

Community Unit School District #4
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Unity High School Library
March 4, 2015
6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **Approval of Agenda Items**
3. **MINUTES**
 1. Approve Past Meeting Minutes
 - i. February 18, 2015

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. Visitors
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
 1. Working Cash Bond Proposals
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
 1. Personnel
 2. Working Cash Bonds
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 1. Greenfield Transition
 2. Community Night
 3. Unity Campus Drainage Project
 4. Board Goals Scorecard
 5. Superintendent Report
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting:

Regular meeting on Wednesday, March 18th 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 March 4, 2015**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #4 met in regular session on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 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, Fessler, and Ellerman were present. Superintendent Kurz was present. Three 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: Farmer “to approve minutes of February 18, 2015 regular meeting as presented.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	February 18, 2015 Minutes
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to move to closed session.” SECOND: Duke ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session
MOTION: Fler “to return to open session.” SECOND: Farmer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Open Session
MOTION: Connoyer “to approve minutes of closed session March 4, 2015.” SECOND: Duesterhaus ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Closed Session Minutes
MOTION: Farmer “to approve resignation of Jim Campbell as band teacher at end of 2014-2015 school year.” SECOND: Connoyer ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Campbell Resignation
MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve resignation of Carolyn Hussong as Bookkeeper and Treasurer April 7, 2015, instead of June 30, 2015.” SECOND: Fler ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Hussong Resignation
MOTION: Farmer “to approve employment of Shelby Maas as Unity High School Guidance Counselor for 2015-2016 school year.” SECOND: Fler ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.	Maas Employment

<p>MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve Bill Dorethy as Unity High School Head Baseball Coach for 2015-2016 school year.”</p> <p>SECOND: Connoyer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Dorethy UHS Head Baseball Coach</p>
<p>MOTION: Duke “to approve Gina Whelan as CUSD #4 Treasurer as of April 1, 2015.”</p> <p>SECOND: Connoyer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Whelan CUSD #4 Treasurer</p>
<p>MOTION: Fler “to approve volunteer coaches Tad Miller and Chase Hildebrand (Softball), Aspen Justice and Blake Wittler (Baseball), Tim Bealor, Sue Woodworth, Joe Fessler (Track).”</p> <p>SECOND: Duke</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Volunteer Coaches</p>
<p>MOTION: Duke “to grant tenure to Rhiannon Dieker.”</p> <p>SECOND: Duesterhaus</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Dieker Tenure</p>
<p>MOTION: Duesterhaus “to grant tenure to Megan Gabriel.”</p> <p>SECOND: Fler</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Gabriel Tenure</p>
<p>MOTION: Duke “to move to closed session.”</p> <p>SECOND: Connoyer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, 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, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Open Session</p>
<p>MOTION: Fler “to approve minutes of March 4, 2015 closed session.”</p> <p>SECOND: Farmer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Closed Session Minutes</p>
<p>MOTION: Duesterhaus “to approve a one year salary increase of 1.5% for Principal Dorethy and Principal Ellerman, and a one year salary increase of 3% for Principal Klusmeyer.”</p> <p>SECOND: Connoyer</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Principals’ Salaries Increases</p>
<p>MOTION: Arnsman “to adjourn to Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unity High School Library.”</p> <p>SECOND: Miller</p> <p>ACTION: Roll Call Vote: Aye – Arnsman, Connoyer, Duesterhaus, Duke, Farmer, Fler, and Miller. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>
<p>President _____</p> <p>Secretary _____</p>	<p>March 18, 2015</p>

Community Unit School District #4
Board of Education Report

March 4, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. – Unity High School Library

Visitors Present – 3

Financial Items

- Heard presentations from First Midstate and Stifel Nicholas as proposals for selling working cash bonds. The Board is interested in doing the preliminary work for working cash bonds, but not actually issuing the bonds. They would view this as an emergency fund. It is a precautionary measure many districts are taking due to unpredictable state finances. No action was taken in response to the two proposals. Additional discussion and possible action will take place at the Board's next meeting.

Informational Items

- Discussed progress toward summer facility transition.
- Discussed Unit 4 Community Night to be held April 1st. Topics covered will include progress toward Board goals, financial status of the district, closing of Greenfield, and future vision for the district.
- Discussed drainage project. This project is funded in part by a grant of \$50,000 from the state. The meeting to review bid specifications was held March 4th. Bids for the project will be opened on the 11th of March. They will be reviewed and considered at the March 18th Board Meeting.
- Discussed current use of technology as a part of the 1:1 program. Superintendent Kurz shared he will work with the Technology Committee in the weeks ahead to come up with some recommendations regarding what devices should be purchased to replace those computers that are coming off current leases.

Action Items

- Approved resignation of Jim Campbell as Band Teacher at the conclusion of the 2014-15 contract year.
- Approved moving Carolyn Hussong's retirement date as Bookkeeper and Treasurer from June 30, 2015 to April 2015.
- Approved hire of Shelby Maas as Unity High School Guidance Counselor for 2015-16.
- Approved hire of Bill Dorethy as Unity High School Head Baseball Coach for 2014015.
- Approved Gina Whelan as Unit 4 Treasurer as of April 1, 2015.
- Approved Tad Miller and Chase Hildebrand as volunteer coaches for softball.
- Approved Aspen Justice and Blake Wittler as volunteer coaches for baseball.
- Approved Tim Bealor, Sue Woodworth, and Joe Fessler as volunteer coaches for track.
- Approve tenure status at the conclusion of 2014-15 contract year to Rhiannon Dieker and Megan Gabriel.

Next Meeting

- Next regular board meeting will be 6:00pm on March 18th in the Unity High School Library.