

 **Community Unit School District #4** 

Meeting of the Board of Education
Unity High School Band Room
December 18, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
Truth-in-Taxation Hearing 5:45 p.m.

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Truth-in-Taxation Hearing (5:45 PM)**
 - 3.1 Review FY19 Tax Levy Proposal
 - 3.2 Public Comments on FY19 Tax Levy
4. **Public Participation – Visitor and Comments (3 min. limit)**
 - 4.1 **Special Recognition**
 - 4.1.1 Addison Eger - Student of the Month
 - 4.1.2 Levi Corrigan, Eli Mittermeyer & Jonas Hibbert - Illinois State Scholars
 - 4.2 **Visitors**
 - 4.2.1
 - 4.3 **Correspondence**
 - 4.3.1

Closed Session – The Board will enter Closed Session to discuss: **A)** the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the School District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves, as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District; **B)** collective negotiating matters between the School District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; **C)** the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District; **D)** the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District; **E)** the sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts; **F)** emergency security procedures; **G)** student disciplinary cases; **H)** the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; **I)** pending, probable, or imminent litigation; **J)** evaluation of attorney; **K)** approval of certain closed session minutes for distribution to the public; or other matters appropriate for a closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. An additional Closed Session may be necessary if all discussions are not concluded prior to returning to Open Session.

5. **Consent Agenda**
 - 5.1 Approve November 20, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
 - 5.2 Approve Bills and Activity Fund Reports
 - 5.3 Approve Bills Payable
 - 5.4 Approve Fund Balances
 - 5.5 Approve End of Month Report for Previous Month

6. Administrative and Committee Reports

- 6.1 Principal Reports
- 6.2 Business Manager Report (Financial Dashboard)
- 6.3 Special Education Coordinator
- 6.4 Superintendent Report
- 6.5 Building and Grounds Committee
- 6.6 Curriculum Committee
- 6.7 Finance Committee
- 6.8 Policy Committee
- 6.9 Technology Committee
- 6.10 Transportation Committee
- 6.11 Public Relations Committee

7. Action Items

- 7.1 Approve any matter discussed in Executive Session as necessary, and limited to those matters authorized for discussion in Executive Session by motion of the Board and/or Personnel List
- 7.2 Consider the Resolution for the 2019 Tax Levy
- 7.3 Consideration of Press Policy updates - First Reading
- 7.4 Consider transferring CUSD#4's Educational Broadband Service (EBS) license to Adams Telcom. Inc. CUSD#4 is currently engaged in a multiple year lease of its EBS license WLX643 to Adams. At our meeting, the school board will discuss an offer made by Adams to terminate the lease and transfer the EBS license to Adams, pursuant to the FCC rules, for a fee.
- 7.5 Consideration of Five Year Annual Bus Lease/Purchase with trades

8. Information Items

- 8.1 FOIA Request - SmartProcure
- 8.2 Construction Update

9. Adjournment

- 9.1 Adjournment
- 9.2 Next Meeting – The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Unity High School Band Room at 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
Community Unit School District #4 Board of Education
Adams and Hancock Counties, Illinois
Held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, in the Unity High School Band Room. The meeting was called to order by President Farmer at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Arnsman, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, Janssen and Miller. Principals Mr. Dorethy, Mr. Ellerman and Mr. Klusmeyer were present. Superintendent Riddle was present. Two visitors were present.

MOTION: Fler "to approve agenda items as presented." SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, Janssen, and Miller. Motion carried.	Agenda Items
MOTION: Duke "to approve of the Consent Agenda items." SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Janssen. Abstained - Miller. Motion carried.	Consent Agenda
Fler left at 6:15 p.m. Janssen left at 6:30 p.m.	
MOTION: Duke "to approve Carley Arnsman as HS Assist. Softball, and Craig Burwinkle as a substitute bus driver." SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Miller. Abstained – Arnsman. Motion carried.	Approve hire of HS Asst. SB Coach and Sub. Bus Driver
MOTION: Duesterhaus "to approve 2019 Tax Levy as presented, Rate \$4.74." SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Approve 2019 Tax Levy
MOTION: Duke "to approve Press policy updates as presented." SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Approve press policy updates
MOTION: Duke "to approve transferring CUSD #4 EBS license to Adams Telecom Inc. proposal as presented." SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Approve transferring EBS license
MOTION: Duke "to approve the purchase of 3 busses and trade 3 busses. Five year annual bus lease/purchase agreement as presented." SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Approve bus agreement
MOTION: Miller "to adjourn at 7:07 p.m." SECOND: Arnsman ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Miller. Motion carried.	Adjourn
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15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Band Room.

President



Secretary



January 15, 2020



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Meeting of the Board of Education

Unity High School Band Room

December 18, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Truth-in-Taxation Hearing 5:45 p.m.

