL PROJECT, AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE UNATEGO CENTRAL SCHOOL*</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 Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. where the proposed school district budget for the 2023-2024 school year shall be presented.</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual District Budget Vote for those qualified to vote in said District to vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or any propositions involving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes, as well as the election of members of the Board of Education, shall be held at the Unatego MS/Senior High School in the Town of Otego, New York, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. for such business as is authorized by the Education Law.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that 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 4:00 p.m. on April 17, 2023. The following vacancies are to be filled:</p> <p>A three-year term ending June 30, 2026, currently held by David Clapper</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Approve Transportation Request-OCA</p> <p>Approve Legal Notice for Annual Budget Vote, May 16, 2023</p>
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A three-year term ending June 30, 2026, currently held by Byron McMichael  
A three-year term ending June 30, 2026, currently held by Cindy O'Hara

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 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 later than 5pm on April 17, 2023. 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 at such Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote scheduled to be held on May 16, 2023, the following proposition shall be voted upon at the same time as the vote upon the appropriation of monies for the coming school year and for Board members:

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSITION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Unatego Central School District, Otsego County, New York, is hereby authorized to make various energy efficiency improvements to the Jr-Sr High School buildings and associated facilities in and for said School District, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therein pursuant to Article 9 of the Energy law, at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,854,237 and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, a lease purchase obligation shall be entered into therefor.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer, which proposition shall be

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filed with the Board of Education not later than 30 days before the date of the election as set forth in this notice unless a greater number of days is required by statute. Any proposition 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 monies is required for the proposition and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

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 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023, to the district office.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 4:00 pm on April 18, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters on April 21, 2023. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023, in order to be counted

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and Election, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., at the office of the District clerk. Such list will also be posted at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education.

March 20, 2023

By order of the Board of  
Education of the Unatego  
Central School District  
By: 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 following SEQR Resolution as presented.</p> <p><i>Moved: McMichael</i>  <i>Seconded: Downey</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the School District’s architect and engineer Delta Architects, Engineers, &amp; Surveyors, that the proposed Energy Performance Contract at the Middle School High School ("Proposed Action") qualifies as a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2)" replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part;" , and (10) "routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings;" the Board hereby appoints itself as lead agency for the Proposed Action, and it is further</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED that based upon the above recommendation, the Board hereby declares the Proposed Action to be Type II for the above reasons, which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.</i></p>	<p>Approve SEQR Resolution</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve surplus of damaged/unused technology equipment as presented.</p>	<p>Approve Technology Equipment Surplus</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve sports merger between Unatego CSD and Sidney CSD for Varsity Boys Tennis for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Approve Sports Merger W/Sidney CSD-V Boys Tennis</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept Bonnie Goss-Beisler’s resignation as a bus driver, effective March 21, 2023, as presented.</p>	<p>Accept Resignation - B. Goss-Beisler, Bus Driver</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Bethanie Weand as a substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Appoint B. Weand-Sub Teacher 22-23</p>
<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve volunteer coaches for the spring sports season as presented.</p>	<p>Approve Volunteer Coaches-Spring Sports 22-23</p>

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<p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Ashley Benz as a substitute school counselor for the 2022-2023 school year, effective March 21, 2023, as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Ashley Benz, to a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of School Counselor, effective date June 1, 2023, and ending May 31, 2027, Masters Step 1 at a salary of \$53,717, pending certification as presented. (Replaces Amanda Kane)</p> <p>This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.</p> <p>Motion by McMichael, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following resolution 4.6 as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <p>-Dr. Richards explained the following resolution and suggested that the board really give this some thought and consideration. The board discussed the proposition and unanimously decided to proceed with the proposition being added to the Annual Budget Vote Ballot in May.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the following resolution to expand the transportation policy as presented.</p>	<p>Appoint A. Benz-Sub Counselor 22-23</p> <p>Appoint Probationary Appt. – A. Benz - MS School Counselor</p> <p>Approve Transportation Resolution</p>
<p><b>RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>WHEREAS, the Education Law of the State of New York requires school districts to provide transportation for children residing within the school district to and from the school they legally attend; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, such transportation is required to be provided for students attending grades K-8 who live more than two miles from school and for students in grades 9-12 who live more than three miles from school; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, transportation for a lesser distance may be provided by a school district with the approval of the qualified voters of the District; and</p>	

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<p>WHEREAS, the Board of Education seeks to establish a student transportation policy in accordance with Education Law §3635, providing transportation to only those students in grades K-12 residing more than (0.25) miles from their school of attendance.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition be presented to the voters at the Annual Meeting to be held on May 16, 2023:</p> <p>Shall the Board of Education of the Unatego Central School District be authorized to incur an expenditure of approximately \$30,000 during the 2023-24 school year and such funds as necessary thereafter to reduce the bus transportation limit from its current limit of 1.5 miles and to provide transportation to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade residing more than (0.25) miles from their school of attendance and within the boundaries of the Unatego Central School District.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u>- None</p> <p><u>Round Table Discussion</u>- Dr. Richards – Attended the MS Drama production last week. Excellent job by all that participated.</p> <p><u>Adjourn:</u> Motion by McMichael, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p> <hr/> <p>Sheila Nolan District Clerk</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>
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