

Community Unit School District #4

Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Unity Middle School Gym
August 4, 2021- 7:00 p.m.

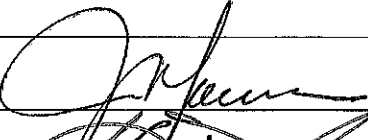
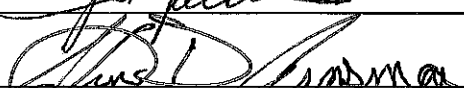
1. Call To Order
 2. Approval of Agenda
 3. Public Participation – Visitor and Comments (3 min. limit)
 - 3.1 Special Recognition
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 - 3.2 Visitors
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 - 3.3 Correspondence
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4. Action Items
 - 4.1 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
 - 4.2 Consider and take action on 2021-22 Resolution Regarding Return to School and COVID policies
 - 4.3 Consider and take action on Resolution proffered by parent group Regarding Return to School and COVID policies
5. Information Items
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6. Adjournment
 - 6.1 Adjournment
 - 6.2 Next Meeting – The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, in the Unity High School Band Room at 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes of Special Meeting of the
Community Unit School District #4 Board of Education
Adams and Hancock Counties, Illinois
Held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, in the Unity High School Band Room. The meeting was called to order by President Farmer at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Arnsman, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, Humke, Janssen, and Shaffer. Administrators Arnsman, Klusmeyer and Sheffler were present. Superintendent Riddle was present. Thirty-Five visitors were present.

<p>MOTION: Janssen “to approve agenda items as presented.” SECOND: Fleer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, Humke, Janssen and Shaffer. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Agenda Items</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Public Comment</p>	
<p>MOTION: Shaffer “to approve 4.3 motion resolution regarding return to school and Covid policies.” SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duke, Humke, Janssen and Shaffer. Nay – Farmer and Fleer. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Approve 4.3 motion resolution</p>
<p>MOTION: Duke “to approve personnel list as presented.” SECOND: Shaffer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, Humke, Janssen and Shaffer. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Approve personnel list</p>
<p>MOTION: Duke “to adjourn at 9:59 p.m.” SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, Humke, Janssen and Shaffer. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>
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<p>President  Secretary </p>	<p style="text-align: right;">August 18, 2021</p>

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1. **Call To Order**

Arnsman - Duke - Farmer - Flee - Humke - Janssen - Shaffer

Supt. Riddle Admins Arnsman-Klusmeyer-Sheffler Spec Ed Coord. Stegner

2. **Approval of Agenda** Motion: Janssen 2nd: Duke Vote: 7-0 approved

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

3.1 Special Recognition

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3.2 Visitors

3.2.1 98 visitors

In attendance were almost 100 community members, parents, and out-of-town visitors from Camp Point, Quincy, Niota, Liberty, and Warsaw. Twenty plus people addressed the board during Public Comments for over an hour sharing concerns about mandating masks for students and staff. They cited the negative effect masks have had on the education, social, emotional, and physical well-being of the students. Following the Public Comment the board discussed many options with each board member asking questions, sharing research they found, and listening to the district legal counsel, David Penn. Mr. Penn shared case law, explained the authority of the local school board, and the possible impact of a resolution which did not follow the requirements of the Executive Order. Supt. Riddle concurred with the negative impact and the potential harm to the district stating the parent resolution was not recommended that the mandate should be followed. Mr. Penn was asked if there were avenues to challenge the Executive Order that the district could pursue. He indicated there were and he stated two to three options which could be explored.

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Motion: Duke 2nd: Shaffer Vote: 7-0 (approved)

Hire:

Tyler Husted - Senior Class Sponsor

Meredith Schulte - Kindergarten teacher
Kevin Conry - Asst. Girls Basketball Coach
Jessica Seals - Custodian

Recognize resignation:

Christa Johnson - HS Student Council
Tammy Pilkington - HS Student Council

- 4.2 Consider and take action on 2021-22 Resolution Regarding Return to School and COVID policies

No motion or action on this item.

- 4.3 Consider and take action on Resolution proffered by parent group Regarding Return to School and COVID policies

Motion: Shaffer 2nd: Janssen Vote: 5-2 Approved (Farmer-Fleer dissenting)
Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25, the law duly legislated, along with following all relevant scientific data concerning masks on school children and natural immunity to respiratory viruses, the Unity CUSD#4 Board of Education will determine to start school for the 2021-2022 school year with masks recommended, but not required for all students and staff. There shall be no discrimination of students or staff regarding vaccination status and quarantine of healthy persons The Unity CUSD#4 School Board, the legally elected governing body for the district, maintains the right to make decisions concerning staff members' and students' health and welfare.

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