1. **Call To Order 5:45 PM Tax Hearing and 6:00 PM Regular BOE mtg**
All present:Arnsman-Duke-Duesterhaus-Farmer-Fleer-Janssen-Miller
Supt. Riddle-Bus. Mngr. Whelan-Admins Dorethy-Ellerman-Klusmeyer
2. **Approval of Agenda (7-0 approved)**
3. **Truth-in-Taxation Hearing (5:45 PM)**
 - 3.1 **Review FY19 Tax Levy Proposal**
Supt. Riddle shared the proposed tax levy at the rate of \$4.74 which is what was promised to the voters during the "Building Unity" bond referendum meetings.
 - 3.2 **Public Comments on FY19 Tax Levy**
No public comments shared or sent via email
4. **Public Participation – Visitor and Comments (3 min. limit)**
 - 4.1 **Special Recognition**
 - 4.1.1 **Addison Eger - Student of the Month**
She is the daughter of Lori and Brandon Eger. Addi plans to attend Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg to study dental hygiene and play basketball and possibly volleyball.
 - 4.1.2 **Levi Corrigan, Eli Mittermeyer & Jonas Hibbert - Illinois State Scholars**
 - 4.2 **Visitors**
 - 4.2.1 **Paul Bealor and John Longlett (North Adams State Bank)**
presented a program for starting student savings accounts. The program would include three components:
Education-Savings-Rewards.
 - 4.3 **Correspondence**
 - 4.3.1 **Government Capital Corporation**
 - 4.3.2 **Venvertloh Family**
 - 4.3.3 **Rich Meyer**
 - 4.3.4 **First Bankers Trust Company**
 - 4.3.5 **Barnard Elevator of Quincy**
 - 4.3.6 **Amalgamated Bank of Chicago**
 - 4.3.7 **Prairie State Insurance Company**

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No closed session

5. Consent Agenda (6-0-1 approved with Miller abstaining)

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6. Administrative and Committee Reports

6.1 Principal Reports

Mr. Dorethy reported the HS Student Council using donated money bought toys, household items, and personal items for needy families in the CUSD#4 school district. The MVIT Tournament will be held on December 26-28. The girls basketball team will be competing in the Beardstown Lady Tiger Classic beginning December 26.

Mr. Klusmeyer shared the elementary and middle school has been conducting MAP testing in the areas of reading, language and math. The information gained will drive the instruction in the classroom.

Mr. Ellerman shared the Christmas program held on Dec. 11th was well attended again this year and complemented Mr. Knicl.

6.2 Business Manager Report (Financial Dashboard)

Mrs. Whelan shared we are 42% through the year and have only had 27% of our expenses. The district is doing well financially but is still limited by the State funding which is at the minimum required by the EBF.

6.3 Special Education Coordinator

Mrs. Gronewold reported she has been working with Supt. Riddle on plans for the upcoming year. Part of the plans include looking at the needs of special education staff as we transition into a ECE-5 campus and a 6-12 campus. Upon returning from break she will be discussing it more with staff gaining their input.

6.4 Superintendent Report

Superintendent Riddle shared the Property Tax Relief Tax Force will issue a report about short term and long-term property tax relief by December 31, 2019. It's still too early to say what type of property tax relief plan

will emerge. However, it is anticipated that a relief plan is to be packaged with the passage of a Constitutional amendment to change Illinois to a graduated income tax system. The ballot question will be in front of voters in November 2020. The concern for school districts is the continual lingering question of possible tax caps across the state. This would severely restrict funding for school districts.

Supt. Riddle also shared Gov. Pritzker hopes to tackle pensions and early childhood education in the spring. The Chicago Sun-Times spoke to Gov. Pritzker and reported on his priorities for the upcoming legislative session. From the story: Hoping for another productive legislative session, Gov. J.B. Pritzker vowed to tackle pensions, early child education, criminal justice reform and health care next year — as well as the elusive Chicago casino. These all could impact the school districts.

Supt. Riddle stated there is approximately \$44 million available for the FY 2020 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant. Grants will be approved up to the amount released by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. The School Maintenance Project Grant is a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program providing awards up to \$50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes.

- 6.5 Building and Grounds Committee
- 6.6 Curriculum Committee
- 6.7 Finance Committee
- 6.8 Policy Committee reviewed Policy 5:50 and recommend update
- 6.9 Technology Committee
- 6.10 Transportation Committee
- 6.11 Public Relations Committee

7. Action Items

- 7.1 Approve any matter discussed in Executive Session as necessary, and limited to those matters authorized for discussion in Executive Session by motion of the Board and/or Personnel List (4-0-1 approved with Arnsman abstaining)
Carley Arnsman approved as Asst. HS softball
Craig Burwinkle approved as sub bus driver
Recognized resignation of Rebecca Nutt - custodian and Raven Ash-football cheer coach.
- 7.2 Consider the Resolution for the 2019 Tax Levy (5-0 approved)
Based on rate of (\$4.74) increase of \$0.06 which is the agreed upon rate shared with public during Building Unity Presentations and voted on. This is also considering the required base salary increases and potential of a tax freeze.
- 7.3 Consideration of Press Policy updates (5-0 approved)
Policy 5.50 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition.
This was reviewed by the Policy Committee and recommended to be updated prior to the Jan 1, 2020 law change.

- 7.4 Consider transferring CUSD#4's Educational Broadband Service (EBS) license to Adams Telcom. Inc. CUSD#4 is currently engaged in a multiple year lease of its EBS license WLX643 to Adams. At our meeting, the school board will discuss an offer made by Adams to terminate the lease and transfer the EBS license to Adams, pursuant to the FCC rules, for a fee. (5-0 approved)

This was reviewed last meeting. Adams is making an offer of \$10,000 to acquire our EBS license. Additionally, Adams is offering that if the license would be sold by Jan. 1, 2030 for an amount over \$20,000, Adams would provide to the school 50% of the proceeds over the \$20,000. Adams would pick up all related costs.

- 7.5 Consideration of Five Year Annual Bus Lease/Purchase with trades (5-0 approved)

The proposal recommendation from Transportation Director Rob Simmons is the Midwest Bus Sales, Inc. bid for three buses.

8. Information Items

- 8.1 FOIA Request - SmartProcure
8.2 Construction Update

Supt Riddle discussed the recent construction meeting with Maas Construction and Klingners. Topics discussed were possible painting of the existing classrooms during the winter break. It was hoped the ceilings could be prepped and painted. The district is responsible for completing this portion. Depending on weather some of the cement may be poured in the next few weeks.

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