

Unatego Central School
 Board Meeting
 January 26, 2015

MINUTES

<p>The Unatego Central School Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Treffeisen at 6:01 p.m. in room 93 at the Middle/Senior High School.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Downey, McDermott, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen were present.</p>	
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards and CSE Chairperson Williams.</p>	
<p>Motion by Downey, seconded by Stockert, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing CSE recommendation and personnel at 6:02 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Executive Session</p>
<p>Executive Session: 6:02 p.m. - room 93.</p>	
<p>Open Session resumed t 7:07 p.m. - room 93.</p>	<p>Open Session</p>
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David Richards, Bus. Mgr. Rosas, Elementary Principals Klie & Mazourek, MS Principal Hoyt, HS Principal Lambiaso and Clerk French.</p>	
<p>Visitors/Staff: 14</p>	
<p>Downey, McDermott, Reyda, Salisbury, Stockert and Treffeisen answered roll call.</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Absent: Connor</p>	
<p>President Treffeisen led the flag salute.</p>	<p>Flag Salute</p>
<p>Motion by McDermott, seconded by Reyda, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2014 as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>12-15-14 Reg Brd Mtg Min</p>
<p>Motion by Downey, seconded by Reyda, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Yes-6 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Adopt Agenda</p>
<p><u>Public Comment:</u> None.</p>	

<p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p>ELA Presentation - Elementary Teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers present were K. Hafele, K. James, S. Hendricks, S. Halbert, K. Crandell, M. Wilson, C. Christiansian, K. Gascon, E. Brownell, C. deBlasi-Wilson and K. Telarico. • Each grade level gave the Board an outline of their ELA program and discussed the daily instruction, resources used and goals. • Discussion of the program with the Board. 	<p>Elementary Teachers ELA</p>
<p>Playground Committee - Kim Gascon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PTO has purchased a main station that contains 4 slides and several other activity stations. • Fundraisers were held to raise funds for the purchase. Donations, grants were received and the PTO General Fund contributed to the project. • The committee also has a goal of purchasing an additional unit to accommodate more students and community use. Additional fundraisers will be held to raise the funds needed. • The Town of Unadilla and volunteers from the Unadilla Fire Department have volunteered to help with the installation of the stations. 	<p>Playground Update</p>
<p>Administrator's Reports</p> <p>Otego Elementary School - M. Klie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations have been completed. The unannounced observations are now taking place. • The Otego and Unadilla PTOs held a successful Winter Carnival last Friday at the MS/HS. The money was split between the two PTOs and donations will be made to the local food pantries. • The PTO held a basket raffle and made approximately \$1600. • Professional Development Day is Friday, January 30th. 	<p>M. Klie</p>
<p>Unadilla Elementary School - K. Mazourek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations have been completed. • Mrs. Mazourek has received her NYS Certification. • The PE classes are having gymnastic finals. • The first concert will be held on Thursday, January 29th, at the Middle/Senior High School. • Professional Development Day is Friday, January 30th. 	<p>K. Mazourek</p>

<p>Middle School - P. Hoyt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The winter concert was held in December. • The Spelling Contest was held recently. The winner was Max Reboh. • Professional Development Day is Friday, January 30th. Text Complexity & Text Selection with Lorie Ostrander is scheduled. • The first semester will be completed on Thursday. • Unobserved observations are in progress. • 	<p>P. Hoyt</p>
<p>High School - J. Lambiaso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regent exams are being held this week. • The first round of observations have been completed. • Professional Development Day is Friday, January 30th. The work that the teachers will be doing is a continuation of what they have done with Lorie Ostrander this past year. • Teachers from grades 6-12 will be present at the next Board Meeting to discuss the ELA program at the middle/senior high school. 	<p>J. Lambiaso</p>
<p>Superintendent's Report - Supt. Dr. D. Richards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members are invited to attend a webinar this Thursday at noon for NYSSBA Analysis of the Governor's Budget. • RFP for legal counsel, with the Board's approval, will go out this week. Discussion held and Board approved RFP. Renee Treffeisen and Jim Salisbury will review the applications. • Discussion on Shared Business Officials through BOCES. It was agreed to go ahead with the position for one year. Deedrick Bertholf and Wayne Tilley will come to a Board meeting and discuss the position with the Board. 	<p>Dr. Richards</p>
<p>Business Manager's Report - N. Rosas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the State Budget. Information on the budget is very little. • After discussion it was decided to hold a budget workshop on March 2nd. • Updated information on the bid for lease financing of buses has been received. • Warrant questions were reviewed. 	<p>N. Rosas</p>

