

Community Unit School District #4

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Unity High School Library
January 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
 3. **APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES**
 1. December 16, 2015
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CLOSED SESSION* *The Board will re-enter open session upon concluding closed session discussions or at 6:30 p.m., whichever is earlier.*

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - visitors and comments**
 1. Special Recognition
 2. Visitors
 3. Correspondence
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
 1. Approval of Bills and Activity Fund Reports
 2. Interfund Loans
 3. Fund Status
 4. Review of Tax Levy Established at December Meeting
 5. Review of State Legislative Actions/Discussions
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
 1. Interest Free Student Loan Account Reallocation
 2. Personnel
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 1. Principal Reports
 2. Superintendent Report
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting:

Special meeting is currently scheduled for Saturday, January 30th at 7:00 a.m. in the UHS Library.

Regular meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the UHS 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 January 20, 2016**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 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, Fler, and Miller. Principals Dorethy, Klusmeyer, and Ellerman were present. Superintendent Kurz was present. Seven visitors were present.

MOTION: Duke “to approve agenda items as presented.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Agenda Items
MOTION: Farmer “to approve minutes of December 16, 2015 regular meeting as read.” SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	December 16, 2015 Minutes
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to move to closed session.” SECOND: Fler ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to return to open session.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Fler “to approve minutes of the January 20, 2016 closed session.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Duke “to approve Christy Hibbert as individual aide for ECE for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year with completion of appropriate licensure, certification, and background check.” SECOND: Fler ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	C. Hibbert Individual ECE Aide
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve Brad Voth as Unity High School head baseball coach with completion of appropriate licensure, certification, and background check.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Fler. Motion carried.	B. Voth UHS Head Baseball Coach
MOTION: Farmer “to approve Blake Wittler as Unity High School assistant baseball coach with completion of appropriate licensure, certification, and background check.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Fler. Motion carried.	B. Wittler UHS Assistant Baseball Coach

<p>MOTION: Fleer “to approve Aspen Justice and Jason Connoyer as volunteer baseball coaches.”</p> <p>SECOND: Farmer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Abstain – Connoyer. Motion carried.</p>	<p>A. Justice and J. Connoyer Volunteer Baseball Coaches</p>
<p>MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve Jack Hull retirement as Unit 4 bus driver immediately.”</p> <p>SECOND: Duke</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>J. Hull Retirement</p>
<p>MOTION: Farmer “to approve bills and activity funds as reported.”</p> <p>SECOND: Fleer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Bills and Activity Funds</p>
<p>MOTION: Arnsman “to move to closed session.”</p> <p>SECOND: Miller</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Closed Session</p>
<p>MOTION: Duesterhaus “to return to open session.”</p> <p>SECOND: Duke</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Open Session</p>
<p>MOTION: Farmer “to approve minutes of the January 20, 2016 closed session.”</p> <p>SECOND: Fleer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Closed Session Minutes</p>
<p>MOTION: Farmer “to approve resignation of Brian Kurz as Superintendent of Unit 4 on June 30, 2016 at end of 2015-2016 school year.”</p> <p>SECOND: Fleer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fleer, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>B. Kurz Resignation</p>
<p>MOTION: Arnsman “to adjourn to Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.”</p> <p>SECOND: Miller</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, and Fleer. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>
<p>President _____</p> <p>Secretary _____</p>	<p>February 3, 2016</p>

Community Unit School District #4

Board of Education Report

January 20, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. – Unity High School Library

Visitors Present – 7

Financial Items

- Approved paying of bills and activity funds.
- The board discussed the current financial situation of the district, the financial situation of the state, and the tax levy that was established at the December meeting. The board is hopeful a budget will be passed in Springfield ensuring tax caps and cost shift will not be placed on local school districts. The board discussed the desire to abate taxes if a final solution is reached before mid-February that does not include those two pieces of legislation. The board also accepted questions from the audience. There was discussion about the school portion of property taxes will go up about 20%, but that translates to individual property owners rates rising between 10-12%.

Action Items

- Approved Christy Hibbert as an individual aide in the blended ECE program.
- Approved Brad Voth as Unity High School Head Baseball Coach.
- Approved Blake Wittler as Unity High School Assistant Baseball Coach.
- Approved Aspen Justice and Jason Connoyer as Unity High School Volunteer Baseball Coaches.
- Approved retirement of Jack Hull as CUSD 4 Bus Driver effective immediately.
- Approved resignation of Brian Kurz as Superintendent as of June 30, 2016.

Information Items

- Discussed reallocating money set aside for Interest Free Student Loans and instead using the funds to supplement costs of students enrolled at John Wood Community College or the Quincy Area Vocational Technical School while still a Unity High School student. The board will consider a proposal on this topic in the future.
- Discussed a potential grant to be able to offer the ACT to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students at Unity High School this year. It would cost them each about \$20. Mr. Dorethy and Mrs. Maas are working to obtain this opportunity for students due to the state not funding a college entrance test for high school juniors.

Next Meeting

- Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. is set as the annual Board of Education retreat in the UHS Library.
- Next regular scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the UHS Library.