

Community Unit School District #4
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Unity High School Library
December 17, 2014
6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **Approval of Agenda Items**
3. **MINUTES**
 1. Approve Meeting Minutes for:
 - i. November 19, 2014

CLOSED SESSION* *The Board will re-enter open session upon concluding closed session discussions or at 6:30 p.m., whichever is earlier.*

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX LEVY

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
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
 1. Personnel
 2. Risk Management Plan
 3. 2014 Tax Levy
 4. Board Meeting Schedule
 5. Purchase Fuel
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 1. 2015 School Board Election
 2. Board Committees
 3. Building Transition Planning Update
 4. Principal Report
 5. Superintendent Report
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting:

Regular meeting on Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.

****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 December 17, 2014**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, in the Unity High School Library. The meeting was called to order by President Arnsman at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Principals Dorethy, Klusmeyer, Fessler, and Ellerman were present. Superintendent Kurz was present. Twelve visitors were present.

MOTION: Farmer “to approve agenda items as presented.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Flear. Motion carried.	Agenda Items
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve minutes of November 19, 2014 regular meeting as presented.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Flear. Motion carried.	Minutes
Board Member Miller joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.	
MOTION: Connoyer “to move to closed session.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to return to open session.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Flear “to approve minutes of closed session December 17, 2014.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Farmer “to approve bills and activity funds reports as presented.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Bills and Activity Funds Reports
MOTION: Flear “to approve expulsion of Student A through the end of 2014-2015 school year, then suspend that expulsion barring no further instances, give student until January 8, 2015 to turn in homework and take all tests for full credit.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Student A Expulsion
MOTION: Flear “to approve expulsion of Student B through the end of 2014-2015 school year, then suspend that expulsion barring no further instances student has until January 8, 2015 to turn in all homework and take tests for full credit.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Flear, and Miller. Motion carried.	Student B Expulsion

MOTION: Duke “to approve Risk Management Plan as presented.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Risk Management Plan
MOTION: Farmer “to approve 2014 Tax Levy as presented.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	2014 Tax Levy
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve setting planning session for January 11, 2015 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in Superintendent’s Office.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Planning Session
MOTION: Duke “to approve Tim Keyes taking four students on trip to compete in welding competition.” SECOND: Miller ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Welding Competition
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve fiscal year 14 audit report from ABNG.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	FY 14 Audit Report
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to move to closed session.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Duke “to move to open session.” SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Farmer “to approve closed session minutes.” SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to authorize Superintendent Kurz to negotiate a contract with QNS to start January 1, 2015.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	QNS Contract
MOTION: Arnsman “to adjourn to Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.” SECOND: Miller ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Adjourn
President _____	January 21, 2015
Secretary _____	

Community Unit School District #4
Board of Education Report

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Visitors Present – 10

Financial Items

- Approved bills and activity fund reports.
- Held Public Hearing on Tax Levy. District EAV is expected to increase approximately 6%, but the bond levy will remain level. This would create an aggregate proposed levy of \$2,387,879. This is a 9% increase over the 2013 aggregate levy. However, the tax rate is estimated to remain the same at 4.59%.
- Heard review of fund status. Concerns were expressed that CUSD #4 may not receive final two state aide payments for FY15. This would cost the district about \$210,000 in revenue.

Informational Items

- Heard Mark Pfeleger, Director of QAVTC, share about the programs and opportunities for students offered through the vocational center.
- Heard Tom Arnold of ABNG share an overview of the district's audit. Tom pointed out the trend from the past four years. Tom commended the district on their financial management. He noted that the district continues to hold the line on spending, but a larger percentage of revenues are coming from local dollars. He also noted that the amount of revenue that comes from the State of Illinois has continued to decrease over the past 4 years.
- Reviewed timeline for School Board elections. Filings must be made with the Adams County Clerk by and 12/22/2014.

Action Items

- Approved 2014 Risk Management Plan.
- Approved 2014 Tax Levy.
- Approved Special Meeting of Board of Education on January 11, 2015 at 1:00pm in CUSD #4 Superintendent's Office for planning and goal setting.
- Approved student field trip for select UHS students to attend welding competition.
- Approved 2014 district audit from ABNG.

Next Meeting

- Next special board meeting will be at 1:00pm on January 11th in the CUSD #4 District Office.
- Next regular board meeting will be 6:00pm on January 21st in the Unity High School Library.