<p><u>Administrative Action</u> Motion by Salisbury, seconded by McDermott, to approve the following resolutions, 4.1-4.11 & 4.13-4.19, as presented. Yes-6 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 for all funds for the month of December 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 corrected tax roll on map #323.00-1- 5.00 as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve corrected tax roll on map #334.19-1-22.00 as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve corrected tax roll on map#334.14-1-49.00 as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Research Foundation for SUNY and Unatego Central School District as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Municipal Cooperation agreement between Morris Central School District and Unatego Central School District effective September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve proposed SAT/ACT English Prep Course elective as presented.</p>	<p>Warrants/ Budget Reps</p> <p>Treasurer's Reports</p> <p>CSE Recommen- dations</p> <p>Corrected Tax Roll</p> <p>Corrected Tax Roll</p> <p>Corrected Tax Roll</p> <p>MOA w/Research Foundation SUNY</p> <p>Municipal Agreement w/Morris CS</p> <p>Approve Elective Course</p>
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<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Dian Jungermann After School Program substitute worker for the 2014-15 school year as presented.</p>	<p>After School Pgrm Sub Jungermann</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby award Lease Financing Bid for (3) 2016 Freightliner/Thomas Saf-T-Liners C2 66 passenger to Lease Bidder, Santander Bank as presented with updated lease documents.</p>	<p>Lease Financing Bid School Buses</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby award Lease Financing Bid for (1) 2015 20-passenger Thomas Minotou to Lease Bidder, Santander Bank as presented with updated lease documents.</p>	<p>Lease Financing Bid School Bus</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept the donation of \$9000 from the Science Fund Foundation.</p>	<p>Donation Science Fund Foundation</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby accept the resignation of Paige Harris, math teacher, effective February 21, 2015.</p>	<p>Resignation - P. Harris</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Ashley Mannina substitute teacher for the 2014-15 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Teacher Sub A. Mannina</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Linda Marin substitute teacher for the 2014-15 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Teacher Sub L. Marin</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Ben Moyse substitute teacher for the 2014-15 school year as presented.</p>	<p>Teacher Sub B. Moyse</p>
<p>RESOLVED; on the motion of McDermott, seconded by Salisbury and on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby ratify the Unatego Teachers Association contract effective July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018 as presented. Discussion held - Board member Downey read a prepared statement why he was going to vote "no" on the motion (statement is attached). Yes-5 No-1 (Downey). Carried.</p>	<p>Ratify UTA Agreement</p>

Public Comment - None.

Round Table Discussion

The Governor's NYS budget was discussed.

J. McDermott – discussed giving pre-K packets to the children enrolling for kindergarten in the Spring.

K. Stockert - suggested class visits to college for students. She also inquired how the 70% passing grade originated. Our school district is the only one that has this policy. It was agreed that the policy committee would address the concern and report back to the Board.

Motion by McDermott, seconded by Reyda, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Yes-6 No-0. Carried. Adjournment

Joan M. French
District Clerk

In voting against the teachers contract I want to make two things clear:

First, this vote is not an anti-teacher vote. Teachers do great work. They're the essence of a school, because, when you strip everything away, a school is the exchange of knowledge between the teacher and the student. Everything else, from the crossing guard to the Board of Education and the Superintendent, are only there to help that exchange. Teachers are the school.

Second, our negotiating team did good and diligent work in a difficult job. In negotiating you deal with different points of view, laws, mandates, and past practices. Our negotiating team has to work within those parameters. They did that hard job to the satisfaction of most of my colleagues.

I vote against the contract because the financial burden of maintaining a viable school in troubling times is only

being borne by one segment of our community -- the taxpayers.

We are contemplating the closing of school and weighing its effect on a community. We have and probably will continue to lay off staff. We have decimated programs. We have depleted reserves. We are looking at a SIGNIFICANT tax increase.

I believe that some of the salary increases we will be giving the teachers over the next 4 years would be better spent on these pressing issues. Solve these issues; then increase salaries.

Many working people in this community won't be getting salary increases over the next 4 years. Retirees, an increasingly large segment of our population, will get a COLA but not much else. These folks are just hanging on. That's the people this vote represents.

On a broader context - our federal government is 18.1 trillion dollars in debt. Our state is the 2nd most indebted state in the union -- 387 billion in obligations. It's projected that NYS is 3 years shy of its constitutional debt limit. The federal government and NYS will find a way around their problems -- print or borrow money.

Our counties, towns, and schools don't have that option.

Our county is scrambling. They're out of MOSA, privatized the nursing home, talking about closing the MVB in Oneonta. Is it enough? The property tax sale auction for 2014 was 66 properties, up from 57 the previous year. That number and trend foreshadows our underlying economic health.

The county, the towns and the schools have to deal with our financial limits. And we will. Painfully.

At this time, I can't justify the salary increases the teachers will get over the next four years, given our particular financial situation and the local economy. I regret having to vote against the contract.

Richard Downey
Unatego Board Member