

# Community Unit School District #4

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Board of Education Office

August 19, 2015

6:00 pm

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## AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
3. **MINUTES**
  1. Approve Past Meeting Minutes
    - i. July 15, 2015

**CLOSED SESSION\*** *The Board will re-enter open session upon concluding closed session discussions or at 6:45 p.m., whichever is earlier.*

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - visitors and comments**
  1. Special Recognition
  2. Visitors
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
  1. Approval of Bills and Activity Fund Reports
  2. Interfund Loans
  3. Fund Status
  4. FY16 Budget Discussion
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
  1. Schedule Budget Hearing
  2. Amend Schedule of Regular Board Meetings
  3. Application of Recognition of Schools
  4. Personnel
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
  1. Extra Curricular Dead Days Discussion
  2. Summer Work Update
  3. Plans for Sale of Greenfield
  4. Board Committees
  5. Principal Reports
  6. Superintendent Reports
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting:**

Regular meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Library. This date may change during the meeting in order to hold it at the same time as the budget hearing.

*\*A closed session may be held pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.*

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the  
Community Unit School District #4 Board of Education  
Adams and Hancock Counties, Illinois  
Held on August 19, 2015**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, in the Board Office. The meeting was called to order by President Arnsman at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Principals Dorethy and Ellerman were present. Superintendent Kurz was present.

<b>MOTION:</b> Duesterhaus “to approve agenda items as presented.” <b>SECOND:</b> Duke <b>ACTION:</b> Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Agenda Items</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Farmer “to approve minutes of July 15, 2015 regular meeting as presented.” <b>SECOND:</b> Connoyer <b>ACTION:</b> Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>July 15, 2015 Minutes</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Duesterhaus “to move to closed session.” <b>SECOND:</b> Duke <b>ACTION:</b> Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Closed Session</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Fler “to return to open session.” <b>SECOND:</b> Farmer <b>ACTION:</b> Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Open Session</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Duke “to approve minutes of closed session August 19, 2015.” <b>SECOND:</b> Fler <b>ACTION:</b> Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Closed Session Minutes</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Farmer “to approve Student A be expelled for two years not allowed on Unit 4 property and be allowed to take online courses through grad point with his own computer as long as he continues to make progress towards graduation.” <b>SECOND:</b> Duesterhaus <b>ACTION:</b> Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Student A Expulsion</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Duke “to approve Alese Speckhart as UHS Assistant Volleyball Coach for 2015-2016 school year with approval of certification, background check, and licensure.” <b>SECOND:</b> Connoyer <b>ACTION:</b> Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Speckhart UHS Assistant Volleyball Coach</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Duesterhaus “to approve Tammy Pilkington and Christa Johnson to share UHS Student Council sponsor for 2015-2016 school year.” <b>SECOND:</b> Duke <b>ACTION:</b> Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Pilkington and Johnson Student Council Sponsors</b>

<b>MOTION:</b> Duke “to approve Trevor Hull and Tim Keyes as 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class <b>SECOND:</b> Sponsors for 2015-2016 school year.” <b>ACTION:</b> Fler <b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Nay – Duesterhaus. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Hull and Keyes Class Sponsors</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Duke “to approve the retirement of Nancy Howard as Unit 4 bus driver effective immediately.” <b>SECOND:</b> Fler <b>ACTION:</b> Fler <b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Howard Retirement</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Duesterhaus “to approve bills and activity fund reports as presented.” <b>SECOND:</b> Fler <b>ACTION:</b> Fler <b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Bills and Activity Fund Reports</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Duke “to approve setting budget hearing for September 23, 2015 and to change the regular meeting to that day for September.” <b>SECOND:</b> Fler <b>ACTION:</b> Duesterhaus <b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Budget Hearing</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Fler “to approve application of Recognition of Schools for Unity Elementary School, Unity Middle School, and Unity High School for 2015-2016 school year.” <b>SECOND:</b> Duke <b>ACTION:</b> Duke <b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Recognition of Schools</b>
<b>MOTION:</b> Connoyer “to adjourn to Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.” <b>SECOND:</b> Farmer <b>ACTION:</b> Farmer <b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. <b>Motion carried.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
<b>President</b> _____ <b>Secretary</b> _____	<b>September 23, 2015</b>

# **Community Unit School District #4**

## **Board of Education Report**

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**August 19, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. – Board of Education Office**

**Visitors Present – 3**

### **Financial Items**

- Approved past meeting minutes.
- Approved paying of bills.
- Reviewed tentative budget proposal for the 2015-16 school year. The tentative proposal includes a “worst case scenario” that has \$6,282,000 in projected revenues and \$6,841,648 in projected expenses. Superintendent Kurz shared with the Board he expects the budget they approve in September to have slightly more revenue and slightly less expenditures than the current tentative budget.

### **Action Items**

- Approved FY16 Budget Hearing for Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
- Approved amending Schedule of Regular Board Meetings to move September 16th meeting to September 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
- Approved Application for Recognition of Schools for Unity Elementary School, Unity Middle School, and Unity High School for the 2015-16 school year.
- Approved Alese Speckhart as UHS Volleyball Assistant Coach for 2015-16 school year with completion of appropriate licensure, certification, and background check.
- Approved Tammy Pilkington and Christa Johnson as UHS Student Council Co-Sponsors for the 2015-16 school year.
- Approved Trevor Hull as 9th grade class sponsor for 2015-16 school year.
- Approved Tim Keyes as 9th grade class sponsor for 2015-16 school year.
- Approved retirement of Nancy Howard as Unit 4 Bus Driver. Nancy served students and families of Unit 4 for over 38 years as a paraprofessional and bus driver. Nancy retired as the longest serving employee in the district.

### **Information Items**

- Heard update and discussed summer work projects including drainage project at Unity High School. The project was delayed several weeks due to wet weather during the summer. As a result, the Greenfield playground was not able to be moved yet. There are some small aspects of the project that will be revisited.
- Discussed options for sale of Greenfield. Board will continue to consider whether a sealed bid or public auction would be the best way to handle the sale of the building. Additional research will be done with the goal of making a final decision at the September meeting.
- Discussed potential delayed start as an alternative to cancelling school for weather. The board will continue to discuss how they might implement this if needed during the 15-16 school year.
- Discussed upcoming Community Night which will be from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on November 16th in the High School Gym. John Wood Community College will also have representatives to participate in the event gathering feedback on how they can improve services provided to members of the district. In addition to the partnership with JWCC, topics will include considering the addition of Southeastern to the current high school football cooperative, district finances, and student learning.

### **Next Meeting**

- Next Regular Board Meeting will be 6:00 p.m. on September 23rd in the Unity High School Library.