

Community Unit School District #4

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Unity High School Band Room February 21, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order - Pledge of Allegiance**
 2. **Approval of Agenda**
 3. **Public Participation – Visitor and Comments (3 min. limit)**
 - 3.1 Special Recognition
 - 3.2 Visitors
 - 3.3 Correspondence
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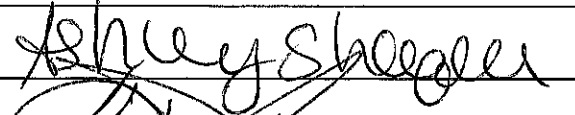
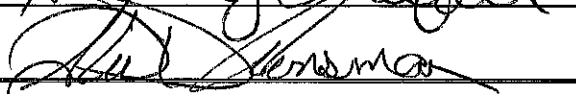
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4. **Consent Agenda**
 - 4.1 Approve January 17, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
 - 4.2 Approve Bills and Activity Fund Reports
 - 4.3 Approve Bills Payable
 - 4.4 Approve Fund Balances
 - 4.5 Approve End of Month Report for Previous Month
5. **Administrative and Committee Reports**
 - 5.1 Principal Reports
 - 5.2 Business Manager Report
 - 5.3 Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Director
 - 5.4 Superintendent Report
 - 5.5 Board Committee Reports
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 Consider and take action on the Press policies
7. **Information Items**
 - 7.1 School Facilities Sales Tax
8. **Adjournment**
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 - 8.2 Next Meeting – The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 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 February 21, 2024**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday February 21, 2024, in the Unity High School Band Room. The meeting was called to order by President Shaffer at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Arnsman, Fleer, Garmer, Janssen, McClelland, Rolando and Shaffer. Administrator Sheffler was present. Superintendent Riddle was present. Two visitors were present.

<p>MOTION: Rolando “to approve agenda items with the following changes: personnel list.” SECOND: McClelland ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Fleer, Janssen, Shaffer, Rolando, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Agenda Items</p>
<p>MOTION: Janssen “to approve of the Consent Agenda items.” SECOND: Garmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Fleer, Janssen, Shaffer, Rolando, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Consent Agenda</p>
<p>MOTION: McClelland “to move to closed session at 7:30 p.m.” SECOND: Rolando ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Fleer, Janssen, Shaffer, Rolando, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Closed Session</p>
<p>MOTION: Janssen “to return to open session at 8:42 p.m.” SECOND: Fleer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Fleer, Janssen, Shaffer, Rolando, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Open Session</p>
<p>MOTION: Garmer “to approve minutes of the 2/21/24 closed session.” SECOND: Rolando ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Fleer, Janssen, Shaffer, Rolando, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Closed Session Minutes</p>
<p>MOTION: Rolando “to approve Jerry Jones, Kenny Beal, Joshua Sevito and Janel Shaffer.” SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Fleer, Janssen, Shaffer, Rolando, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Approve personnel list</p>
<p>MOTION: Fleer “to approve 2yr contract – Josh Arnsman HS/MS Principal.” SECOND: Rolando ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Fleer, Janssen, Shaffer, Rolando, Garmer and McClelland Abstain Arnsman. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Approve Arnsman contract</p>
<p>MOTION: Fleer “to approve 2yr contract – Shelly Sheffler UES Principal.” SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Fleer, Janssen, Shaffer, Rolando, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Approve Sheffler contract</p>
<p>MOTION: Rolando “to approve 2yr contract – Seth Klusmeyer curriculum director.” SECOND: Fleer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Fleer, Garmer and McClelland. Nay – Shaffer, Rolando and Janssen. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Approve Klusmeyer contract</p>
<p>MOTION: Fleer “to approve press policies as presented 2nd reading.”</p>	<p>Approve press policies</p>

SECOND: Janssen ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Fleer, Janssen, Shaffer, Rolando, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.	2nd reading
MOTION: Shaffer “to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.” SECOND: Arnsman ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Fleer, Janssen, Shaffer, Rolando, Garmer and McClelland. Motion carried.	Adjourn
<p style="text-align: center;">Next meeting will be a Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday March 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Band Room.</p>	
President  Secretary 	<p style="text-align: right;">March 20, 2024</p>

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1. Call To Order - Pledge of Allegiance

BOE members Arnsman - Fleer - Garmer - Janssen - McClelland - Rolando - Shaffer
Supt. Riddle Admins Arnsman-Sheffler Bus. Mngr. Whelan
C.A.T. Coordinator - Klusmeyer

2. Approval of Agenda Motion: rolando 2nd: McClelland Vote: 7-0 approved

Addition to Agenda:

Kenny Beal - MS Baseball Coach
Joshua Servito - HS mathematics teacher (international candidate)
Janel Shaffer - Asst. HS Softball Coach
Christa Wiskirchen - HS Football Cheer Coach

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

3.1 Special Recognition

3.2 Visitors - Sandra Bruening attended and shared with the board concerns about historical teachings as it pertains to our Constitution and the core principles of America's founding. She shared a book with the board, "What would the Founding Fathers think?"

3.3 Correspondence

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4. Consent Agenda Motion: Janssen 2nd: Garmer Vote: 7-0 approved

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5. Administrative and Committee Reports

5.1 Principal Reports

Mrs. Sheffler let the board know that MAP testing was completed at the elementary school. She also let them know that the Daddy Daughter Dance, 100th Day celebration, Inventors Fair, and the Parent-Teacher Conferences all were successful. PreK Screening will be April 18 & 19, 2024.

5.2 Business Manager Report

Mrs. Whelan informed the board that we are 58% through the year and we are doing well. We did reinvest the CDs we have for 4.35% for 12 months. We had an IMRF review and no findings were found. They complimented the school for their process and compliance. Currently state payments are on schedule and on time.

5.3 Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Director

5.4 Superintendent Report

Supt. Riddle shared with the board a legislative update of current bills that are being considered that have the potential for impacting public education. He let them know he had arranged an area-wide meeting with our local legislators with the 2 Rivers superintendent group and they would be discussing legislation affecting schools at this time.

Supt. Riddle complimented Mrs. Whelan for her role in the IMRF compliance review and the excellent findings for the district.

The bid on the phased window project should be coming in early March. Also the door project is in motion. Two of the four doors have been ordered. The remaining gym doors are still awaiting approval by the architect for the fire rating.

5.5 Board Committee Reports

The Finance Committee met and discussed the current finances and reviewed projected funds based upon the state's expected shortfall.

The Building and Grounds committee also met to discuss the door and window projects.

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

Renewal of contracts:

Josh Arnsman: 6 yes - 0 no -1 abstain (Arnsman abstaining)

Seth Klusmeyer: 4 yes - 3 no (Janssen-Rolando-Shaffer opposed)

Shelly Sheffler: 7 yes - 0 no

Hire the following:

Kenny Beal - MS Baseball Coach

Joshua Servito - HS mathematics teacher (international candidate)

Janel Shaffer - Asst. HS Softball Coach

Christa Wiskirchen - HS Football Cheer Coach

Jerry Jones - Director of Operations and Maintenance

- 6.2 Consider and take action on the Press policies

Motion: Fleeer 2nd: Rolando Vote: 7-0

7. Information Items

- 7.1 Exploration of School Facilities Sales Tax

Kevin Heid from Stifel presented information on exploring a county wide school facilities sales tax (1 cent tax).

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