

Unatego Central School
 Board Meeting
 February 23, 2015

MINUTES

<p>The Unatego Central School Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Treffeisen at 6:34 p.m. in room 93 at the Middle/Senior High School.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Downey, McDermott, Reyda, Stockert and Treffeisen were present. Salisbury entered at 6:55 p.m.</p>	
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards and CSE Chairperson Williams.</p>	
<p>Motion by Downey, seconded by McDermott, to go into Executive Session to discuss CSE recommendations at 6:34 p.m. Yes-5 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Executive Session</p>
<p>Executive Session: 6:34 p.m. - room 93.</p>	
<p>Open Session resumed at 7:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Open Session</p>
<p>Downey, McDermott, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen answered roll call.</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Absent: Connor.</p>	
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards and Clerk French.</p>	
<p>Visitors/Staff: 9</p>	
<p>President Treffeisen led the flag salute.</p>	<p>Flag Salute</p>
<p><u>Presentations</u></p>	
<p>NYSSMA All-State Concert - Stephen Deforest/Cheryl Nages</p>	<p>Presentations</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen gave an overview of his experience attending the NYSSMA All-State Concert in Rochester. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend the conference. Along with Stephen teachers Mrs. Nages and Mrs. Bonczkowski and his family attended the event. Approximately 26 hours were spent rehearsing for the concert. Stephen was first chair in his trombone section. • A short video was shown to the Board of one of the selections played by the group. The Board told him they were proud of him and his accomplishment. 	<p>S. Deforest</p>

<p>Cheerleading - Lori Bomba and Donna Maier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation was given to the Board on establishing a cheerleading club for the fall sports season. • Mrs. Bomba and Mrs. Maier would volunteer their time to the club. • Students in grades 8-12 would be able to participate. • Supt. Dr. Richards informed them that he needed to check with our attorneys on some matters and if all matters were in order he would present a resolution to the Board for their approval. 	<p>L. Bomba & D. Maier</p>
<p>Motion by Downey, seconded by Reyda, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2015 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried. (Mr. McDermott requested that the attachment be identified with Mr. Downey's name).</p>	<p>Reg Brd Mtg Min 1-26-15</p>
<p>Motion by Salisbury and seconded by McDermott, to adopt the Agenda and Addendum as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Adopt Agenda & Addendum</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u> - None.</p>	
<p><u>Presentations Con't</u></p>	
<p>Shared Services - Deedrick Bertholf, Doreen Rowe and Wayne Tilley (DCMO BOCES)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cost comparison for the Shared Business Official was given to the Board and reviewed by Mr. Bertholf. • Mr. Tilley reviewed the duties in detail of the Shared School Business Official. He told the Board that at least once a week the business official would be in the District. 	<p>Shared Services DCMO BOCES</p>
<p>Superintendent's Report - Dr. David S. Richards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the commitment of the Board to re-establish a JV Football team. The breakdown of the teams would be grades 7 & 8 Modified, grades 9 & 10 Jr Varsity and grades 11 & 12 Varsity. • The Board gave their consensus to go ahead with a JV Football team. • Cheerleading - Dr. Richards will get more information on the possibility of having a cheerleading club and let the Board know at the next meeting his recommendation. • There is concern with the 6th grade reading the novel "Dragonwings". The novel is a common core recommendation by SED. The concern will be addressed by the Curriculum Committee. 	<p>Dr. Richards</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Policy and Curriculum Committees need to schedule a meeting. • Dr. Richards had a conference call today with NYS Solar. A meeting will be scheduled to see if it is feasible for the school district to work with them. • Dr. Richards will not be able to attend the scheduled March 9th Board Meeting and asked if the Board wanted to reschedule the meeting or go ahead with the meeting. Discussion was held and it was decided to keep the meeting as scheduled. • Discussion on the possibility of having a petition to lower the number of Board members from 7 to 5 members. Also the term of the Board member from 3 years to 5 years was reviewed. After discussion it was decided to leave the number of Board members at 7 and their term for 3 years. 	
<p><u>Administrative Action</u> Motion by Salisbury, seconded by McDermott, to approve resolutions 4.1 - 4.11 and 4.13 - 4.15 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	
<p>Warrants, Budget Status Reports and Student Activity were given to the Board for information only.</p>	<p>Reports for Information</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Treasurer's Reports for all funds for the month of January as presented.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Reports</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the CSE recommendations as presented.</p>	<p>CSE Recommendations</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Katie DeMulder as an emergency substitute for the Otego Elementary School only as presented.</p>	<p>Sub - K. DeMulder</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the permanent appointment of Jeanne Fletcher, Keyboard Specialist, effective February 23, 2015.</p>	<p>Permanent Apptmnt J. Fletcher</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Tamarah Lawrence substitute teacher for the 2014-15 school year as presented.</p>	<p>T. Lawrence Sub Teacher</p>

<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Joshua Vanderwerker substitute teacher aide/LTA and custodian for the 2014-15 school year as presented.</p>	<p>J. Vanerwerker Sub Aide/Custodian</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Kristen Walis substitute worker for the After School Program as presented.</p>	<p>K. Walis - Sub After School Pgrm</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept the resignation of Kalynn Birdsall, Keyboard Specialist, effective February 13, 2015 as presented.</p>	<p>Resignation - K. Birdsall</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby amend the 2014-15 Instructional Calendar as follows: March 13, 2015 Conference Day will now be an Instructional Day and June 26, 2015 will be a Contingent Conference Day.</p>	<p>Instructional Calendar Revised</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby adopt:</p>	<p>Resolution: Gap</p>
<p>WHEREAS: The NY State Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented in 2010 as a one-time reduction in education aid to help NY State balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then:</p>	<p>Elimination Adjustment</p>
<p>WHEREAS: The GEA since its inception has reduced state aid to the Unatego Central School District by \$4,064,103 and</p>	
<p>WHEREAS: The reduction in aid associated with the GEA has resulted in a cost shift to the local property tax payer in the Unatego Central School District; between 2008-2009 and 2014-2015, local property tax burden increased from 56% to 61% and</p>	
<p>WHEREAS: This cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures being implemented to balance the Unatego Central School's budget, including the reduction and elimination of school programs, personnel and services, and the reductions of school district reserve funds;</p>	

<p>WHEREAS: Efforts by the Unatego Central School to sustain programs and services and contain budgets are simultaneously constrained by Property Tax Cap Legislation, unfunded and underfunded mandates, state mandated increases to pension costs, and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and</p> <p>WHEREAS: State Funding is constitutionally mandates and essential to meet all mandates and obligations to maintain the quality of education in the Unatego Central School; and</p> <p>WHEREAS: New York State touts recent aid increases as generous support to schools, although overall, Unatego is receiving less than 1% additional aid when compared to 2008-09; and</p> <p>WHEREAS: Some school district have even experienced state aid decreases from 2008-09 to 2014-15;</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Unatego Central School Board of Education calls upon the New York State Legislature to end GAP Elimination Adjustments when they adopt New York State's 2015-16 Annual Budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Spring coaches for the 2014-15 sports season as presented.</p> <p>Motion by Salisbury, seconded by McDermott, and RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby ratify the UAA contract effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Yes-5 No-1 (Downey). Carried. (Attachment Mr. Downey's statement).</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> - None.</p> <p><u>Round Table Discussion</u> McDermott - informed the Board of articles to read on education.</p> <p>Reyda - discussed changes in financial aid for students.</p> <p>Downey - discussion of possible funds available to the District.</p>	<p>Spring Coaches</p> <p>Ratify UAA Contract</p>
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<p>Motion by Salisbury, seconded by McDermott, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>
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