

Community Unit School District #4
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Board of Education Office
June 25, 2014
6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **Approval of Agenda Items**
3. **MINUTES**
 1. Approve Meeting Minutes for:
 - i. May 21, 2014

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

6:30pm AMENDED FY14 BUDGET HEARING

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. Prevailing Wage Rates
 2. Bus Lease or Purchase
 3. Bushue Human Resources
 4. Computer Lease
 5. IASB Membership
 6. Health Life Safety Reports
 7. 2014-15 Board Meeting Calendar
 8. Personnel
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 1. VOIP Project
 2. Discussion on Peanut Free Schools
 3. Principal Report
 4. Superintendent Report
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meetings:

Special meeting on Thursday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Unit 4 Board of Education Office.
Regular meeting on Wednesday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m. at Unity High School Library.
The above date/location may change based on pending 2014-15 Board Meeting Calendar.

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

**Minutes of Special Meeting of the
Community Unit School District #4 Board of Education
Adams and Hancock Counties, Illinois
Held on June 26, 2014**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in special session on Thursday, June 26, 2014, in the Board of Education Office. The meeting was called to order by President Arnsman at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Superintendent Kurz was present. Five visitors were present.

MOTION: Connoyer “to approve agenda items as presented.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Agenda Items
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: Connoyer “to return to open session.” SECOND: Arnsman ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Arnsman “to approve minutes of closed session June 26, 2014.” SECOND: Miller ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Connoyer “to adjourn to July 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Office.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Adjourn
President _____ Secretary _____	July 30, 2014

Community Unit School District #4
Board of Education Report

June 25, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. – Board of Education Office

Visitors Present – 6

Public Participation/Recognitions

- None

Financial Items

- Approved FY14 budget amendment after hearing. The initial budget projected a deficit of approximately \$427,878. Due primarily to the reimbursement of a school construction grant the district has been waiting on for about 10 years, the amended budget reflects a positive fund balance of \$910,954. The Board recognized the overdue reimbursement from the state skews the financial picture of the district. In reality the decrease in state funding is rapidly draining CUSD #4 of reserve funds.
- Approved bills and activity fund reports.
- Approved repayment of \$70,000 interfund loan from Transportation Fund to Working Cash Fund.
- Approved interfund loan of \$80,000 from Working Cash Fund to Education Fund.
- Discussed current fund balances and projections for the remainder of the year.
- Discussed future budgets and the need to significantly reduce expenditures in the light of continual shortfalls of state funding. Discussed the Board goal of a balanced budget in FY16. In order to obtain that, there will need to be a significant decrease in expenses of over \$400,000. Superintendent Kurz will review options at the July meeting and will hold a community night to gather public input prior to making any decisions.

Informational Items

- Discussed the potential VOIP project. The technology committee will meet and discuss options to report back to the board.
- Discussed donations from the community in support of the baseball program.
- Discussed steps to ensure schools are safe for students with peanut allergies.
- Discussed significant increase in number of Unity High School students earning dual credit due to our partnership with John Wood Community College and the opportunities provided by the 1:1 program at UHS.
- Discussed annual school board conference in November.
- Discussed underway projects including email and website changes.

Action Items

- Approved prevailing wage rates.
- Approved lease of 3 buses from Midwest Bus Sales.
- Approved lease of computers to include grades 5 and 6 in 1:1 learning project.
- Approved revised 2014-15 Board Meeting Calendar. This sets the next meeting at 6:00pm on July 30, 2014 at the Unity High School Library.
- Approved service agreement with Bushue Human Resources to assist with risk management.
- Approved IASB Membership for 2014-15.
- Approved 10-Year Health Life Safety Reports

Next Meeting

- Next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, July 30, 2014 in the Unity High School Library.