



Community Unit School District #4

Meeting of the Board of Education
Unity High School Band Room
January 15, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Public Participation – Visitor and Comments (3 min. limit)**
 - 3.1 **Special Recognition**
 - 3.1.1 Hunter Voth - Student of the Month
 - 3.2 **Visitors**
 - 3.2.1 Ron Frericks - QFB (presentation on energy savings)
 - 3.3 **Correspondence**
 - 3.3.1

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.

4. **Consent Agenda**
 - 4.1 Approve December 18, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
 - 4.2 Approve Bills and Activity Fund Reports
 - 4.3 Approve Bills Payable
 - 4.4 Approve Fund Balances
 - 4.5 Approve End of Month Report for Previous Month
5. **Administrative and Committee Reports**
 - 5.1 Principal Reports
 - 5.2 Business Manager Report (Financial Dashboard)
 - 5.3 Special Education Coordinator
 - 5.4 Superintendent Report
 - 5.5 Building and Grounds Committee
 - 5.6 Curriculum Committee
 - 5.7 Finance Committee
 - 5.8 Policy Committee
 - 5.9 Technology Committee
 - 5.10 Transportation Committee
 - 5.11 Public Relations Committee

6. Action Items

- 6.1 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
- 6.2 Consideration of Press Policy updates - First Reading
- 6.3 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. Approve contract offer made by Adams to terminate the lease and transfer the EBS license to Adams, pursuant to the FCC rules, for the agreed upon fee.

7. Information Items

- 7.1 FOIA Request
- 7.2 2020 Financial Profile Designation

8. Adjournment

- 8.1 Adjournment
- 8.2 Next Meeting – The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 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 January 15, 2020**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, ***, in the Unity High School Library. The meeting was called to order by President Farmer at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Janssen. Principals Mr. Dorethy and Mr. Ellerman were present. Superintendent Riddle was present. Two visitors were present.

MOTION: Duke “to approve to remove item regarding the sale of broadband to Adams.” SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Janssen. Motion carried.	Approve to remove item
MOTION: Janssen “to approve of the Consent Agenda items.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Janssen. Motion carried.	Consent Agenda
MOTION: Duke “to approve the first reading of the press policy updates.” SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Janssen. Motion carried.	Approve first reading of policy updates
MOTION: Janssen “to move to closed session at 7:15 p.m.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Janssen. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Duke “to return to open session at 7:45 p.m.” SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Janssen. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Janssen “to approve minutes of the January 15, 2020 closed session.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Janssen. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Duke “to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.” SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Janssen. Motion carried.	Adjourn
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President _____ Secretary _____	February 19, 2020

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1. **Call To Order**

Present: Duke - Farmer Fleer - Janssen
Supt. Riddle - Bus. Mngr. Whelan - Admins Dorethy-Ellerman

2. **Approval of Agenda** (Approved 4-0)

3. **Public Participation** – Visitor and Comments (3 min. limit)

3.1 **Special Recognition**

3.1.1 Hunter Voth - Student of the Month
Son of Brad & Missy Voth
Jacob Presser - nominee for the US Air Force Academy by Congressman
Darin LaHood

3.2 **Visitors**

3.2.1 Ron Frericks - QFB Energy presentation on potential energy savings
through reduction of use through more efficient lighting, roofing, and
possibly HVAC improvements.

3.3 **Correspondence**

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Entered Closed Session at 7:15 PM Returned to Open Session at 7:45 PM

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5. **Administrative and Committee Reports**

- 5.1 Principal Reports

Mr. Dorethy shared the Mini Mustang Cheer Camp will be held Jan 31 during the halftime of the varsity game against Peoria Quest. The Career Fair at JWCC will also be Jan 31 and our sophomores will be attending. Boy's Basketball Senior Night will be Feb 21 vs Brown County. The Girl's Basketball Senior Night will be Feb. 6 vs Beardstown.

Mr. Klusmeyer provided the Board with summary data for the MAP testing which was conducted in December. The data can also be used to help guide teacher instruction. Unity Elementary is doing very well according to Mr. Ellerman. He stated winter testing has been completed.

5.2 Business Manager Report (Financial Dashboard)

Mrs. Whelan let the Board know district finances are doing well but after discussions with Supt. Riddle was concerned about the impact of declining enrollment at the upper levels and its effect on our future EBF funding.

5.3 Special Education Coordinator

Mrs. Gronewold stated the special education department serves 132 students which is approximately 20% of our population. She has been meeting with spec ed staff discussing plans for next year.

5.4 Superintendent Report

Supt. Riddle shared with the Board the new temporary door has been installed in the elementary to be used during construction. He also added the exterior material color for the elementary has been selected. Thanks again to the Building and Grounds Committee and for those who were able to stop and check them out and give feedback.

We received our ROE Mini-Compliance report back and we were praised for the preparedness and thoroughness of the materials and files needed. Thank you to Administrative Asst. Lisa Maas for her assistance in making it an easy process.

We are updating our PowerSchool program to enable students and their parents to register online. It is our goal to have it up and running for this upcoming school year.

We have been working with Ameren on the lighting on the east side of the MS/HS campus and the football practice field. We are having more powerful wattage put up as well as an additional light which should help with the lighting for activities.

Supt. Riddle shared in the concern with the decrease in enrollment in the upper grades. He commented that this is a trend we are seeing in Illinois, particularly in the rural areas. Of further concern was what may be coming from the State. At a meeting with state legislators this past week, Supt. Riddle and other area superintendents expressed issues public schools are facing. Foremost was the continued teacher shortage. Additionally, downstate schools will The legislators also shared the possibilities of a property tax freeze and a pension cost shift still being considered. They also discussed the Progressive Tax Amendment on the ballot and the potential impact it would have on Illinois.

Supt. Riddle then reviewed the Threat Assessment template being considered by the team. This is being developed with information supplied from Homeland Security and the FBI.

5.5 Building and Grounds Committee - approved metal siding for exterior

5.6 Curriculum Committee

5.7 Finance Committee

5.8 Policy Committee -reviewed policies for updating

5.9 Technology Committee

5.10 Transportation Committee

5.11 Public Relations Committee

6. Action Items

- 6.1 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
 - Recognized the resignations of...
 - Shannon Whitehead - Varsity Basketball Cheer Coach
 - Rob Kuhn - MS girls basketball coach
 - Lori Eger - MS girls basketball coach
- 6.2 Consideration of Press Policy updates - First Reading (Approved 4-0 first reading)
(Policy packet is included. These have been reviewed and updated by the Policy Committee)
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 This was approved last meeting and this is the actual contract to be board approved. 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.
 Withdrawn from the agenda as still working on finalizing the agreement before consideration of the BOE

7. Information Items

- 7.1 FOIA Request
- 7.2 2020 Financial Profile Designation
 Supt Riddle shared the district was given a 3.8 out of 4 which is the highest rated category range and gives the district a rating of Financial Recognition by the State.
- 7.3 Dates for meeting

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